

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council
Thursday, March 15, 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, David, Johnson, Rainforth, Posten, Straus, Throckmorton

Members Absent: Branch, Lomangino, McArthur

Counsel Present: Jodi Howlett, Esq.

I. Old Business

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Straus seconded by Throckmorton and approved unanimously, the minutes for the January 25, 2018, meeting was approved.

SWAC reorganized with the following nominations for Chairman, Scott Johnson, Vice chairman, Mitch Boodey, Secretary, Stuart Newman

II. Regular Business

Metzger reported on recycling news. Paper Shredding Events and Backyard Composting Workshops have all been scheduled for 2018. Flyers were distributed. Metzger told the SWAC that the State changed the reporting spreadsheet for the Recycling Tonnage Grant and will enforce the deadline for submission of the reports of 4/30/18. Additional information that may come in can be reported until 6/15/18 no later. Metzger reported recycling markets are experiencing low values with strict requirements of clean material with no moisture and no contamination. Metzger reported the RFQ will be published in the Star Ledger and the trade magazine Resource Recycling with the eligible bidders for

the proposed building of a recycling processing facility. The eligible bidders are Atlantic Coast Fibers and Sims Recycling.

Straus commented that Blue Sky 2018, China's narrow vision on the acceptable recyclable materials is bringing the export of bales of paper/cardboard to a halt. Throckmorton commented China is driving markets down, Johnson said plants are shutting down. Straus said Chinese inspectors have a computerized wand to inspect the bales of cardboard checking the humidity in the center of the bales.

Johnson, Clean Communities Coordinator, reported he and his crew of inmates from Yardville, are working on cleaning up Sandy Hook. They have collected 73.5 tons of trash which is 20 more tons than last year.

Throckmorton announced this meeting may be his last due to his retirement June 1, 2018.

DJ Mazza was in the audience inquiring on the status of the Resource Engineering application. Newman said the County is hiring a 3rd party traffic engineering firm to estimate the amount of trucks travelling on the County road.

There being no further business there was a motion by Posten seconded by Boodey for adjournment at 7:39 pm.