

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council
Thursday November 21, 2019
Monmouth County Reclamation Center
6000 Asbury Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ**

I. Meeting Opening – Attendance

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

Members Present: Boodey, Branch, Lomangino, Throckmorton, Posten, and Johnson

Members Absent: Strauss, Rainforth, McArthur, David

Counsel Present: Nick DelGaudio, Esq.

II. Old Business

Approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting was moved by Branch, seconded by Posten, and unanimously passed.

III. Regular Business

Newman reported that the Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator retired on October 31, 2019. Her last day of work was October 24, 2019. She has relocated to Delaware. Jaye Sims, the Assistant District Recycling Coordinator has assumed Fran's responsibility. Newman reported that there has not been any discussion as to a replacement for Fran. Boodey asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Fran for her years of service to SWAC.

Newman said that he would handle this. Newman also asked if Sims could assume Fran's role as Recording Secretary for SWAC. Boodey put this to a motion which was seconded by Posten and it was passed unanimously.

Assistant District Recycling Coordinator's Report- Newman mentioned that Jaye Sims, the Assistant District Recycling Coordinator was in Atlantic City for the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. He did however; submit a report to Newman to be read at the meeting. In his report Sims reported that from the months of September to November he has visited ten schools to discuss recycling and waste reduction topics. He has made presentations to more than two thousand students to date. His program consists of a program which explains the importance of recycling, why we recycle, and what type of items to recycle. He also covers composting in his seminar. In addition to the schools, he has covered paper shredding events, compost workshops, and various speaking engagements. He is currently working on a project with the Freehold Regional High School District. The purpose of the project is to get the entire district to "go green." He is also representing Monmouth County on a Gold Start Standard Committee for Sustainable New Jersey. The office is currently working on an educational forum for the new year. The forum will help educate local code enforcement officials on best practices for recycling enforcement. Finally, the HHW facility continues to be busy with the acceptance of household hazardous waste from County residents as well as DPWs and noon-profits. Over the past few months, monthly participation has been averaging around 900 residents per month. Radiac Research Corporation is currently the vendor operating the facility.

Recycling RFP Update- Newman announced that the Freeholders passed a resolution on 11/7/19 declaring Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC as the most advantageous proposer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-157, based on its qualifications and the proposal submitted in response to the RFP. Newman has a copy of the resolution at the table if anyone wishes to see it.

Lomangino asked if this meant that they were the winning bidder.

Newman explained that the first part of the McEnroe Process, which we this is a part of is qualify potential bidders (or builders of such a facility). This resolution simply qualifies Atlantic Coast Fibers as such a qualified bidder and allows the county to negotiate with them.

Lomangino asked what the status of the landfill gas wells were. Newman said that this was no his forte and that question should be directed to the Reclamation Center engineering staff.

Administrative Action (AA) Middletown Township Block and Lot for Belford Compost- Newman reported that Middletown Township requested an Administrative Action to the Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to change the Block and Lot for the Belford General "C" Compost operation. It was originally listed in the SWMP as Block 1408, Lot 1. Middletown asked that it be updated to Block 306, lot 66. Newman mentioned

that this was a simple nomenclature change and that it could be achieved via administrative action with the NJDEP.

Lomangino- do all of these come before SWAC?

Newman- No. I take care of Administrative Actions. All plan amendments come before SWAC.

IV. Public Comments

Frank McIntyre, Greenway Recycling, 89 Yellowbrook Road, Farmingdale NJ; Mr. McIntyre inquired if there was any word on the Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan. This process has been going on for about a year and that it is ludicrous that we are being held off for so long. It is becoming extremely costly and frustrating. He has reached out to DeFeo Associates. DeFeo does not return his calls and does not want to talk to him.

Lomangino- Waiting on permits is frustrating.

McIntyre- We shouldn't be held this study. Lines in the sand have been drawn. McIntyre further stated that he spoke to officials at the NJDEP who said that it could have been a simple name change.

Newman- on the onset of this I reached out to the NJDEP and received in writing that it had to be a full plan amendment. I have that in writing from Ed Nielwocki from the NJDEP.

McIntyre- I know.

Throckmorton- why can't we move forward on these applications? We can't give answers on anything that we are asked. The rules have changed in the middle.

Boodey- Are they better off going to a Freeholder meeting?

Newman- let me talk to Geoff.

Leo- See if Geoff or a Freeholder can join us.

Sandy- Could we set up a meeting with Geoff

Newman- I will see Geoff either tomorrow or Monday. I will discuss this with him.

Bernie Guthers, Resource Engineering-

I share the frustration of Greenway. This group voted to send this application to the Freeholders in March of 2017. We had a formal presentation for the Freeholder meeting that never happened. Maybe we aren't in the master plan. There was an RFP issued for our

traffic study. A draft has been issued. I am unable to obtain a draft. There is no timeline. We would appreciate any updates that are available.

Leo- Are you a principal of the company?

Bernie- I work with Bob and Doug French to help facilitate things.

Throckmorton- is there any way that we could hold a special meeting in which Geoff or a Freeholder could appear.

Newman- I will talk to Geoff.

Lomangino- We are becoming lost in space as a committee. I am trying not to waste anyone's time.

Branch- Maybe we should go to a Freeholder meeting?

Newman- let me talk to Geoff.

Throckmorton- if we don't do something soon, we may see something legal. Maybe we can hold a meeting in December to meet with Geoff.

Posten- Who is stonewalling?

D.J. Mazza, Mazza Recycling, 3230 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls; was surprised that the ACF recycling RFP went through before the solid waste master plan was finished. Isn't this a contradiction to what is going on with these two applications (Greenway and Resource Engineering)

Newman- the proposed recycling facility tonnage at the Reclamation Center is already in the plan. This does not need any adjustment in the plan it is just adding processing capability.

Mazza- Nothing is happening with ACF bid. Extensions?

Newman- I will research and find out for you.

Scott Johnson- new NJDEP food waste composting is taking 505 of the money destined for the County REA and going to food waste reduction. This legislation has past.

Mitch-lets have the Freeholders write a letter to the NJDEP.

Scott- it has already passed and the letter would not do anything. I just wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Leo- We will be having our next meeting on 1/16/20.

Move to adjourn by Lomangino seconded by Throckmorton. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

SWAC member Throckmorton inquired about how many pending applications are on record with the Advisory Council.

There being no further business there was a motion by Boodey seconded by Posten for adjournment at 8:06 pm