

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Eric Snyder. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended, and notice has been forwarded to the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board maintained at the Sussex County Administrative Center for public announcement.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Landrith, Andover Borough, Chairman  
Bob Smith, Andover Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Robert Schultz, Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
John Armeno, At-Large  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Neal Leitner, Program Manager  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator  
Tom Varro, SCMUA

ALSO PRESENT: Ross Hull, NJDEP

Eric Snyder called for nominations for the position of Chairman from the Nominating Committee. Jason Doyle reported that he went down the list of members and advised them that unless anyone had any objections, they would reappoint the current Chairman and Vice Chairwoman. There were no objections. Mr. Doyle made a motion to reappoint James Landrith as Chairman and Eleanor Mensonides as Vice Chairwoman of the Sussex County Solid Waste Council.

Eric Snyder asked if there were any other nominations; no other nominations were offered. He asked James Landrith and Eleanor Mensonides if they were willing to continue as Chairman and Vice Chairwoman and both agreed. A vote was taken, all were in favor.

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Dennis Haff, Robert Schultz, Eric Powell and Richard Fenimore. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Armeno to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2010. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle. All were in favor, with abstentions from James Landrith, Eric Powell and Richard Fenimore. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Chairman Landrith said he would dispense with the Chairman's Remarks this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro said he left the Tonnage Data back at his office. He said there are two ongoing projects at the MUA. Regarding the landfill gas to energy facility, Energenic has completed construction. The generators are on site and they have been tested for 3.2 megawatts of electricity from burning methane from the landfill gas. Power to the site has been provided by JCP&L and they are still working on interconnect to the grid. Currently, they are holding bi-weekly conference calls to coordinate issues. They are looking to start operations in April.

Construction is nearly complete on the Landfill Gas Improvement Project. Nine new wells were installed along with piping. They still need to install new dewatering pumps. Progress was delayed due to the weather. When asked, Mr. Varro said they plan to flare the excess.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Reenee Casapulla said they are finalizing the dates for 2011 events. The Hazardous Waste dates are set for June 4 and November 5. They are also finalizing the agreement with their E-Waste Vendor and they will send E-Bulletins out within the next couple of weeks. There will be a spring Medical Waste Collection event, through the Center of Prevention, on April 30. The MUA will be a collection site.

C. STATE LIAISON:

Ross Hull said that new regulations are being proposed regarding e-waste and that he is working on the collection of data. Currently, Class D Recycling Centers need to report to DEP. However there is no provision for large quantity handlers to report. He requested that that be kept in mind when reviewing the draft regulations.

Mr. Hull said that there are some lawsuits regarding Waste Flow. There are some counties in the State that feel that waste flow means that no waste can leave the county for the opportunity to recycle materials that have been co-mingled with solid waste. He said DEP's policy differs from Morris and Sussex County's policies. About a month ago, DEP issued a letter to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. outlining their policy. If Morris County or any county issues violations to Waste Management, eventually, Waste Management is going to sue; and DEP, in this case, is going to side with Waste Management. When asked for specifics on DEP's policy, Mr. Hull said DEP's policy has been that waste has to be allowed the opportunity to be recycled at a transfer station MRF, so long as all residue from the recycling operation is brought back to the designated disposal facility. When Council members told Mr. Hull that this is also Sussex County's policy, Mr. Hull said he was told by Jim McDonald of the Health Department that it is not the Health Department's policy.

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

There was some discussion with Ross Hull regarding incineration and DEP rules. Eleanor Mensonides asked if any portion of the resulting material is considered recyclable. He said that in New Jersey incineration is not considered recycling. There was some discussion on a digester. He said a digester optimizes the landfill process in a tank, speeding up the process from 30 years to four weeks. The end process is CO2 and methane which can be used as products. Heat is also a bi-product. The solids digestate can be a problem because it could have ammonia concentrations and that further treatment will increase costs. If the solids digestate is cured, it eventually can be used as agricultural material. If the solids digestate is not further treated, it can be used as landfill cover.

Mr. Hull said he would like to be a part of the County's planning of the next phase and asked when SWAGGER meets.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder reported that he received a letter from Grinnell saying that they would like to postpone their meeting with SWAC regarding leaves and that they will get back to us.

Ross Hull asked Eric Snyder to summarize the issue regarding leaves. Mr. Snyder said they want it made clear that leaves are part of their 400 tons. Tom Varro suggested that Grinnell provide general information regarding their Class B process prior to the meeting.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

A Health Department representative did not attend this evening's meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT:

B. MONTHLY GRINNELL FIGURES:

C. TOWN OF NEWTON RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENNETH JAEKEL AS SWAC REPRESENTATIVE:

D. SCMUA SOLID WASTE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT:

E. LETTER REGARDING NEW TIPPING FEES AS OF JANUARY 2011:

A letter was received from the Department of Treasury stating that many New Jersey approved landfills have implemented increases to solid waste tipping fees. They requested that tipping fee changes be forwarded to them on letterhead.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Armeno. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.