

**Middlesex County  
Solid Waste Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2019  
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

\*Linda Scott, representing Cranbury Mayor James Taylor  
\*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande  
\*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber  
\*Joe Slomian, representing Monroe Mayor Gerald Tamburro  
\*Donna Caputo, representing New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill  
\*Kyle Harris, representing Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry  
\*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  
\*Patrick McGaheran  
\*Gary Sondermeyer  
\*Nicholas Smolney  
\*George Ververides, Middlesex County Planning Board  
\*Joe DiFillippo, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division  
\*Paul Clark, MCUA  
\*Paul Maticera, MCIA  
Robert Leslie, MCUA  
Diane Hanlon, MCIA  
Rachel Cohen, MCIA  
Frank Lankey, MCIA  
Erin Senape, South Amboy  
Elyse Barone, Sayreville  
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management  
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management  
\*denotes SWAC membership

At 1:35 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag.

**I APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Clark and the motion carried unanimously.

**II CORRESPONDENCE**

The following members requested an excused absence: Mr. Smalley, Mr. Coleman and Mr. Bifulco. A motion to excuse was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Sondermeyer and the motion carried

unanimously.

Ms. Tolmachewich was asked to share a letter with SWAC from the NJDEP with regards to procedures spelled out in an executive order that impacts Solid Waste Management Plan changes. Additional procedures include publishing notices in other languages, disseminating notices through community groups, posting notices in public places, providing additional locations for public meetings and additional public hearings.

Mr. Smolney asked if County Counsel was made aware of the letter and the answer was yes.

Mr. Sondermeyer questioned if these procedures can be ordered through an executive order.

Ms. Tempel suggested SWAC documents why it would be cost prohibitive to comply with the additional procedure requirements.

### **III DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

Additions of tonnage to the tonnage grant reports must be completed / submitted by Saturday June 15.

2017 desk audits were disseminated and any challenges to disallowed tonnage must be submitted by Friday June 14.

Bill Kerwood has been approved to do shows for summer camps and libraries. There are approximately 7 or 8 shows left. Book shows through his website.

The conclusion of the coloring and essay contest was celebrated at the last Freeholder meeting and winners were presented with prizes including tablets for the first-place essay winners.

SWAC is transitioning into providing notices and documents in electronic format only beginning in September. Anyone that wishes to receive paper documents in the mail must opt-in by calling the Division of Solid Waste Management.

### **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 months of April and May were made available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo noted a significant decline in odor complaints at the landfill, with no complaints within the past month and a half. Daily checks at the landfill may be dropped if there continues to be no odor complaints.

There was a slight uptick in violations of truck inspections at the landfill.

Load inspections at both the landfill and transfer stations continue to see very little problems.

There has been a slight drop in recycling inspections since some employees were diverted to other programs, but the fiscal year ends in three weeks and all required inspections are on target to be completed in time.

### **3. MCIA REPORT**

Mr. Matacera reported that recycling tonnage for the month of May is 1,984.22 tons and 10 new units were added, 6 in Sayreville, 1 in Cranbury and 3 in Monroe. Total tonnage is down 42% tons compared to this time last year.

A total of 1,399.28 tons of yard waste was generated during the month of April.

Taylor Paolino recently changed responsibilities in the MCIA and the new contact for the curbside recycling program is Kristy Jimenez. [Kristy.jimenez@mciauth.com](mailto:Kristy.jimenez@mciauth.com)

Ms. Cohen debuted the newly renovated robot MC Green which was done in conjunction with the Middlesex County Vo-Tech school. There are still some more improvements to be made, but the robot can now be requested to visit schools and other venues.

## **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.

Tonnage at the landfill is down slightly for the year but ID 13 is fairly high compared to this time last year.

There have been zero odor complaints within the last 6 weeks.

The installation of the interim cap is now complete.

The odor control equipment being installed should be completed between now and the end of June.

Several town hall meetings have been held. Local residents had a chance to tour the landfill a couple of weeks ago.

## **VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

## **VII NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

## **VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION**

No one was present from the general public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz  
SWAC Chairperson