

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

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Monmouth County Reclamation Center- Administration Building- Conference Room

6000 Asbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ

I. Meeting Opening – Open Public Meetings Announcement

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, McArthur, Snyder, Straus

Member Absent: Posten, Throckmorton

Staff Present: Newman, Johnson

Counsel Present: Jodi Howlett, Esq.

On a motion by Boodey, seconded by McArthur, and approved unanimously, the minutes for the March 19, 2015 meeting was approved.

I. Regular Business

Revising SWAC by-laws and plan amendment process: Johnson brought to light the fact that the host community must be involved with the process of SWAC's approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment to the Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan. However, there is a fine line that has to be drawn. Where will the line be drawn so that every town in Monmouth County doesn't become a NIMBY and there cannot be any further siting of solid waste or recycling facilities in the County? A motion was put on the floor to approve the process by McArthrhur and it was seconded by Boodey. The motion passed unanimously to approve the new revised process.

Atlantic Tree Resolution- Newman reported that Howlett requested that he make a formal resolution to solidify SWACs position on the proposed Atlantic Tree site in Marlboro. Newman reported that he had copies of the resolution, if any members wanted to read it. Newman asked if there were any comments or questions. With there being no comments or questions, Newman will file the resolution appropriately.

Chairman Johnson passed he gavel to Co-Chair Boodey. Newman reported that Freehold Cartage, Inc. (FCI) is requesting an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)5 to modify the District Solid Waste Management Plan to include Block 43, Lot 19 into their approval in the Solid Waste

Management Plan. Boodey asked if there were any questions from the floor. There were none by other members. Boodey asked Johnson, from FCI, if there were be any additional material taken in? Johnson answered no. Boodey also asked if this action will have any effect on neighboring properties. Johnson answered no. With there being no further questions, a motion was made by Strauss to approve the administrative action. The motion was seconded by McArthur. The motion passed unanimously to include his additional property in the Solid waste Management Plan, with Johnson abstaining from the vote. Newman stated that he would make proper correspondence with the NJDEP to make the administrative action.

Mazza- Newman reported that Mazza has requested an increase in tonnage of Class "A" materials at their facility, by one hundred tons, at their facility located at 3230 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. He reported that this amount is below the threshold, which still allows for Mazza to seek inclusion of this increase via administrative action. Newman also reported that he was in contact with Tinton Falls Borough and the Monmouth County Traffic Engineer in reference to this proposal. The County has requested a traffic study from Mazza. Mazza has submitted a traffic study to the County for the construction of their proposed motocross track sometime last year. The County felt that there were deficiencies in this traffic report. Mazza will work with his engineers and submit a complete study to the County. Newman also reported that Lori Paone, the Tinton Falls Code Enforcement Official has also requested their police department to do an independent three day study through their borough administrator. Newman will follow up and make sure that all information is gathered for SWAC, prior to the July meeting. Boodey requested that he would also like to see what happened with the NOVs that were issued by the state in regards to Mazza and the history of traffic accidents in the area. Newman will follow up on these two items.

Monmouth County Reclamation Center- Newman stated that not all of the municipalities have been notified in regards to his proposed Administrative Action relating to the addition of blocks and lots to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. Newman stated that he will properly notify these municipalities and bring it back to the floor for SWAC to vote on at the July meeting.

Food waste recycling update- Newman stated that the County met with Monmouth University in regards to starting a food waste program on campus. It seemed that the interest was not very overwhelming on Monmouth University's behalf. Newman further stated that previously, the County spoke to Brookdale in regards to a program there. The staff there had some concerns about a potential influx in the groundhog population due to the handling of the food waste here and that they wouldn't host a program. Newman further state that the Solid Waste and Recycling planning Section is now in talks with the Monmouth County Correctional Institution to see if we can kick off a program there. Presently, the NJDEP is offering grant money for a program like this. Newman is in talks with MCCI and will report back to SWAC as appropriate.

Recycling Stimulus Initiative (RSI) update- Newman reported that the period for the first RSI program is complete and that we had six towns that are eligible for funds. Matawan won \$10,000, Keyport won \$6,000, Neptune City won \$10,000, Brielle won \$6,000, Ocean Township won \$10,000 and Oceanport won \$10,000. Newman stated that these grants that the town received has to be used for

improvements in the recycling programs in their municipalities. The towns are in the process of submitting proposals for the usage of funds before the money is distributed and that agreements are being signed between the County and municipalities. Proper records will be kept to confirm that funds are spent properly.

Snyder commented that he was unhappy about how this incentive program was administered. He felt that information on how the money was to be distributed and the criteria was unclear. Newman stated that the criteria were presented at Earth Day 2014 and that these criteria were simple and well established. The only criteria were that the municipality had to raise their recycling rate by at least 2% and attend at least three recycling coordinators meetings and they would be eligible. Snyder said that he was never given a "progress report" to see how his municipality was doing. Newman stated that he and his staff was available by phone, email, and visit whenever he needed. Snyder requested that Newman look into how Howell Township and Farmingdale did in regards to their qualification for eligibility for the incentive. Newman stated that he would look into it and report back to Snyder.

Electronics Bid- Newman stated that the contract/ co-op with Monmouth Wire for computer/electronics recycling is set to expire in early 2016. He stated that the County is trying to find the most advantageous way to move forward. He further stated that the rebates that Monmouth Wire gave for certain items are now gone, but the County and the County's partner towns are still not paying to get rid of this material. Newman feels that the best hope is that the county and partner municipalities can get rid of their electronics at no cost in the future. Newman believes that the days of the municipalities and the County receiving money for their electronics are over. Boodey asked if there would be an advantage to the County/ municipalities to separate TVs from other electronics. Newman said that he would follow up and see what he could find out.

New Jersey Clean Communities conference- Chairman Johnson turned the floor over to Will Johnson, Monmouth County Clean Communities Coordinator. Mr. Johnson reported that the annual NJ Clean Communities Conference was held in Long Branch May 20th and 21st. On May 20th the MC Park System, MC Clean Communities, MC Tourism Office and the City of Long Branch hosted 1600 students from around the State teaching them the importance of keeping their community clean. On May 21st, a seminar and awards dinner took place where officials from the County received numerous awards for their efforts in maintaining a clean community. Also on that day the first Clean Communities Certification Class graduated which included Rich Throckmorton, Stu Newman, Fran Metzger, Will Johnson and Bob MacArthur.

Earth Day- Newman reported that the event that was held on April 15th was a success. Many municipalities showed up and a lot of information was distributed to the attendees. Newman also stated that here were many municipalities that have been off he recycling radar for a long time were in attendance. Newman stated that the summit led to a subsequent meeting with Roosevelt Borough and Newman hoped that this will lead to a much improved recycling program in this town. There will be another Earth Day event in April 2016.

Newman reported that there was no correspondence in or out.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to public comment from the public. There was none.

Chairman Johnson requested a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by McArthur and seconded by Branch. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.