

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council
Thursday, October 11, 2018
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, Rainforth, Straus, Posten,

Members Absent: McArthur, Throckmorton

Counsel Present: Jodi Howlett, Esq.

I. Old Business:

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Straus seconded by Posten and approved unanimously, the minutes for the July 19, 2018 meeting was approved.

II. Regular Business :

Newman reported the RFP was issued for the traffic study for Resource Engineering in Howell. The award was given to Boswell Engineering on 9/27/18.

Newman reported an Administrative Action letter was issued for the Millstone Township pre-existing compost operation where they applied for an exemption. No follow up is necessary.

Newman told the SWAC an Administrative Action was done for the weekly averaging of 500 tons @ MCRC, it can go above as long as it averages 500 tons per day. Lomangino stated that it is standard operating methods.

Metzger reported the RFP for the Recycling Processing Facility was issued and to be returned by November 14, 2018, to the County Purchasing Department. She also said there will be a meeting on 10/10/18 with the Municipal Recycling Coordinators where she will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the contamination in the recycling stream. This PowerPoint will be available to everyone to put on their township website or to be used as a tool to educate their Mayor and Council.

Newman spoke about County shared services for residential recycling collection; the concept would be along the lines of marketing the recyclables only (e.g. the county takes ownership of the recyclables, towns continue their present method of pick-up, contractor or municipal pick-up) and the County uses buying power to get a better deal for marketing of the recyclable material. Another scenario could be pick-up and marketing of the recyclable material where the County would pick-up (by contractor or multiple contractors – breaking the County into districts). This would result towns getting a better price. There are a couple of neighboring counties that administer similar programs. Johnson asked if we can use Recycling Enhancement Funds to offset the cost. That would be determined later on. Boodey said maybe we should look into inter-county services. Discussion then went to paper markets; Johnson said #8 news buyers stopped buying. Pulp is needed, China is controlling the markets. Posten asked if there are any domestic markets? Straus said maybe 5 years down the road in NJ, NY State, Maryland & Virginia. Transportation costs are truly hurting the bad situation. Johnson said the yellow sheet says cardboard has value but China is not taking it now and has not moved in 5 months. Commodity markets are fluctuating all the time.

Newman spoke on the Solid Waste & Recycling Master Plan currently in draft form. The County will be going out to bid for the final draft.

Newman & Metzger spoke on recycling education and public outreach especially needed for convenience stores, Boodey suggested contacting corporate offices with the necessary education tools. He also added that social media and other such outlets would be helpful.

V. Meeting Opened to Comment from the Public:

Frank McIntire from Greenway LLC, Howell, NJ asked how his application status was since receiving the denial letter pending a traffic study. He spoke about the process; meeting with the County SWAC. He went to the township of Howell, several meetings with zoning, they told him his application lies with Monmouth County. He feels it is very unfair that they were in the process way before the new requirements and should not be held to the new process. Johnson said all public comments are responded to if warranted, they would take it under advisement.

DJ Mazza asked, what is the Solid Waste & Recycling Master Plan? Newman responded as stated above. Another question from Mr. Mazza was who is the new owner of the Millstone compost site? Newman said he will forward him that information.

Mr. Mazza told the SWAC that they broke ground on the traffic light, he is hopeful the light will be operational by December when the county engineer signs off on it. There will be two lanes exiting and one lane in. Boodey said it is much needed.

Metzger then showed the PowerPoint presentation to the group on single and dual stream recycling contamination.

Lomangino asked for his comment to go on record, as a SWAC member he is very unhappy how the Freeholders sent the Resource Engineering application back to the SWAC. He felt he was speaking for the whole SWAC council as to their function as a committee. He said the SWAC would appreciate a Freeholder to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rainforth seconded by Boodey for adjournment at 8:30 pm.