

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

**DATE:** June 24, 2009  
**LOCATION:** MOSA Administrative Complex, Howes Cave

**Members Present:**

Philip Skowfoe, Chair  
David Parker  
John Thayer

**Others Present:**

Martha Clarvoe  
John Mattas  
Olga Podmajersky  
Edward Wesnofske

Gilbert Chichester  
Mark Robarge  
Dennis Heaton

**1. Opening**

Chairman Skowfoe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Agenda**

Mr. Parker asked to amend the agenda with the addition of a resolution regarding the implementation of operational cost cutting items. A motion to do so was made by Mr. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Parker; upon voice vote the agenda was amended.

**3. Review of Scale Bids**

Mr. Skowfoe asked the date the scale bids were due and when they had been opened.

Mr. Chichester responded by explaining the process by which bids are opened and stated that two bids were received on the closing date of 6/23/09:

- ✓ Scale Service dropped off at 9:00 a.m. 6/23/09 in the amount of \$52,990
- ✓ Pro-Tech Scale Service delivered at 1:30 p.m. 6/23/09 in the amount of \$49,195

Mr. Skowfoe asked if the bids meet the spec; Mr. Chichester responded that he had reviewed the low bid, which met the spec and had not seen the need to review the second spec.

Mr. Thayer made a motion to send a resolution to the full board awarding the bid to Pro-Tech in the amount of \$49,195; Mr. Parker seconded and on voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Amsterdam Crane**

Mr. Chichester advised the committee that Steve Rothrock had requested repairs to the crane at the Amsterdam Transfer Station. He explained the condition of the crane, which has several issues that will require the replacement of parts. There are several options:

- a. Replace gear ring only
- b. Replace gear ring and pedestal and then;
- c. Replace entire crane structure including the boom as currently scheduled for 2010

Mr. Chichester went on to explain that the gear ring was the highest priority and that it could be replaced alone or in conjunction with the pedestal; the boom is ok for now but may need replacing in the future.

Mr. Parker asked if it was the same ring as before; Mr. Chichester responded that it was. Mr. Parker remarked that he thought we may already have the part in stock and even if not, he did not believe it was an expensive part.

Mr. Skowfoe asked if it was welded or bolted; Mr. Thayer responded that it was bolted.

Mr. Skowfoe asked if Steve had put the request and his recommendations in writing and if he hadn't yet done so, he would like him to do so. After receiving and reviewing his recommendations, Mr. Skowfoe

suggested that he and the committee members visit the site before deciding what should be done at another meeting.

#### **5. Resolution Regarding the Implementation of Operational Cost Cutting Items**

Mr. Parker remarked that he had intended to bring the resolution to the full board but he anticipated Mr. Thayer would table it to committee just like the last cost cutting resolution. He went on to say that because this resolution would come back to the Operations Committee, he had decided to present it to the committee prior to the board meeting.

Mr. Parker advised the committee that he was presenting the resolution because of an interchange between a hauler and a MOSA staff person at one of the Montgomery County transfer sites that angered him a great deal. He reported, in his own words, that the hauler said something to the effect that he had heard there is going to be a real exciting meeting this afternoon in Howes Cave. Our staff person asked what he meant and the hauler responded that he had heard both of his direct supervisors or immediate superiors are going to be fired today at the meeting. Mr. Parker continued saying, he has overwhelming documentation that this type of thing continues to go on; underhanded, snakelike activities, which are undermining the whole damn operation.

Mr. Parker then went on to read the resolution into the minutes, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Skowfoe asked to have copies made.

Ms. Podmajersky asked what the resolution means and who the staff was that would take over Steve's duties. Mr. Parker responded that it would be his three staff members, Dan Herrick, Matt Koon and Skip Darrach. Mr. Thayer advised that Dan is building and grounds, Matt is the maintenance technician and Skip is the heavy equipment mechanic.

Mr. Thayer said that he was not in favor of that; he doesn't think it is a good idea to get rid of him because he turns wrenches.

Mr. Parker stated that the job can get along without him, in Steve's own words in an e-mail to Glenn he stated that he had been counseled to take some time off (Mr. Parker made the remark that he didn't know who had counseled him to take time off) and went on to read from the e-mail that said Dan knows the operation and I am confident that between him and Skip they can keep things going.

Mr. Thayer stated that Mr. Rothrock's comments related to a two week period and asked to see the e-mail. Mr. Skowfoe asked for the date of the e-mail; Mr. Thayer responded that it was the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and then corrected the date to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Mr. Skowfoe then asked to see the e-mail and asked when the last Operations Committee meeting was held. Ms. Beeler advised him that the last meeting was held on June 8, 2009.

Mr. Skowfoe stated that he thinks Mr. Parker is misinterpreting the wording. He read another portion of the e-mail that said Steve would be stopping in. His opinion in how it reads is that Steve is coming in on his days off.

Mr. Parker responded that Mr. Skowfoe has his interpretation and he has his own interpretation. Mr. Skowfoe responded that he was exactly right and that many times their interpretations are different.

Mr. Skowfoe stated that he would not support the motion; Mr. Thayer stated that he wouldn't either. Mr. Skowfoe told Mr. Parker that if he wanted to make a motion, but it would die due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Parker made a motion to pass the resolution on to the board; as there was not second, the motion died in committee.

Mr. Skowfoe asked if there was any other business; as there was none brought forward, he stated that he would like to see a recommendation from Steve as to the crane work after which he would set up a site visit with the committee.

**6. Closing**

Mr. Thayer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Parker. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Beeler,  
Confidential Secretary