



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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MINUTES of the October 19, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, James Rasmussen, Dan Olson, and Mike Luethe. Paul Steele arrived at 8:40 AM, and Dan Olson left at 10:15 AM

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Shelly Schulze-Assistant Solid Waste Manager, Erik Leitz-Ayres, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Randy Weinkauff of RiverView Construction, and Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal Systems.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None given

2. MINUTES OF 9/14/2015 MEETING

A motion was made by Olson to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0.

3. BUDGET REPORT

The September budget report was reviewed with the Committee members. The Department's cash balance at the end of September was \$342,791.00. The Facility Reserve Balance is \$172,053.00. The 2016 Budget has been approved by the Administrator. The 2015 Budget will run over on Engineering and Leachate Disposal which will require a line item transfer. We have spent zero dollars on daily cover sand so far in 2015.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Waste Volume Reports/Landfill tonnages. Landfill tonnages have slowed to the annual average rate which will still keep 2015 about 2,000 ton above 2014 but about the same as 2012.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS.

- a. General activities: Leachate is at an average annual rate which is one half of 2014 & 2013 but more than double the amount for 2012. Expenses are high in 2015 because the City of Sparta raising the treatment cost.
- b. November 11 we will be hosting an on-site leachate treatment demonstration using a filtering technology. The GEA proposal funding request went to all WI landfills with only the La Crosse Landfill offering \$1,000.00 so that demo is on hold. Pellucid LLC Water, another leachate treating alternative, uses a cold plasma/electric current technology. They picked up a leachate sample for lab testing.
- c. Erik reporter that the landfill density study had compaction at 1,999 pounds per cubic yard. This is in the range to pay our contractor RiverView a 20% compaction bonus.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. The October 3, 2015 Hazardous Collection shipped a total of 4,752 pounds of hazardous waste. This does not include a semi load of TV's and about 80 cubic yards of latex paint. We had about 250 customers.
- b. Policies were created in September for the following: Fire Loads, Clean Wood, Clean Shingles and Banned Items from landfill. Also discussed was a pricing structure for charging haulers for removal of banned items from the landfill by our operator. Drivers, removing items themselves from the landfill, is a safety issue. Motion by Luethe second by Rasmussen to approve the new Policies. Motion carried. 5-0.
- c. A 2016 Hauler Permit/Safety Rules/Policy Packet will be sent to all current customers, and will be sent out on an annual basis. Gail said we could always bring back changes if the customers expressed any concerns.

7. BYRON/WYEVILLE LANDFILL DISCUSSION

Gail went to the Town of Byron meeting the same day as our Solid Waste meeting and gave a report on the status of the relocation project. The people in attendance were satisfied after getting the correct information and the town chair is going to have a special meeting before they cast the final vote on the project.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. In the last six months 2,600 mattresses were received with the normal waste stream. Gail had a request to take in 3,500 mattresses and refused them because of an early 2015 decision that full loads of mattresses would no longer be accepted because of density problems.
- b. We recovered enough gravel from an old road to finish the new building.
- c. Jerry Martell commented that we should have a Recycling dinner like we have had in the past to educate the elected officials on the current financial status of Recycling in Wisconsin. Over two hundred elected officials and recycling site attendants attended the meetings. The Sparta Earth Club could present their food waste diversion technology. The last Recycling dinner was in 2012.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at 8:30 p.m. at the Solid Waste Office at 20448, Junco Road, Norwalk, WI.

10. AG PLASTIC AND OTHER ISSUES FOR THE WISCONSIN TOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Gail is meeting with The Towns Association on November 19th to talk about the status of the Recycling Program and Ag Plastic. We have lost all of our Ag Plastic markets because of low fuel prices. Monroe County Recycling has been paying the cost of collecting and baling ag plastic and now we may have to landfill the bales because of no markets. We will start charging for Ag plastic starting 1/1/2016. We will start having the customers put it in a dumpster because it is no longer safe to have anyone in the active landfill but licensed haulers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rasmussen – second by Luethe to adjourn, Motion carried. 4-0. Olson had left the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.