September 2, 2021

The September 2, 2021 meeting of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ellen Nerbak and was conducted virtually by Webex. Present were Thomas Fey, Donald Sherman, Linda Gabel, Lynne Rutkowski, Joseph Watters, Robert Finke and Ellen Nerbak; also participating were David Dech, Commissioner Jason Sarnoski, JoAnn Fascenelli and Jake Little who will soon be appointed to represent Allamuchy. Excused were James Banta and James Smith. The Chair confirmed the presence of a quorum (7).

Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council to the Warren County Clerk and The Star-Ledger and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the Board of Commissioners. Formal action may be taken by the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged. In order to assure public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should submit any requests for special accommodations one week in advance.

MINUTES

It was MOVED by Mr. Fey to accept and approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Finke; all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Dech received notification from the NJDEP that effective August 2021 approval is given for Belvidere Sand and Gravel to mix and reuse with dredged fine grains and other materials generated on site. This is a beneficial use project that will expire August 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solid Waste / Recycling

Mr. Dech said a paper shredding event is scheduled for September 25 at the County Administration building, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Paper from residents is limited to 480 pounds.

The Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment first public meeting was held September 1, in Oxford Township. On September 8 the Commissioners will hold the second public hearing on the Amendment. The DEP has issued guidelines for counties to conduct additional public hearings; one person showed up at the Oxford Township meeting. Mr. Watters asked about the funding for the landfill expansion, and Mr. Dech replied that he believes the PCFA had money in reserves. He explained the contracts with Covanta must be resolved pertaining to the disposal of ID-10 waste at the landfill. He was asked if the landfill accepts vegetative waste. Mr. Dech replied that although it is a permitted waste type, the PCFA has not been accepting it.

Commissioner Sarnoski noted this never was used for vegetative waste; Mr. Dech added this was always unused property, explaining that this expansion was going into areas that were used for wildlife mitigation. Some of the excess landfill properties were subdivided and offered to the NJDEP as alternate wildlife mitigation areas.

REHS: No one present.

PCFA: Mr. Dech confirmed that Jim Williams has retired; a replacement has been hired.

NJDEP: No one present.

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Mr. Sarnoski reported the SWMP Amendments will be reviewed next week; to be discussed are Type 10 waste and the future disposal strategies for Warren County waste.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Nerbak thanked attendees for joining this meet6ing and she invited all to the October 7, 2021 SWAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté, Clerk

Next meeting date: October 7, 2021