



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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MINUTES of the August 17, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, Paul Steele, James Rasmussen, Dan Olson and Mike Luethe

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Shelly Schulze-Assistant Solid Waste Manager, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Sue Zinke-Town of Byron Citizen, and Kirk Arity-Tomah Public Works Director.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 8:45 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered

2. MINUTES OF 7/20/2015 MEETING

Motion by Steele to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Luethe. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

3. BUDGET REPORT

The June budget report was reviewed with the Committee members. The Department's cash balance at the end of July was \$165,605.00. The Facility Reserve Balance is \$171,981.00. Motion by Olson and second by Rasmussen to approve the financial report. Motion carried. 5-0.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Landfill tonnages. 2015 tons year to date is up 11% part of which is due to special projects that have come in during July.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities, The Leachate Report graph show that leachate hauling continues to increase. Gail reported that leachate is still a major problem this year and we are not caught up with the water in the landfill. The Sparta Wastewater Treatment Plant can only accept three loads a day which makes it hard for Gerke to haul every day. We make up the difference by recirculating and wetting down the active area on dry days to evaporate leachate.

b) Discussion/Action, Byron/Wyeville Landfill Relocation Project. A discussion that lasted almost an hour surfaced the following concerns:

1. Must Monroe County lease this land just to facilitate the Investigation Phase or is there another way?

2. Why are we expending Monroe County personnel (Gail's time) to correct a Village/Township Landfill problem that will only help the cranberry industry?

3. The main concern is – Why is it the Solid Waste Committee's concern to do this and is any liability tied to this Investigation Phase.

4. Citizen Sue Zinke from Bryon suggested that the local citizens of Byron do not support this Project and the Town Board is not on record by a vote to do the Project. She also expressed concern that the cranberry company has sold land for sand mining and felt that this reclaimed landfill land could become a sand mine in the future.

Motion by Steele to postpone any action on the Landfill Investigation Phase until the September meeting, second by Olson. It was also requested that all parties lawyers involved with this Project attend the September Solid Waste meeting. A representative from the cranberry company and WI DNR will also be requested to attend. Motion carried. 5-0

c. Landfill Relocation Project Resolution. Discussion/Action. No action taken.

d. Westfalia Separator Discussion/Action. Gail reported that he had hoped to have a lease agreement ready for a demo project with Westfalia to treat leachate on-site but it has not here yet. We will continue to work with DNR in an attempt to find some on-site treatment technology that they will support. No action taken.

e. 2016 Budget Discussion/Action. Gail went through all five department budgets with the committee.

1. **The Solid Waste Operations Budget** has expenses up \$135,658.00. This includes \$105,000.00 to start on the next landfill Feasibility Study (drilling). It is very important to start this process in 2016 because our DNR landfill engineer and Solid Waste manager are close to retirement and it would cost a lot more to do it if this experienced team was not available. It also includes \$42,750.00 as down payment or seed money for on-site treatment of leachate. Income is up \$48,595.00 which leaves a 2016 Solid Waste Operations Budget shortfall of \$87,063.00 without any increased labor.

2. **The Recycling Budget** has expenses down \$5,900.00 and the State Recycling Grant income down \$41,765.00 which leaves a 2016 Recycling Budget shortfall of \$35,865.00 without any increased labor. The Clean Sweep Budget income and expenses are up \$10,000.00 to make a \$30,000.00 balanced Budget.

3. **Ridgeville Site I Budget** has no income with expenses down \$1,975.00 which leaves a negative \$48,025.00 2016 Budget. It was suggested that we look into placing a solar farm on this closed landfill for a possible new revenue source.

4. **The Sand Creek Budget** has no income and expenses stayed the same at \$10,250.00 which leaves a negative \$10,250.00 2016 Budget.

5. **The total Solid Waste 2016** proposed Budget has a \$120,953.00 shortfall of including any additional labor costs. If the Budget is approved this shortfall will come out of the Facilities Reserve Fund.

6. **Recycling Program**

a. Transfer Facility Operation: No money is included in the 2016 Budget to rebuild the recycling compactor at the landfill. This is only used by one of the townships, currently.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Landfill grinding demo. Gail attended a demo that was grinding mattresses and wood waste. This is something we could consider next Spring if DNR will allow us to stockpile mattresses.
- b. Power washing of scale. The underside of the truck scale was cleaned as normal service.
- c. Jetting and televising of leachate lines. This had been done as required by WI DNR. It also proved that will still have a lot of leachate to haul.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None given

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Olson – second by Las to adjourn, Motion carried. 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.