

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
MONMOUTH COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Monmouth County Reclamation Center

6000 Asbury Ave. Tinton Falls, NJ

I. Meeting Opening –Attendance

The meeting was opened at 7:00 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, Posten, Rainforth, Straus, Throckmorton

Members Absent: McArthur, Snyder

Staff Present: Metzger, Newman

Counsel Present: Jodi Howlett, Esq.

On a motion by Straus, seconded by David and approved unanimously, the minutes for the January 21, 2015 meeting was approved.

II. Correspondence, Reports and Announcements

Johnson reported the recycling markets are fluctuating, fibers are slightly up but no strong plastic markets one reason is they are made from different compounds. Oil prices remain low, causing a slow recovery. Johnson said FCI is charging for disposal of recyclables, transportation is hurting the costs. Lomangino asked what the rate is currently; Johnson said \$40 - \$45 per ton. Processing would cost less without trans loading. Johnson said single stream is garbage with 20% outthrows. The biggest problem is glass, it is hard to find a home for it. Straus said recyclables cannot go into the landfill and leaves no other choice but to recycle the material. A discussion continued on Singlestream vs. Dual Stream. Boodey said the only way to keep singlestream is to build a processing facility.

Metzger reported the computer/electronics program is in trouble because of the lack of having a Bill passed and enforced, where the manufacturers take the responsibility. Best Buy stores will take TV's for a \$25 charge. They will continue free recycling for printers and batteries. For other items the public will need to contact the store directly. Metzger said she has read in trade magazines the Chinese economy is steadily slowing down so manufacturing has slowed and they are now over capacity. Trade magazines are also reporting the future Association of Southeast Asian nations are building infrastructure like mad. As a result they will need material. In addition they are talking about Africa

too is beginning to build their infrastructure. All may be future outlets for our recyclables. Metzger reported spring programs are up and running and have been very well attended.

Regular Business

Newman reported HHW contract has gone out for re-bid and the hours of the facility will be changing. Newman said the application by Resource Engineering is in review with NJDEP and they will need to fulfill issues with the NJDEP. There will be a meeting with Howell Township on a traffic assessment soon.

Newman said Monmouth Wire and Computer Recycling has worked with the County the last few months, but it has come time they need to charge \$0.10 for covered electronics and \$0.30 for uncovered electronics.

Newman said the recycling intern is having some difficulty getting responses from the schools for recycling presentations. She will be leaving the County in May when she graduates Brookdale.

No Clean Communities Report.

Newman mentioned in the late Spring the Recycling Office and Freeholders will be distributing the checks to the towns that achieved significant improvement with their recycling programs in 2014.

There being no further business before the council, and no one else wishing to speak, it was duly moved by Lomangino, seconded by Throckmorton and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.