

**Middlesex County
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

*Linda Scott, representing Cranbury Mayor James Taylor
*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
*Paul Reed, representing Helmetta Mayor Christopher Slavicek
*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber
*Kyle Harris, representing Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry
*Guy Gaspari, representing Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler
*Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu
*Paul Luceri, representing South Brunswick Mayor Charles Carley
*Adriano Soares, representing South River Mayor John Krenzel
*Audrey Rozger, representing Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac
*Paul Clark, MCUA
*Angelo Covino
*Thomas Cunningham
*Patrick McGaheran
*George Ververides, Middlesex County Planning Board
*Joe DiFillippo, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
*Paul Matacera, MCIA
*Michael Williams, Middlesex County Counsel
Kristy Jimenez, MCIA
Erin Senape
Robert Leslie, MCUA
Frank Lankey, MCIA
Joe Slomian, Monroe Township
Elyse Barone, Sayreville
John Mucha, Yannuzzi Group
Rafael Nunez, Yannuzzi Group
John Yannuzzi, Yannuzzi Group
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
*denotes SWAC membership

At 1:37 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

II CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Ms. Caputo, Mr. Smolney, Ms. Tempel and Mr. Sondermeyer. A motion to excuse was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Jasionowski and the motion carried unanimously.

III DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Tolmachewich provided the Solid Waste Management report on the front table.

The schedule for the 2020 household hazardous waste and paper shred events are now posted on the County website. The dates have also been sent to Recycle Coach. Flyers for both programs will be printed within the next couple of weeks.

January 23rd will be the Municipal Recycling Coordinator / SWAC meeting/luncheon. Coffee will be available at 9:30am and the meeting will start at 10am. A representative from Waste Management will be speaking about the organics recycling program taking place at the Waste Management facility in Elizabeth. Expect a formal invitation to the meeting in early January.

We are currently in the lame duck session of the NJ Legislature. There are a few bills that may be voted on, including a bill to establish a recycling task force/markets development committee, one to address the dirty dirt (contaminated soils being used as clean fill), one that would ban plastic and paper bags as well as polystyrene food containers and the food waste bill. Any bill that does not pass before January 14th would need to be reintroduced in the next legislative session.

IV 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 November were made available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo reported that there have been no odor complaints at the solid waste facilities. Weekly inspections continue at the landfill.

The Division is quickly approaching the mid-point of the fiscal year. The Division is behind on meeting inspection quotas due to staff outages, but a recent new hire should help on catching up.

There are currently about two dozen cases of non-compliant haulers with regards to the reporting and fee requirements. These cases will be sent over to the environmental prosecutor. Demand letters will be sent out and if non-compliance continues, the cases will go to court.

3. MCIA REPORT

Mr. Maticera provided a copy of the most recent report on the front table.

All sixteen participating Municipalities were sent letters with the new pricing based on the recently awarded contract which will go into effect March 30, 2020 with Solterra.

Mr. Maticera mentioned he can be reached at any time with questions and also introduced Kristy Jimenez who replaced Taylor Paolino to assist with any curbside recycling program issues.

V 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.

The ongoing cap project is scheduled to be completed in early Spring.

Year to date, the total tonnage is down about 12,000 tons compared to last year but might even out before the year is over. The trend continues of an increase in ID 13, but a decrease in ID 10.

VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 004-19 (MUNICIPAL SUMMARY GUIDE UPDATE)

All of the changes have been submitted for the Municipal Summary Guide. A motion was made by Ms. Scott to accept the updated summary guide seconded by Mr. Coleman and the motion passed unanimously.

VII NEW BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 005-19 (YANNUZZI CLASS B FACILITY - EDISON)

The Class B recycling facility located on Meadow Road in Edison was originally included in the Solid Waste Management Plan in 1994 and has since gone through various changes in operators and ownerships including at one point, one lot being taken over the Township of Edison. This caused part of the site to be operated under a Class B permit and the other part operated under an Administrative Consent Order. The goal of AA 005-19 is to combine the lots and operations under one permit as well as adding several materials to be accepted for recycling.

John Mucha and Rafael Nunez, representing The Yannuzzi Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation which summarized all of the proposed changes. The total tonnage per day will remain the same.

A question was asked if lakeweed is tested prior to being incorporated into making soil. It is tested mostly for pH.

A question was asked if lakeweed is an item that has been accepted in the past and the answer was it was a newer recyclable item due to its marketability.

A question was asked about the origin of gypsum. It was answered that the gypsum will come in mostly from demolition jobs. There was some concern about odor potentials from this material and the matter will be discussed more at the site visit.

A question was asked regarding the acceptance of street sweepings. The answer given was that it is accepted only if it has been tested and met the parameters that are set by the State.

A SWAC subcommittee will be formed in order to conduct a site visit in early January prior to the next SWAC meeting scheduled for January 14.

VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz
SWAC Chairperson