

**Middlesex County
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

*Linda Scott, representing Cranbury Mayor James Taylor
*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
*Frank Troy, representing Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill
*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber
*Wayne Horbatt, representing Monroe Mayor Gerald Tamburro
*Guy Gaspari, representing Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler
*Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu
*Bernard Bailey, representing Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien
*Paul Luceri, representing South Brunswick Mayor Charles Carley
*Alice Tempel, representing South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh
*Adriano Soares, representing South River Mayor John Krenzel
*Audrey Rozger, representing Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac
*Paul Clark
*Angelo Covino
*Nicholas Smolney
*George Ververides, Middlesex County Planning Board
*Joe DiFillippo, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
*Alessandra Baldini, County Counsel
*Paul Clark, MCUA
*Paul Matacera, MCIA
Robert Leslie, MCUA
Taylor Paolino, MCIA
Frank Lankey, MCIA
Bob Hode, Monroe
Elyse Barone, Sayreville
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
Chris Sikorski, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
*denotes SWAC membership

At 1:32 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag.

I ELECTIONS

Ms. Tolmachewich presenting the findings of the Nominating Committee consisting of Ms. Caputo, Mr. Slomian and Mr. Luceri. The Nominating Committee recommended to re-elect the current slate consisting of Mr. Blitz as Chairperson, Mr. Sondermeyer as First Vice Chairperson and Ms. Scott as Second Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations from the floor. Ms. Tempel made a motion

to close the nominations seconded by Mr. Clark. Mr. Bailey made a motion to move the slate seconded by Mr. Clark and the motion passed unanimously.

(order of the agenda was changed to accommodate the presentation by Second Chance Toys)

VIII NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION BY SECOND CHANCE TOOLS, BRONNA LIPTON

Ms. Lipton gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the benefits of collecting used plastic toys which are cleaned and redistributed to those in need. Several municipalities in NJ outside of Middlesex County are participating in the program and it is Ms. Lipton's hope that at least one municipality in Middlesex County can join the program.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mr. Horbatt, seconded by Ms. Scott and the motion carried unanimously.

III CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Mr. Sondermeyer, Mr. Smalley, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Caputo, Ms. Senape, Mr. Slomian, Mr. McGaheran and Mr. Bifulco. A motion to excuse was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Clark and the motion carried unanimously.

IV DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Tolmachewich provided written copies of the Division report on the front table.

Tonnage reports are due soon (April 30). The DSWM is trying something new this year and is putting tonnage reports on One-Drive. Those with trouble accessing it can receive the reports via USB. For the amount of money spent on the REA tax for the REA Tax Statement, look on the MCUA landfill bills. The NJDEP is paying closer attention to the numbers listed on the REA Tax Statement. A certification form needs to be signed by the Mayor or equal, which may require a resolution. The tonnage reports are due on April 30. Contact either Chris or Deanna for assistance.

The Middlesex County Adult Corrections litter program began this year. There is already a back up of locations that haven't been completed yet. The contact person is the same as last year, Susanne Saccone (susanne.saccone@co.middlesex.nj.us).

A Clean Communities visual litter survey workshop will take place in Perth Amboy on May 2 and the annual conference will take place May 22-24 in Mercer County.

V AGENCY REPORTS

1. DEP REPORT

No one was present from the NJ DEP to provide a report.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION - SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Reports for the month of March were made available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo noted a modest decline in odor complaints at the landfill.

Several Recycling Inspectors have been diverted to other programs so there will be a slight decline in the recycling compliance inspections at business and institutions.

The delinquent hauler continues to be a focus with 12 court complaints filed with haulers through the environmental prosecutor.

The annual Solid Waste Outreach event will take place on Tuesday, May 21 and the agenda has been distributed.

3. MCIA REPORT

Mr. Maticera reported that recycling tonnage is up slightly, by about 5% generated by 100,000 plus households. 2700 tons of yard waste was generated during the month of March. Reports are available for the total yard waste generated in 2018 as well as first quarter of 2019 reports for both recycling and yard waste.

The robot, MC Blue is being re-designed by the East Brunswick Vo-Tech and will be renamed MC Green. The project has been on going for the past 6 months and the completion is anticipated by the end of May. There will be a new part time employee who will be available to make appearances upon request.

VI OLD BUSINESS - STATUS OF DISTRICT WASTE FACILITY

1. MCUA REPORT ON MIDDLESEX COUNTY LANDFILL

Mr. Clark provided a copy of the monthly report on the front table.

Tonnage at the landfill is down slightly for the year but is about flat compared to this time last year.

After March 14, there have been a significant improvement in the odor issue. In April there were only 2 days of calls into the hotline number and the area where odor complaints originate is narrowing. This is due, in part to the substantial progress on odor mitigating systems being installed.

The interim cap, which is 6-10 inches, is being installed. It will eventually cover one third of the top of the workface and it is currently between 40 and 50% complete. It is anticipated to be 100% complete by the end of May.

The anticipated permanent cap that will be installed is delayed due to the bids for the job coming in above the estimated budget. Once a contract is awarded there will be a 6-8 month construction window for completion.

VII OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other Old Business.

IX GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

No one was present from the general public.

A short discussion was had on curbside recycling bins. Ms. Barone brought in a 32-gallon flip-top bin with wheels (cost of \$28-32 each). There was some discussion as to whether the bin would be

acceptable in the MCIA curbside program.

Ms. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Horbatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz
SWAC Chairperson