

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

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: November 9, 2006

LOCATION: MOSA Administrative Complex, Howes Cave

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Halgas
Olga Podmajersky
Joan Bent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudolph Laguna

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Chichester
Ed Wesnofske
Glenn Packard
Karen Sullivan

1. Opening

Raymond Halgas opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Olga Podmajersky motioned to accept the minutes of the prior meeting of September 19, 2006. Joan Bent seconded the motion and on voice call the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Oneonta Transfer Station Retrofit

OTS Retrofit -- Mr. Chichester presented a drawing of the Oneonta Transfer Station that resulted from further discussions with staff and the engineers. The modifications reflect changes to make the site more efficient as well as possibly less costly.

The engineers anticipate providing cost figures within a week.

Based upon the direction of the Governing Board, the Executive Director will be working with the Engineers to request bids on drawings finalized from those presented to the committee.

Site Work -- Glenn Packard presented photographs of the site work done to address the conditions of the roadways, parking lots and the recycling area. Mr. Wesnofske indicated that he had visited the site and felt that the work done should meet the needs of the site through the winter.

The total cost for the material and equipment rental came to about \$25,000. The cost to contract the work out would have been over \$250,000. It took two staff persons about three weeks to do the work.

Western Transfer Station

Scales -- Glenn Packard provided pictures of the work being done on replacing the scales at this station. It was explained that temporary scales could not be obtained in a timely manner. This has resulted in the Authority paying two nearby vendors for providing certified weights for haulers. The vendors are Santos Sand and Gravel and Tri Valley Crop Center. The Authority is paying \$5.50 per weigh for this service plus the additional cost for staff at these sites to work on November 24th if necessary.

Temporary Tip Wall -- Given that the City of Amsterdam has selected a bid not requiring the use of a local facility, the Western Transfer Station temporary tip wall does not need to be retrofitted at this time. Further consideration, at a later date, will need to be given to making changes that would allow for the future use of the facility by municipalities and vendors to facilitate the more efficient handling of recyclables. To get the best possible price, some excavation work would need to be done to facilitate a uniform base onto which a fabric structure could be attached.

Household Hazardous Waste -- A successful event was reported to the committee. Glenn Packard coordinated both of the household hazardous waste events conducted at the Randall Transfer Station and the Schoharie Transfer Station. In both instances, a significant amount of electronic waste was collected.

The Authority will apply to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for reimbursement.

4. Buildings and Grounds

The work recommended by Barton and Loguidice, P.E. to update pumps and controls at the landfill along with the cleaning of the leachate lines is in queue. These projects are weather dependent.

5. Schoharie Transfer Stations

It was reported that the HHW event that occurred on Saturday, September 16th was a success. There were between 300 and 400 cars processed. The e-waste part of the event was well received.

6. Amsterdam Transfer Station

Mr. Halgas updated the Committee on the cleanup to take place in the City of Amsterdam between October 2nd and October 28th. He expressed his appreciation for all the cooperation he received from the MOSA staff.

7. Equipment Maintenance Activity

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Mr. Chichester indicated that a Equipment and Fleet Manager has been hired and is working with Larry Nellis, the current Maintenance Supervisor who is retiring on December 15th.

He also indicated that the Personnel Committee indicated that the Executive Director should bring any further needs relative to filling the second Equipment Maintenance position directly to the Governing Board on November 16th.

8. Safety

Mr. Packard has met with Jack Pollitt relative to the construction of tarping stations at the transfer sites. Mr. Pollitt has made recommendations and is going to recommend an engineer, with whom he has worked, to develop a design.

Mr. Chichester also indicated that we may be able to work with the engineers developing the plans for the Oneonta Transfer Station given that a tarping station is part of that project.

Additional safety programming is under development.

9. Phone System Upgrade

Mr. Chichester indicated that this project would need to be put on hold given the number of projects currently underway.

10. Scrap Metal Collection

Mr. Chichester indicated that he had been contacted by another vendor interested in handling the Authority's Scrap metal by placing boxes at all sites. He will be following up on this.

11. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert L. Chichester,
Executive Director