

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Landrith. 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
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Melissa Dietz, Lafayette Township
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough
John Armeno, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Bob Smith, Andover Township
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Richard Fenimore, At-Large

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

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides . All were in favor, with abstentions from Alan Esenlohr, Melissa Dietz, Ken Jaekel, Don Drake, Kathy Little and John Armeno. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Landrith welcomed Don Drake, the new SWAC representative for Stanhope Borough. He also thanked the MUA members for their work in extending the life of the landfill both through innovative approaches towards its operation and through extended recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that from December 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 there was a total of 89,852 tons of solid waste collected. This is an increase of 13% from one year ago. The average tip fee (blended rate) is \$97.23 per ton. The revenue is within their projections. The MUA was advised that they will not receive State aid this year but there is a possibility for State aid next year.

Mr. Varro said he provided Mr. Leitner with ten copies of the SCMUA's Closure/Post Closure Care Plan Support Document and Planning Analysis for future solid waste disposal. He can provided additional copies if needed.

He said they are required by DEP to ensure they have enough funds for Post Closure Care for 30 years beyond the closure date of the landfill. With funds available plus funds from revenue for the remaining life of the landfill they will have a surplus. A total of \$7,685,000 is needed and they currently have \$8,940,000. The extra income from now through 2018 will increase the balance to \$10,480,000. There will be a surplus of close to \$2.8 million. They intend to transfer all the money to their closure account which currently has a \$17.5 million deficit. Mr. Varro explained that this is due to the fact that each year, when they came up short in terms of tonnage and revenue and they went to the State for money, the State took what they asked for, cut it down and said to take it out of the closure account.

Mr. Varro said the MUA's consultants prepared various options of dealing with the current deficit. He discussed the options which included: Cease Operations and Sell Assets; a Phase 4 Landfill Cell and a Transfer Station. Mr. Varro added that the construction cost for a transfer station with the contingency is estimated to be about \$4.7 million. Soft costs for the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, permitting,

design, bidding, construction and cost of bond and notice would bring the total cost for the transfer station to \$5.65 million. Since there will not be any capital debt for 2017 and 2018, those can be turned into revenue years and that revenue may be enough to fund the transfer station without bonding additional money.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla reported that the MUA had their fourth E-Waste Event. Over 600 cars come through for the day with approximately 24 tons collected. There were about six or seven municipalities and/or schools that participated the day before.

The final Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, November 5. There was a Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting a few weeks ago with a webinar regarding the recycling of cartons (such as milk and juice cartons.) She will discuss this and other initiatives for schools at future meetings.

Ms. Casapulla said a new material they are starting to recycle is mixed rigid plastic. The material is very bulky and difficult to compact. She provided SWAC with a flyer listing examples of this type of plastic. When asked when the next E-Waste Collection Event was, Ms. Casapulla said they do have some dates for the New Year but that they need to renew the contract with the collection company. She said there may be another date in December.

C. STATE LIAISON:

None

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

Eleanor Mensonides said there was a SWAGGER meeting this evening and they discussed the GGI process. They agreed to let GGI know that they cannot recommend them at this time based on the lack of good information from them. They will contact Bob Confer to ask his opinion on the process and the status of what Atlantic County is doing with plasma gasification. They would also like to know what DEP's feeling is on this process. She added that the information they received for the transfer station will help them to move forward.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Mr. Snyder did not have anything to report.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Jim McDonald said there were 31 Health Department activities for the past month. They are broken into two Class B Recycling Inspections, six complaint investigations, five exempt hauler interviews, 11 container investigations, two transporter route

investigations and four Notices of Violation. The Notices of Violations dealt with container issues.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. RGGI RESPONSES TO SWAC'S SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONS:

Neil Leitner said this was the second round of questions requested from RGGI. There is some information that, as the middle man, they cannot provide.

B. MONTHLY REPORT FOR SCMUA:

C. SCMUA REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT – AUGUST 2011:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eleanor Mensonides. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.