

**MONTGOMERY-OTSEGO-SCHOHARIE SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** March 22, 2006

**LOCATION:** MOSA Administrative Complex, Howes Cave

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rudolph Laguna  
Ray Halgas  
Olga Podmajersky

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Edward Wesnofske  
Gilbert Chichester

**1. Opening**

Chairman Laguna opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**2. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Ray Halgas motioned to accept the minutes of the prior meeting of November 10, 2005. Olga Podmajersky seconded the motion and on voice call the minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. Fire Risks – Alarm and Security Systems**

There was some discussion relative to the fire that occurred at the Western Transfer Station a few weeks ago. The exact cause of the fire is not known. However, the point was made that it was fortunate that the situation developed prior to closing the station for the day.

Olga Podmajersky made a motion for the Executive Director to solicit proposals for installing, inspecting and/or modifying alarm systems at all the transfer stations so that a signal would be sent to an appropriate location in the event of a fire. Raymond Halgas seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed upon. There was additional discussion relative to incorporating a security system at the stations also.

**4. Leachate System and Other Landfill Related Work Needed**

- a. Eastern Landfill – Mr. Chichester referenced an October 20, 2004 letter from Barton & Loguidice regarding work that needed to be done on the leachate system at ELF. Some of the work listed was done in 2004. The remaining work relates to replacing two existing non-explosion proof pumps, floats and controls; the removal of heavily rusted and broken pump hangers and installing new stainless pump guide rails, lift chains and float supports; pressure washing, etching and epoxy coating the interior of the structure to seal the concrete to prevent further deterioration of the existing concrete pump station riser sections and replacing the existing weathered steel top to the pump station with precast concrete tops with aluminum hatches for safety reasons.

Additional work needs to be done relative to the inspection made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to the erosion that resulted from the heavy rainstorm on April 3, 2005. A culvert needs to be placed along with seeding and placing plantings on the side slopes to the road

constructed to complete the repairs to the landfill and subsequently provide for access to the far end or the leachate collection system (manholes).

It was estimated that the cost for the work would about \$20,000.

- b. At the Central Landfill, an additional manhole needs to be installed to facilitate the cleaning of the leachate system. The pump house needs to be rebuilt to bring the building above grade. The existing building is deteriorating.

There is leachate seepage along the front of the landfill that needs to be investigated by the engineers that may lead to some remediation work in the future.

The swales across the front of the landfill need to be repaired with some new drainage ditches being installed so as to facilitate providing for runoff to move off the face of the landfill without erosion. The cost of this work will be approximately \$8,000.

Raymond Halgas made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to get this work done. Olga Podmajersky seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

## **5. Northern Transfer Station**

Mr. Chichester reported that Otsego County has requested consideration of the following points relative to the operation of this station.

- a. Opening the station more days than the current Wednesday and Saturday schedule.
- b. The ability to place more containers at the site for tires and scrap metal.
- c. Removal of the current restriction regarding the type of vehicles that can be used to bring waste to this station.
- d. The ability to bring waste from the County owned buildings in Cooperstown to the NTS instead of having to travel to Oneonta.

The committee discussed the current layout of the site and the history that brought it to the current configuration. The use of the old compactor was discussed. It was pointed out that using it would not be homeowner friendly given the design whereby waste intended to be dropped on the floor and pushed up a concrete ramp into the compactor. The use of this machine would require the ongoing use of the backhoe while homeowner traffic is navigating the site.

Additionally, the size of the site was discussed relative to the ability to maneuver, tarp and store trailers in light of all safety standards that must be met.

The functionality of the current building was discussed at length along with the possibility of using a standard compactor with an attached 40 cubic yard box. Mr. Chichester was directed to price such a unit along with two 40 cubic yard boxes.

The committee wanted to review the current statistics on the usage of the site and to get the above estimated costs before making any definitive decision on the future configuration of this station.

Raymond Halgas moved to carry this discussion over to a future meeting when the additional information is available. Rudolph Laguna seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

**6. Oneonta Transfer Station Retrofit**

The report produced by Golder Associates, Inc. along with a number of drawings was distributed and discussed at length. It was anticipated that an additional drawing would be delivered by Golder Associates, Inc. to present an addition approach as a result of an earlier internal review of the drawings presented.

A motion was made by Raymond Halgas and seconded by Rudolph Laguna for the committee to review the material and discuss again at a subsequent meeting.

**7. Other Business**

A company known as Carbis Incorporated is in the business of fabricating tarping solutions among other things. A video was shown of one of the approaches they have developed for trucking firms to cover loads. Additional information on tarping is being acquired for committee consideration.

Rudolph Laguna inquired as to activities relating to the safety program. Mr. Chichester indicated that safety training had been given in December or 2005. The safety manual was updated at that time but requires further development.

Raymond Halgas requested that a "to do" list be prepared for Buildings and Grounds planning purposes for 2006 for review at the next committee meeting.

**8. Closing**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert L. Chichester,  
Executive Director