



# Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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## COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair-Carol Las, Paul Steele and Dan Olson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solid Waste Manager-Gail Frie, Erik Lietz of Ayres and Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

1. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING:** A motion was made by Steele to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Olson. Motion carried. 3-0, all ayes.
3. **2016 BUDGET REPORT**
  - The committee was presented with a recap of the financials. Cash Balance is \$394,608.00,
  - From the budget form, the Facility Reserve is at \$230,073.00.
4. **DEPARTMENTAL AND LANDFILL OPERATIONS**
  - a. **General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report:** Went over graphs of totals for this year in comparison to the previous four years January through October.
    - **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are up 11.4% over last January-October.
    - **Revenues:** Revenues are up 20.2% over last January-October.
    - **Tonnage:** Landfill tonnage was up 11.07% over last January-October.
    - **Leachate:** We've hauled 3,586,000 gallons from January-October and still have more to haul. 2016 was a very wet year and we may exceed the past record year of 2014.
  - b. **DISCUSSION: APEX LEACHATE FILTRATION PROJECT:** DNR has been insisting that the operator of the Apex system have the full WWTP Operators Certification. This would be a problem in the future because there is a National shortage of WWTP Operators and Landfill Managers. It would be very difficult to find someone that had both. After much discussion DNR agreed to place the certification that we will need in a Special U (Unique) subclass and the basic grade level with the exam being based on the Apex System and our DNR permit. Most WWTP certification exams are only given two times a year but they would allow us to take the Special U test most any time. This removes this certification roadblock from this on-site leachate treatment system.
  - c. **Sparta High School Earth Club WDNR Recycling Excellence Award:** Gail nominated the Earth Club for this award and they were recognized by the State of Wisconsin as the only recipient in the Projects and Initiatives Division. Some years they have multiple winners but no group could compete with the Sparta Earth Club in 2016.
  - d. **Landfill Life Cycle Financial Analysis Update:** Consultant Foth, has completed the update of the 2007 Financial Analysis. The study included expanding the current landfill and installing an on-site leachate treatment system. They used very conservative numbers, reducing interest on earnings from 4% to 1%, increased O&M cost 2%/year, increased monitoring costs from \$45,000 to \$100,000 per year, increased LTC from \$95,000 to \$125,000 per year and increased the landfill operation by 3.5% per year. The conclusion of the report was that the expansion and continued

operation of the Monroe County Landfill will be self-supported financially. No additional County debt appears to be needed. Tipping rates can remain stable with only one tip fee adjustment to provide for LTC funding for Site II upon closure out to 2077.

**e. Soils Investigation and Monitoring Well Installation:** The soils investigation was completed two weeks ago and the well drillers are currently on-site installing monitoring wells. These are all required by code and are needed to provide background data to DNR and to prove that this site is suitable for a new landfill.

5. **MANAGERS REPORT: none given**
6. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date was set for Friday, December 23, 2016 at 8:30 am at the Solid Waste Office, 2448 Junco Road, Norwalk.
7. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jerry Martell said he felt very proud of our community recycling efforts at the award presentation at the Sparta High School earlier today. He is also very happy that the Landfill is positively cash flowing and things are looking good with the landfill expansion.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion by Steele to adjourn with a second by Olson at 5:35 pm. All Ayes, motion carried 3-0.

Recorded by Gail Frie, Solid Waste Manager