

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council
Thursday, July 19, 2018
Monmouth County Reclamation Center
6000 Asbury Ave. Tinton Falls, NJ**

I. Meeting Opening – Attendance

The meeting was opened at 7:01 pm by Chairman Johnson. It was announced the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Members Present: Boodey, Branch, David, Johnson, Lomangino, Rainforth, Posten, Straus, Throckmorton

Members Absent: McArthur

Counsel Present: Jodi Howlett, Esq., Chris Beekman, Esq.

I. Old Business
Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Branch seconded by Posten and approved unanimously, the minutes for the May 17, 2018, meeting was approved.

II. Regular Business

1. Metzger reported that she has asked the Municipal Recycling Coordinators to participate in a newly formed committee to prepare accurate recycling education for the public. Five volunteers will meet to develop this information with the guidance of the Recycling Department. The County Information Office posted a press release to inform the public not to use plastic bags with the recycling. The towns have been sending recycling information to their residents in an effort to clean up the recycling stream. Straus commented that black plastic bags are a major contamination that degrades the value of the material. China has set the contamination bar at .05% of out throws. ACR will be rejecting loads if they can't move loads out of the facility. Sims said he and Metzger have been visiting convenience centers looking at the contamination and the workers say there isn't enough man power for pulling all the plastic bags out of the waste

stream. Recycling tipping fees are rising. Johnson said he spoke to the NJDEP about recycling that he can't sell and what should his company do with it. Lomangino commented that it's sad that there are very few domestic markets. Metzger said the RFP for a Recycling Processing Facility will be released to the two qualified bidder's right after Labor Day. The Recycling Office has been working with the attorney for last minute corrections and updates. Boodey mentioned the legislation out there for charging 5 cents per bag at the grocery stores. He will check on whether the legislation passed.

Newman read a letter that he sent to Greenway Industries, LLC, Howell, who is seeking an inclusion into the Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan as a Class B Recycling facility which would allow them to receive, store, and process recyclable concrete pipe, concrete block, or other concrete materials, and asphalt. The letter stated that Monmouth County will be instituting a "needs based" approach as to approving new and expanded facilities. The letter also stated that the County is denying the application until a study is done to determine the type and quantity of solid waste and recycling facilities required to manage the materials generated in the County. Boodey commented that solid waste management needs should be reviewed prior to denying an applicant. This application was heard at the SWAC meeting and is an ongoing application. Throckmorton says he believes it is wrong to deny someone who wants to be an entrepreneur. David said she was uncomfortable with the letter and Rainforth seconded that feeling. Boodey said he would like to see a Freeholder attend the next meeting.

Meeting Opened to Comment from the Public

DJ Mazza mentioned the recycling composition study was beginning on July 24, 2018, and when completed he would make recommendations and findings of the study.

There being no further business there was a motion by Posten seconded by Boodey for adjournment at 8:05 pm.