

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
SOLID WASTE DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
52 McKillip Road, Alloway, NJ**

Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 4:30 pm

Chairman Cordy Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Chairman Taylor then read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

ROLL CALL

Taylor, Cordy	Present
Davis, Barry	Present
Schneider Lewis	Present
Bestwick, Susan	Present
DiMatteo, Steven	Absent

Julie Acton, Executive Director, Mark Shoemaker, Esquire, Lodie van Tonder, Landfill Manager, Dr. Michael Gorman of the Salem Community College, and Ed Ramsey (member of the public) were present.

MINUTES

Regular meeting of October 11, 2018 – (M) Bestwick (S) Davis to approve minutes. Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Michael Gorman of the Salem Community College was present to apprise the Board regarding an undertaking by the College and other corporate and local civic entities to prevent the YMCA building in Carneys Point from being sold and turned into other uses. Dr. Gorman explained the need for the gym, day care, library and other space to the college as well as to the county itself. He explained the financing for the project and he advised that the Cumberland County Improvement Authority was one of the entities driving the project as they have experience with projects like this. He advised that there would be a need for a shared services agreement between the Cumberland County Improvement Authority and the Salem County Improvement Authority when the time comes. Dr. Gorman answered questions from Board members regarding the history of the building and repairs to same, as well as questions regarding financing going forward. Options were discussed and it was noted that the Improvement Authority does support the idea to keep the building open and functioning as it currently exists.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Statewide Insurance Fund training letter, the thank you letter from Meals on Wheels for the Giant Pumpkin Carve event, and several thank you letters from county schools regarding the litter abatement program were noted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Copies of this report were distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Executive Director Acton highlighted the following from her report:

The Improvement Authority continues to try to find a vendor for the agricultural mulch, but has had no success to date. The State approved the budget, the audit is completed and the recycling and litter abatement shows in the county schools have begun. Executive Director Acton advised that she provided everyone with the schedule and encouraged the Board members to try to attend a show. She noted that the last shredding event of the year is coming up on November 17. She noted that she is working on finding an appropriate project for the funds that would otherwise be paid regarding the Title V air quality fine and there is a meeting set up with a company that installs electric car charging stations. More information regarding this project would be available after the meeting and locations of the charging stations was discussed at length.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS

GPS Report. Landfill Manager, Lodie van Tonder explained the figures on the GPS report, noting that the October compaction numbers are excellent due to the presence of the R&B Debris screenings. Mr. van Tonder advised that next month he will improve the chart with more information to provide a basis for comparisons and so the Board will be able to better understand the numbers and their meanings.

Landfill Statistical Report. The Statistical Report was reviewed, and it was noted that landfill revenue is up; however, the leachate expense is also up. The landfill operators are pleased with the R&B Debris screenings and they are being used to stabilize the roads and the landfill itself with regard to the rainfall. Board member Davis asked for specifics regarding the leachate numbers as it relates to the rainfall and it was explained that the landfill area is much bigger than this timeframe last year and we have had 8-9 inches more rainfall than the same period last year.

Landfill Engineer's Report dated November 1, 2018. Copies of this report were distributed to all Board members prior to this meeting. Executive Director Acton advised that the piezometers were replaced and the fecal coliform levels are being verified.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Taylor advised that the Board would take the Solid Waste Committee report first as it relates to the Engineer's report, as follows:

Executive Committee (Susan Bestwick) – Committee Chair Bestwick advised that she had nothing to add as everything was covered by the Executive Director's report, but she did note that they had the quarterly meeting with Green Technology and the meeting was very beneficial.

Solid Waste Committee (Barry Davis) – Committee Chair Davis advised that there will be a meeting of the haulers on November 19 to discuss the tipping fee increase, the loader tires are needed and there is a resolution to that effect. He advised that Jim McKelvie, Landfill Engineer, will be attending the December

Board meeting to discuss the logistics of Cell 10. He noted that there is still no vendor for the agricultural mulch. He also added that he would like a timeline regarding the closure/post-closure plan.

Ad Hoc Committee (Steven DiMatteo) – Committee Chair DiMatteo was not present.

Personnel Committee (Lewis Schneider) – Committee Chairman Lew Schneider advised that employees who will be carrying over vacation needed to submit a letter and use all carried-over time by March 31 and he was aware of the healthcare waiver amounts and employees receiving same.

Chairman Taylor, without objection, ordered the Executive Director’s report, landfill statistical report, Engineer’s report and the committee reports be received and filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Finlaw Building was discussed, and it was noted that there is no change except that the overage paid previously has been used up.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to adopt Resolution 2018-62 through Resolution 2018-70 except for Resolution 2018-67 via Consent Agenda

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Resolution 2018-67 Accepting Closure Escrow Fund Audit

(M) Bestwick (S) Schneider accepting the closure escrow fund audit
The resolution was adopted by voice vote 4-0.

Recorded Vote

	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Taylor			✓			
Bestwick	✓		✓			
Schneider		✓	✓			
Davis			✓			
DiMatteo					✓	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding the presentation about the YMCA building, Edward Ramsey, a member of the public, requested to know what PRAC stood for and he was advised that it is the Puerto Rican Action Committee. Regarding a notation in the Executive Director's agenda, Mr. Ramsey requested to know what Triad was and he was advised that they are a grant writing firm. They are being asked to help find funding to help with the leachate. To date the meeting that was scheduled was canceled by Triad and another meeting is being scheduled. He then commented that he has seen entities come to the Board meetings with projects and he offered a word of caution that this may be opening the door for requests for funding in the future. Board member Bestwick made it clear that the Improvement Authority is not providing money for projects; just support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Chairman Taylor asked if there was any further business for the Board. Hearing none, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Florence E. Beckett
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Recording Secretary