

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2015

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  
Gary Larson, Frankford Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township (7:08 p.m.)  
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough  
Donald Ploetner, At-Large, Vice Chair pro tem

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Adam Boltz, Health Department  
Tom Varro, SCMUA

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Rogener, C.E.C.S., Inc.

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Donald Ploetner to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle. All were in favor, with an abstention from Gary Larson. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Chairman Landrith did not offer remarks this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that Solid Waste Tonnage for the Period December 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 was 77,408 tons. This is 6.6% less than the previous year. There was an increase of 0.6% for ID-10. The Household Waste at the Residents Convenience Center (RCC) decreased by 1.3%. For ID-13 Bulky Waste at the Landfill, there was a 26.9% decrease from last year and C&D decreased by 48.5% from last year. The ID-13 at the RCC increased by 2.0%. The report shows a significant decrease in both ID-13 Bulky Waste and ID-13 C&D Waste.

Mr. Varro also reported on the Revenue for this same period. Total revenue was \$8,480,418.00. The revenue for 2014 was \$8,903,036.00, a decrease of \$442,618.00.

Chairman Landrith asked Mr. Varro about the payoff of the debt service. Mr. Varro said the last payment is due on November 30, 2016. This ends the debt service for the current facility. If the SCMUA proceeds with the landfill expansion, they will come before the County for permission to bond again to fund Stage 1. There will be six stages and they will not have overlapping debt. He also said they will be reducing the debt payment with the new bond. The longer landfill life will increase revenue and will help to fill the void in the landfill closure fund.

Allan Esenlohr asked about the pipeline for the landfill leachate. Mr. Varro said the proposal was approved by the County and it was sent to the NJDEP for an amendment to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan. He said the leachate is currently transported to the treatment plant by trucks. The pipeline will take the trucks off the road. Mr. Varro also said that Vo Tech site may connect to the pipeline.

Scott Rogener asked Mr. Varro if the revenue obtained from the sale of metals was on his report. Mr. Varro said it was not on the report and that he will look into it.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla did not attend this evening's meeting, but Tom Varro reported that an E-Waste event was held on Saturday but the tonnage figures are not yet available. Ms. Casapulla will include that information in her report next month.

There was some discussion about television sets being left outdoors for pickup by the haulers. Haulers cannot pick them up and they are left outside for months. Mr. Esenlohr suggested that the haulers place a large sticker on the television to notify the homeowner that it must be taken to a landfill. Adam Boltz said it isn't long before someone will kick in the tube and take out the one valuable part, the copper coil. Then the television cannot be brought to the landfill.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening's meeting, nor did she provide a report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder reported that last Thursday, he and Tom Varro met with Debra Pinto at the DEP in an effort to resolve some issues surrounding the proposal about Cavalier recycling ID-13 and ID-13C from out-of-county sources. There is an agreement that exists in Hudson County that could be used as a model for an agreement in Sussex County. It was suggested that there be another discussion once we hear back from SCMUA's attorney. From a standpoint of flow control, as well as doing this whole thing properly and making sure the revenue issues are properly addressed, there seems to be some grounds to make progress.

Mr. Landrith asked if Cavalier has submitted a complete application. Mr. Snyder said a complete application has not been submitted. Last month was simply a presentation. He also said it may be best for Cavalier to wait until more details are worked out before submitting an application. Mr. Varro said the meeting was also to discuss the transfer of ownership and permits from Grinnell to Cavalier. This will be handled in two separate actions. The DEP will have to coordinate this to occur simultaneously or as close to the same time as possible. Mr. Snyder said this will be handled as an Administrative Action at the County level. Mr. Varro said until DEP's action takes place, Grinnell and Cavalier are considered joint applicants or co-applicants. If there was any modification to the application at the County level or an amendment, it would have to be by Grinnell because they are still the facility's permit holder.

Donald Ploetner asked how long it will take for the permit to be transferred from Grinnell to Cavalier. Mr. Snyder said his sense is that it is a mechanical issue and it shouldn't take very long. There may be a possibility that it will happen this year. Mr. Varro said the only thing DEP committed to was that the person who set up the

meeting was retiring by Thanksgiving. Mr. Snyder said Debbie Pinto was retiring but her successor also attended the meeting.

Mr. Varro said that Grinnell's property has come under scrutiny by DEP enforcement and there appears to be quite a number of violations and contamination on site due to improper landfilling of debris. There is also sediment that has been contaminated in their ponds. One of SCMUA's concerns is that the permit holder was required to put a ground water monitoring well in and it was never done. SCMUA submitted a comment on this issue when Grinnell reapplied for a new permit. Sparta Township is also concerned because the area is close to their municipal well. SCMUA has questions as to who will be responsible to put in the well and monitor it if the permit is transferred. Also, what happens if contamination is discovered? Mr. Esenlohr asked how this was allowed to happen. Mr. Snyder said it is difficult to get the DEP here because it is a long way to travel. He added that those issues will run with the land and anyone who owns the land will be responsible for the clean-up.

**B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Adam Boltz reported that since the last meeting, there were some waste flow investigations and some containers were tagged. There were 187 solid waste containers inspected to date and 35 solid waste containers were closed since the last meeting. There were 40 garbage truck routes inspected to date, all are closed. There were no Notices of Violation or Penalty Assessments issued since the last meeting. There were four new NJDEP Referred Investigations, for a total of 22 to date. Two of these were for facility odors and two were for illegal dumping. There was one CEHA Solid Waste complaint about a rogue container on Mine Road in Montague. This was someone who was fined the year before. He has since gotten his registration and decals, but they were not visible from the road.

Mr. Boltz said he inspected Mid State Paper last week, which is now owned and operated by Global Waste. He also inspected one Convenience Center and said he had to wait until September 21<sup>st</sup> to do these inspections. Mr. Boltz visited the landfill for recycling inspections on September 30. He inspected eight truckloads on that day.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTER MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT FOR MAY 2015, EQ NORTHEAST, 9/25/15:
- B. SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTER MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2015, EQ NORTHEAST, 9/28/15:
- C. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIALS RECOVERY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015, GRINNELL RECYCLING, 10/1/15:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donald Ploetner. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.