

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING CONCERNING
EXTENSION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWNS
May 12, 2015

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Workshop Meeting concerning extension of the Solid Waste Management Agreements with Towns on May 12, 2015 at Russell Brott Senior Center, Town of Ulster, 1 Town Hall Drive, Lake Katrine, NY.

The meeting was convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen, Treasurer Charles Landi, Member David Gordon and Member Dominic Tagliafierro.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs (excused), Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp (excused) and Administrative Assistant, Melinda France.

From the public: Supervisor Carl Chipman from Town of Rochester; Terry Houck from the Town Board of Wawarsing; Diane McCord from the Town Board of Esopus; Supervisor Michael Warren from Town of Marletown; Gloria VanVliet from the Town Board of Esopus; Jim Craven Manager of the Town of Hurley Transfer Station; Jodi LaMarco of the Blue Stone Press; Supervisor Steve Osborn of the Town of Marlborough; Dare Thompson from the League of Women Voters; Supervisor Jim Quigley, 3rd from Town of Ulster; William Kemble of the Daily Freeman; Terrence P. Ward of the New Paltz Times; Supervisor Greg Helmoortal of the Town of Saugerties; Jimmy Bruno from the Town Board of Saugerties; Laura Petit Town of New Paltz Recycling Coordinator; Jim Maloney Ulster County Legislature and Shea Sage.

Leon Smith called the Workshop meeting to order regarding contract issues with the Towns. Leon thanked Supervisor Jim Quigley for allowing the Agency to use the Town of Ulster Senior Center for the Workshop Meeting.

Leon Smith asked David Gordon to fill in the Board with his discussions with the Towns.

David Gordon stated that the Resolution regarding the Towns was TABLED at last meeting to see what could be done to come up with an agreement. He stated that the pressing problem is how to reform the program in terms of the cost structure that works. The Agency needs to purchase more than \$1 million in equipment; new trucks and boxes. The Towns have had difficulty in committing because the Towns were not sure of rates. Basic concept is decouple the responsibility paying for the capital improvements. The basic structure of the contract is to require the Towns to commit to pay the capital costs over a 10 year period and after committing to a contract can be free to leave the program if they receive a better deal from a private hauler.

David Gordon discussed the new rates and he stated this would benefits the Towns and recycling:

- Pull charges for MSW and Recycling will be \$62 a pull, with an equipment surcharge of \$16 a pull;
- MSW Box rentals will be set at \$77 a month per box and this rate will stay the same for the life of the contract;
- No fee will be charged on recycling boxes;

- Tipping and pull charges will be adjusted annually by the Agency during the Budget process and will be done in a transparent manner so as to “Break Even”;
- Using the DEC reimbursement for the recycling boxes;

David Gordon also discussed:

- The Towns will have to be in full compliance including all safety concerns and the proper care of the boxes;

The Board passed out a letter that was previously sent to the Supervisors prior to the Workshop meeting regarding Solid Waste Management Agreement Points of Emphasis.

Leon Smith stated a decision needs to be made by next meeting.

THE BOARD AGREED TO OPEN IT UP TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS.

The following people spoke: Supervisor Jim Quigley, 3rd from Town of Ulster; Supervisor Carl Chipman from Town of Rochester; Supervisor Michael Warren from Town of Marletown; Terry Houck from the Town Board of Wawarsing; Supervisor Steve Osborn of Town of Marlborough; Jim Craven Manager of the Town of Hurley Transfer Station; and Laura Petit Town of New Paltz Recycling Coordinator. The main concerns/topics brought to the Board during discussion were:

- Commitment time on contracts;
- Box rental and pull charge fees;
- Ownership of boxes;
- Prices on purchasing the boxes;
- Access of the Transfer Stations/insurance issues;
- Inspections of the Transfer Stations;
- All or if a few Towns sign-on; and
- Trucking of the trash.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Leon Smith stated the staff will check container prices and will provide to the Supervisors. He also thanked the Towns for working with the Agency.

MOTION to ADJOURN the May 12, 2015 Workshop meeting at 5:53 pm was made by the BOARD.

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The above transcribed Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Workshop Meeting were moved by David Gordon and seconded by Dominic Tagliafierro. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (NILSEN & LANDI). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: May 27, 2015

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WHOLE DISCUSSION AT THIS WORKSHOP MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON CD PER REQUEST.