

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

Attendees

*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
*Paul Reed, representing Helmetta Mayor Christopher Slavicek
*Frank Troy, representing Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler
*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
*Eric Chaszar, representing North Brunswick Mayor Mac Womack
*Kyle Harris, representing Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry
*Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu
*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
*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 Matacera, MCIA
*Michael Williams, Middlesex County Counsel
Diane Hanlon, MCIA
Frank Lankey, MCIA
Joe Slomian, Monroe Township
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
*denotes SWAC membership

At 1:40 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag. A moment of silence was held in memory of Janet Pellichero.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were approved with the adjustment of the spelling 'Recycle Coach' correctly. The motion was made by Mr. Smolney, seconded by Mr. Sondermeyer and the motion carried unanimously.

II CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Ms. Caputo, Ms. Scott, Mr. Jasionowski and Ms. Rozger. A motion to excuse was made by Mr. McGaheran, seconded by Mr. Clark 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 Recycle Right ad campaign over the next month will feature ads on Facebook and Instagram as well as on 5 different billboards throughout Middlesex County with emphasis on not bagging recyclables.

The schedule for the 2020 household hazardous waste and paper shred events is still being worked out.

Thirteen municipalities applied for a recycling enhancement grant and it is the intent to award the grants to all of the municipalities that applied.

The interlocal service agreements for paint, CFC's, tires and cooking oil were sent to all of the municipalities. The new agreements will be for a five-year period and will begin on January 1, 2020. Of note is an increase in the paint reimbursement to \$50 an hour and the possibility for 100% reimbursement for CFC recycling.

The County is working on a master plan called Destination 2040 and part of the plan includes a section on recycling and solid waste management. SWAC members and recycling coordinators are all considered stakeholders and will be invited to a general meeting to take place on Dec. 2.

Legislative news includes movement on the Assembly side for PaintCare. A4382 will be on the agenda for the Appropriations Committee schedule for Thursday Nov. 14. There is also the possibility of movement of bills regarding banning plastic bags and other items, procurement of recycled materials and setting up a State markets development council.

Lynn Ust is the newest member of the DSWM staff who will be the point contact for getting free recycling bins to schools. She will also be managing the monofilament (fishing line) recycling program. Eventually she will be doing presentations and is currently assisting with the foam recycling program.

Mr. Smalley inquired about Senate bills that address recycling markets. One bill creates a market development council and the other a recycling task force and he wanted to know the timing of how long it might take for the bills would become implemented if they were to become law.

Ms. Tolmachevich indicated that it would be a while before anything is implemented if a law were to pass and that ANJR addressed this by starting their own Markets Development Committee.

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 September and October were made available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo reported that odor complaints at the landfill remain low. Weekly inspections continue at the landfill.

The environmental prosecutor continues to pursue haulers delinquent on reporting requirements.

It is the end of the first quarter and the inspection program is on track. The program currently has two less inspectors for various reasons, but a new inspector was just recently hired and will soon be contributing to the inspection program.

The NJ DEP has a model ordinance for municipalities to help regulate importing fill to avoid receiving contaminated soil.

3. MCIA REPORT

Mr. Matarera provide a copy of the most recent report on the front table. Bids were received on Oct. 23 for the curbside recycling service and a new contract is expected to be awarded to Central Jersey / Solterra tomorrow evening. The cost per stop went up from \$2.68 to \$5.28. The new contract price per ton at drop-off centers for newspaper will be \$245.00, for mixed paper \$245.00, for co-mingled \$285.00 and for cardboard \$195.00.

Mr. Matarera was asked about the subsidy for the participating towns. He indicated a subsidy would no longer be provided.

The total contract will be awarded for just over 6.9 million dollars.

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.

There is a downtrend of ID 10 waste going to the landfill but an increase in ID 13. Year to date, the total tonnage is down 15,000 tons compared to last year.

There are minimum odor issues. It has been 40 days without any odor complaints.

The side slope closure of 18 acres along Edgeboro Road began in early August and is scheduled to be completed between March and April of 2020.

VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business.

VII NEW BUSINESS

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

Two copies of the Municipal Summary Guide were circulated for review by the Recycling Coordinators and the final version will be on the agenda for approval at the next SWAC meeting.

VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Blitz commented that recently between 5 and 7 e-waste vendors have reached out to municipalities to inquire about managing residential e-waste and urged anyone to check the NJ DEP website for a list of approved vendors before deciding on which e-waste vendor to choose.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz
SWAC Chairperson