

**Middlesex County
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

*Linda Scott, representing Cranbury Mayor James Taylor
*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber
*Wayne Horbatt, 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
*Bernard Bailey, representing Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien
*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
*Stephen O'Reilly
*Gary Smalley
*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
Rachel Cohen, MCIA
Taylor Paolino, MCIA
Frank Lankey, MCIA
Joseph Slomian, Monroe
Elyse Barone, Sayreville
John Yannuzzi, Yannuzzi
Ray Kalafsky, Yannuzzi
Rich Krosteck, Yannuzzi
Amber Schiffner, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mr. Smolney,

seconded by Mr. Clark and the motion carried unanimously.

II CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Mr. Troy, Mr. Blitz, Mr. Reed and Mr. Sondermeyer. A motion to excuse was made by Mr. Smolney, seconded by Mr. McGaheran and the motion carried unanimously.

III DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

An email went out recently regarding the tonnage grant process for this year. Pay attention to the entry for the REA Tax. The money your town paid for the REA tax is listed right on the MCUA landfill bills. A separate 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. Tonnage will be available from the DSWM this year on line.

The DSWM plans to organize a tour of a class A facility in the County.

A thank you to the towns that participated in the recent TDMA meeting. Three towns have begun the process to establish a TDMA site. All towns should establish one.

The first household hazardous waste will be held on Sunday March 17 at the Middlesex County College and the first paper shred event will be held on Saturday March 23 in Old Bridge. There are flyers for both programs on the front table.

The 2019 Recycling and Solid Waste guide has been printed and inserted into certain newspapers. Copies of the guide are available on the front table.

Letters to the Mayors went out recently regarding Recycle Coach explaining that the NJ DEP is paying the costs to encourage all towns to participate. There are only 6 or 7 Middlesex County towns that are not yet participating.

The ANJR Annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at the EcoComplex.

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

SWAC will be holding elections at the next meeting in April. The nominating committee is made up of Ms. Caputo, Mr. Slomian and Mr. Luceri.

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 December, January and February are available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo noted a significant rise in odor complaints at the landfill. Two actions have been taken with regards to the increase in complaints, the availability of an after-hour complaint hotline and a daily check for odors at the landfill in addition to the usual weekly check. This will continue until the odor

complaints subside.

Recent load inspections at the landfill found no excess volumes of recyclables and load inspections will also be done at Transfer Stations.

The recycling compliance inspections at business and institutions is continuing as usual.

Municipal Recycling coordinators are encouraged to contact the Environmental Health Division with issues obtaining tonnage reports from businesses. Documentation of the difficulty acquiring the reports is required before any action will be taken.

The annual Solid Waste Outreach event will take place on Tuesday May 21 and will include a section on TDMA, soil importation process, landfill odors and a presentation by Geri Barcheski from Perth Amboy on recycling enforcement.

3. MCIA REPORT

Mr. Matarera reported that missed pickups of curbside recycling are due, in part to frozen containers. Thirteen new units were added for a total of 100,203 stops. Statistically, there is less than 1 missed pickup for every 1,000 units serviced. The 2018 curbside program tonnage information has been sent out and the 2018 yard waste information is forth coming.

V OLD BUSINESS - STATUS OF DISTRICT WASTE FACILITY

1. MCUA REPORT ON MIDDLESEX COUNTY LANDFILL

Mr. Clark provided a copy of the report at the front table. Unprecedented 63 inches of rainfall within the past year have wreaked havoc on the landfill gas systems causing more odors than normal. All landfills within NJ and PA are experiencing similar issues. The MCUA did some outreach in East Brunswick in the form of town hall style meetings to help explain the issues behind the odors.

Contractor work is continuing with the installation of a cap system designed to mitigate odors. An odor hotline has been set up to address odors both at the landfill as well as the sewage treatment plant.

An interim cap has been installed on the South River side of the landfill last December and one third of the top has been closed off making the workface footprint smaller. A permanent cap is being installed on the Edgeboro Road side.

A new misting system for odor control is also being upgraded which will encircle the top and the base of the landfill to neutralize odors, keeping the odors from migrating off site. A good portion of the new system should be installed by May.

Incoming tonnage to the landfill remains more or less flat.

VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other Old Business.

VII NEW BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 001-19 (IMPORTICO TO REPUBLIC FACILITY OWNERSHIP / NAME CHANGE)

This Administrative Action modifies the Importico Transfer Station to change the ownership / name to Republic Services.

Mr. Smalley provided a brief overview stating that Republic Services purchased the transfer station from Importico and is the process of transferring the permit to their name. There will be no operational changes, only some capital improvements.

Mr. Lankey asked if the hauling business was also purchased from Importico and the Mr. Smalley said yes, it was.

Ms. Tempel asked if any of the existing personnel will be kept and Mr. Smalley didn't know.

Mr. Smolney made a motion to approve the Administrative Action, Ms. Caputo seconded. The motion passed with abstentions from Mr. Covino, Mr. McGaheran, Mr. Smalley and Mr. Clark.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 002-19 (GENERATED MATERIALS TO YANNUZZI FACILITY OWNERSHIP / NAME CHANGE)

Mr. Kalafsky, representing Yannuzzi, showed a short video which provided an overview of the current status of the facility. Yannuzzi began processing and removing a large portion of the mulch material that has been stockpiled by the previous operator. Part of the footprint of the site includes property currently owned by the Township of Edison and Yannuzzi plans to acquire the property and continue with improvements and upgrades to the operation. Eventually Yannuzzi would like to add other Class B materials to the list of currently approved materials.

Mr. Gaspari inquired how Yannuzzi planned to acquire the Edison owned property. Mr. Kalafsky reported that two other entities placed a bid to buy the property, other than Yannuzzi and the other two bids were disqualified.

Once the acquisition of the Edison portion of the property is complete, Yannuzzi will enter into a consent order with the NJ DEP to continue operating and improving the entire site.

It will take approximately two seasons in order to sell all of the material that is currently on site.

The current stockpile of material on site has already been reduced from 65 feet high to 25 feet high.

Mr. Gaspari asked how Yannuzzi will prevent the site from becoming overburdened with stockpiled material and Mr. Kalafsky reported that Yannuzzi will run the site balancing the incoming and outgoing material to maintain the proper flow of material.

Ms. Tempel asked if the current pile is stable and Mr. Kalafsky reported that the pile does have some instability issues including spontaneous fires, but the pile is being monitored 24/7 for heat and moisture.

A SWAC subcommittee will be organized to tour the facility.

Ms. Caputo made a motion to approve the Administrative Action, Ms. Tempel seconded. The motion passed with an abstention from Mr. Covino.

VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

No one was present from the general public.

Mr. Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McGaheran.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Linda Scott
SWAC Second Vice Chairperson