

**Middlesex County
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

- *Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
- *Frank Troy, representing Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler
- *Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
- *Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber
- *Donna Caputo, representing New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill
- *Eric Chaszar, representing North Brunswick Mayor Mac Womack
- *Guy Gaspari, representing Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler
- *Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu
- *Bernard Bailey, representing Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick
- *Alice Tempel, representing South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh
- *Audrey Rozger, representing Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac
- *Paul Clark, MCUA
- *Angelo Covino
- *Thomas Cunningham
- *Patrick McGaheran
- *Gary Sondermeyer
- *Gary Smalley
- *Nicholas Smolney
- *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
- Frank Lankey, MCIA
- Joe Slomian, Monroe Township
- Elyse Barone, Sayreville
- John Mucha, Yannuzzi Group
- Rich Krostek, Yannuzzi Group
- John Yannuzzi, Yannuzzi Group
- Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
- Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
- *denotes SWAC membership

At 1:31 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mr. Sondermeyer, seconded by Mr. Jasionowski and the motion carried unanimously.

II CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Ms. Scott and Mr. Luceri. A motion to excuse was made by Mr. Covino, 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.

Next week on January 23rd will be the annual Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator meeting and SWAC members are welcome to attend. It will take place at the Fire Training Academy with coffee starting at 9:30 AM, the meeting starting at 10:00 AM and a buffet lunch immediately following the meeting. Attendees will receive 1 clean communities coordinator credit and likely 2 CRP credits.

The tonnage grant manual has been sent out for review. The requirement to tour a class A recycling facility is now every other year. Attending at least one recycling coordinator meeting a year is required.

The recycling enhancement grants have completed the initial process of being approved a Freeholder meeting so you can begin to spend the money. Please take photos of the recycling signs as you complete the grant requirements.

The start of the new year has initiated the process of gathering tonnage information for the annual tonnage grant.

ANJR will hold two Swap and Share sessions, one in North Jersey in Bergen County on Feb. 6 and one in South Jersey in Gloucester County on Feb. 25.

The most recent legislation session ended yesterday. Several bills passed including bills that had to do with end of life paint management, the development of a recycling market council and the safe management of contaminated dirt. The bills still need to be signed by the Governor.

Several bills did not pass including the ban on plastic bags and the bill that addressed food waste.

IV AGENCY REPORTS

1. DEP REPORT

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

Ms. Tolmachewich did report that the tonnage grants were released as well as the 2017 recycling rates with the return of the municipal recycling rates.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION - SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

Mr. DiFillippo reported that there were two odor complaints at the landfill, but odor complaints remain low.

The focus on enforcement of delinquent haulers continues. A dozen cases are in preparation to be sent over to the Environmental Prosecutor.

Currently there is one inspector out on injury.

The inspection program will be revised in the future to begin using tablets. Paper copies will no longer

be available, but digital copies will be available and will contain the same information as the paper copies.

Ms. Caputo asked if the generator receiving the inspection will also get a copy and the answer was yes but the method of deliver is yet to be determined.

The Division will be holding the annual Solid Waste Outreach event on May 15 with four topics on the agenda including the regulation of fill as well as a scrap tire initiative and two other topics to be determined. The agenda will be available in mid-February.

3. MCIA REPORT

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

Out of 100,025 units on curbside recycling route, there were only 203 missed stops.

The inter-local agreements are currently being drafted and will be mailed out around February 14. The signed agreements are due back by March 6.

The year end tonnage reports for both the curbside recycling program and the yard waste program will be mailed out to all of the Recycling Coordinators in the near future.

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.

Year to date, the total tonnage is down about 9,000 tons compared to this time last year.

The final capping project is still ongoing and is scheduled to be completed in late Spring or early Summer.

The calls to the hotline have been way down.

VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS

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

Ms. Tolmachewich reported that the SWAC subcommittee toured the facility one week ago and witnessed and is pleased with the progress so far.

A concern was raised about the potential for odors being generated by the acceptance of gypsum so the wording on the administrative action was amended to address the concern. Any storage of gypsum must be under cover as to prevent it from getting wet and any incoming material must be either processed or removed within 7 days.

A question was asked about the current status of the permit.

It was explained that eventually both parcels of property, one governed under an existing Class B approval and the other under an administrative consent order (ACO) will be combined into one and operated under one single approval within about 6 months or so.

A motion was made by, Ms. Tempel seconded by, Mr. McGaheran and the motion passed with abstentions by Mr. Covino, Mr. Clark and Mr. Sondermeyer.

VII NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Smolney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gaspari.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz
SWAC Chairperson