

**MONTGOMERY-OTSEGO-SCHOHARIE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING #8**

DATE: August 25, 2005

LOCATION: Howes Cave Administrative Complex

Members Present

Charles Buck
Raymond Halgas
Donald Lindberg
Meredith McNeil
Olga Podmajersky
James Powers
William Strevy
Edward Wesnofske

Members Absent

Others Present

Gilbert Chichester
Robin Loske
Marijeanne Broadwell
Chris Chale
Terry Bliss – Otsego Co.
Karen Sullivan – Otsego Co.

1. Opening

Chairman Wesnofske opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Donald Lindberg motioned, seconded by Charles Buck, to adopt the Agenda. On voice call the Agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Privilege of Floor

Chairman Wesnofske offered privilege of the floor. No one came forth.

4. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Charles Buck motioned, seconded by Olga Podmajersky, to accept the minutes of the prior meeting of August 18, 2005 as written. On voice call the minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Old Business

Resolution Number 26 Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Riccelli Enterprises Inc. for Transportation and Disposal of Waste

Chairman Wesnofske suggested that prior to putting the Resolution on the floor it might be best to go into to executive session to discuss the transportation and disposal negotiations.

Executive Session

William Strevy motioned for an executive session to discuss the Transportation and Disposal negotiations. The motion was seconded by Raymond Halgas and unanimously approved on voice call.

The executive session began at 9:31 a.m. William Strevy motioned to come out of executive session at 10:45 a.m.

Charles Buck motioned for a recess until 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Wesnofske called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

Motion Relative to Riccelli Agreement for Transportation and Disposal

Edward Wesnofske motioned for the Authority to excise its option under the current Agreement with Riccelli Enterprises to extend the Agreement through 2006. The motion was seconded by Donald Lindberg and approved on voice call with seven members voting "aye" and one member (Buck) voting "nay".

6. New Business

Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Day Collection

William Strevy asked Mr. Chichester if the County needed to do anything in preparation for the Household Hazardous Waste Day Collection that is scheduled for October. Mr. Chichester responded that the collection day will be held the third week in October and that the Authority would take care everything. If the Authority needs the County's assistance with anything Mr. Chichester would let them know. The State will reimburse 50% of the cost.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled for September 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Northern Transfer Station

James Powers reported that Otsego County is concerned that trailers and dump trucks are no longer allowed into the Northern Transfer Station.

Mr. Chichester stated that the decision not to allow trailers and dump trucks was made by the Board. He explained the reason for the decision is that by allowing these vehicles into the facility too much waste is coming in and it has come to the point where a trailer needs to be changed in the middle of the day. Changing a trailer in the middle of the day with the flow of traffic that comes through the site is a safety concern. New safety regulations require the employee to wear a harness while tarping trailers. This one employee works the tip wall and is required to pack the trailer and tarp it while traffic is still flowing around him, which causes a safety issue.

Mr. Chichester suggested that the Board might consider having the site open an additional day just to receive the bigger loads such C&D material. He pointed out that if that should happen part time staff would have to be converted to full time staff. There would be additional cost all the way around.

Mr. Powers stated that he would like to see the station open an additional day during the week.

Mr. Halgas suggested that the Operations Committee address the matter at its next meeting.

Pigeon Infestation

Mr. Chichester explained that the Authority has been cited by the Department of Labor for the accumulation of pigeon dung at both the Oneonta and Cooperstown Transfer Station. Pigeon dung is considered a hazardous material. The Authority was also cited for not taking precautions to keep the pigeons out. Mr. Chichester received a proposal from an environmental firm to clean it up and install mesh so that the pigeons cannot get in the building. The cost for the Oneonta Transfer Station was \$26,000 and \$11,000 for Cooperstown Transfer Station. The deadline to take care of the situation is September 13th.

Terry Bliss stated that the Department of Health has stated that Otsego County needs to have their personnel in a clean environment while working at the Cooperstown Transfer Station. Mr. Chichester stated that the Operations Committee suggested closing the contaminated building at the Cooperstown Station and let the County build a shed for their personnel to use while they are at the Station.

Mr. Wesnofske suggested that a portion of the existing building be partitioned off for the Otsego County person to work from. It was pointed out that even if this were done the person would still be breathing common air.

It was suggested that the Operations Committee evaluate the situation.

William Strevy motioned to have Otsego County build a shed within the existing building to house their personnel. Charles Buck seconded the motion.

Donald Lindberg stated that the Department of Labor is not going to allow it because the person would be breathing the common air and the Authority is still responsible to clean it up.

William Strevy withdrew his motion.

James Powers motioned for the Authority to hire an environmental firm to clean up the pigeon dung and install the mesh at the Cooperstown Transfer Station for a cost not to exceed \$11,000. Donald Lindberg seconded the motion and on voice call was approved with five members voting "aye" and three members (Strevy, Halgas, Podmajersky) voting "nay".

Mr. Bliss asked if Otsego County personnel would still be allowed to use the building after it has been cleaned up. The Board indicated that County personnel could use it.

Charles Buck motioned for the Authority to hire an environmental firm to clean up the pigeon dung and install the mesh at the Oneonta Transfer Station for a cost not to exceed \$26,000. James Powers seconded the motion and on voice call was approved with five members voting "aye" and three members (Strevy, Halgas, Podmajersky) voting "nay".

7. Closing

Chairman Wesnofske adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Loske
Confidential Secretary