

The November 5, 2020 meeting of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ellen Nerbak; the meeting was conducted virtually via Webex. A roll call vote was taken; attending were Ellen Nerbak, Steven Haydu, Linda Gabel, Lynne Rutkoski, Joseph Watters, Robert Finke and James Smith; also attending were David Dech, JoAnn Fascenelli and Brendan Bowers. The Chair confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The last meeting held by this Council was February 6, 2020. All subsequent meeting dates were cancelled due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minutes

Mr. Smith noted that in the February 6, 2020 minutes, second paragraph of the Solid Waste/Recycling report, it is reported that there is now a \$128 per ton fee for dumping but he explained the dumping charge is actually half that. Ms. Rutkoski MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Smith; all in favor.

Corresponce: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solid Waste/Recycling

Mr. Dech reported the annual household hazardous waste collection event was cancelled by PCFA. Also, the paper shredding event planned for May was cancelled. The September 19, 2020 shredding event brought in 323 cars, and 5.86 tons of paper were shredded. He also reported the recycling reports were filed for the current year. In New Jersey the ban for use of plastic and paper bags goes into effect in 18 months. A proposal for \$12M of recycling funds to be diverted to the state has never made it out of Committee; this amount remains in recycling funds.

Mr. Dech provided information to municipal coordinators for a virtual tour of a Class A recycling center for those who still needed to fulfill that requirement under the municipal tonnage grant program.

Mr. Watters asked the status of a letter to PCFA regarding the refusal to accept Mansfield Township's recycling; the last load had been denied. Mr. Dech believes this subject was considered, it may have been denied because it is the policy of PCFA not to accept recycling from municipal programs. Only individual residents may drop off their recycling. Mr. Watters felt it would be better than having many cars attend.

REHS

Mr. Cavotta was not present. Mr. Dech reported that Rotondi's B and C class permits and the ACO have still not been received. Also, the stormwater permit has not been sent yet. An inspection was scheduled for October 19, 2020, and the facility is still operating even though issues remain open; stormwater is the issue. Mr. Dech said basins were to be built; the DEP is looking at the site to see what is required.

PCFA: No one present

DEP: No one present

Freeholders: No one present

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

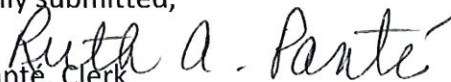
Mr. Smith referenced the PCFA web site (pcfa.wc.com), particularly a click at the top bar matters. He uploaded six months of minutes and read that a Freeholder expressed his thoughts regarding the burner at the landfill and moving forward, thus the Freeholder feed does not back the landfill. Mr. Smith wonders if this is a financial consideration, and he sees Freeholder reservations about PCFA going under and leaving the landfill bills with the County. The Freeholders are worried about money given to them. Mr. Haydu reminded that the County owns the landfill. Freeholder Sarnoski is now saying many thousands of dollars are available, money is there to serve residents and businesses of Warren County. Ms. Nerbak will review those minutes. Mr. Smith read Covanta has no intention of reopening the plant, they are looking into decommissioning.

Ms. Nerbak reported she has moved to Hackettstown but she intends to remain active with SWAC. Ms. Nerbak wished everyone well for the coming holidays and the new year; stay well and safe.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pantè, Clerk



Next meeting date:

February 4, 2021