

**MONTGOMERY-OTSEGO-SCHOHARIE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: August 20, 2009
LOCATION: MOSA Administrative Complex, Howes Cave

Members Present:

David Parker
Philip Skowfoe
John Thayer

Others Present:

Martha Clarvoe Public
Olga Podmajersky
Dennis Heaton

1. Opening

Chairman Skowfoe called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Chairman Skowfoe asked for a motion to approve the July 22, 2009 minutes; Mr. Parker so moved and Mr. Thayer seconded. On voice call, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Approve Agenda

Chairman Skowfoe asked for a motion to approve or add to the agenda; as there were no additions, Mr. Thayer moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Parker seconded. On voice call, the agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Review of OTS Structural Repairs

Chairman Skowfoe opened the floor for comments regarding the repairs. Mr. Parker brought up the memo from Mr. Chichester that had clarified the questions raised at the board meeting regarding the possibility of additional repair costs. He then made a motion to put Resolution #36 back on the table for reconsideration by the full board and attach the memo as a new "whereas". Chairman Skowfoe asked if there was a second. He went on to state that he was not comfortable with bringing the resolution to the board. Mr. Thayer commented that his concern was that only one contractor had bid on the repairs and that in these economic times he had expected more contractors to bid on the job. Mr. Thayer remarked that he would like to put the bid out a second time; Chairman Skowfoe agreed that this would be a good idea.

5. Resolution #40 – Authorizing the Purchase of Scaffolding for the Oneonta Transfer Station

Chairman Skowfoe advised that he asked Mr. Chichester to draw up a resolution regarding the purchase of the scaffolding currently being rented and used at the transfer station. The cost of purchasing the scaffolding is \$12,500. He went on to say that he had proposed purchasing the scaffolding versus renting it when this first came up and if we had done so, the scaffolding would have been paid for by now. Chairman Skowfoe then made a motion to bring the resolution before the board; Mr. Thayer seconded and on voice call, Mr. Parker voted nay.

Mr. Thayer remarked that if Chairman Skowfoe would make a motion to go out to bid a second time he would co-sponsor it. Chairman Skowfoe stated that he would support it; however, he would still like to see the scaffolding bought as well. Mr. Parker asked if a time limit could be put on the bid. After some discussion, it was decided that bids would need to be received no later than October 1, 2009. Mr. Thayer asked Mr. Parker to draw up a resolution stating this to be put before the board for consideration.

Chairman Skowfoe stated that he still would like to purchase the scaffolding because of the monthly rental costs.

Ms. Clarvoe stated that it would be cheaper to rent the scaffolding at \$1500 per month for a total cost of \$6000 for four months by which time the bids would be in and the work completed.

Mr. Parker made a motion to bring a resolution to the full board to reissue the Oneonta Transfer Station Structural Repair bid with a return date not to exceed September 30, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion and all committee members approved.

6. Other Business

Mr. Mattas reported that he had recently visited the Eastern Landfill and the new flare has been installed. He went on to say that he was surprised at the length of the flame, which he estimated at 4 feet in length, and remarked that a lot of gas was escaping.

The grass had been mowed but he noticed an area near the top of the landfill that had ruts in the cover caused by the tractor because the area was wet. He stated the ruts were filled with leachate and that there was a leak present; the liquid was not ground water. Ms. Clarvoe questioned where the ruts were; Mr. Mattas responded that they were near the top and filled with leachate. Chairman Skowfoe asked if he was sure it was leachate and advised that the only way to tell for sure was to have a test performed. Mr. Mattas stated he had put his hand in it and that it had a rainbow shine to it, making him think it was leachate. Chairman Skowfoe said that could have come from oil dripping from the tractor. Mr. Mattas responded that his point was if the area hadn't been wet prior to the mowing, the ruts would not have been created and that he wanted to bring to the board's attention that there may be a leak there.

Mr. Mattas also suggested that the person who mows should provide a report after mowing and make provisions with them for GPS or flags to be used in order to mark any depressions, ruts or holes discovered so that our maintenance people can address them.

Chairman Skowfoe asked if there was any other business; as there was none brought forth, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

7. Closing

Mr. Thayer made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Parker seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Beeler,
Confidential Secretary