

CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Work Session – Lanchester

February 20, 2014

1. **Call to Order:** Bob Schoenberger, Chairman, called the February 20, 2014 *Work Session Meeting* of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

Authority Members Present

Bob Schoenberger
Peter Marroletti
Peter Knipe
Ramsey G. DiLibero
Vince Carosella
Joel Martin

Authority Members Absent

Joe Viscuso

Management and Staff Present

Robert A. Watts
Mike Magrann
Owen Esterly
Terry Devine
Gary Laird
Nancy Fromnick

Solicitor

Vincent M. Pompo, Esquire

2. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the January 30, 2014 Combined Session Meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

3. **Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman had no announcements.

4. **Executive Director's Report.**

A. Monthly Activity Report: Mr. Watts said one of the major events recently has been the weather. We have closed one day and limited hours other days because our customers had taken their trucks off the road due to the winter conditions. We did receive approval from the three local townships and the PADEP to extend our hours twice on Saturdays to 2:00 pm. Mr. Watts said he wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to attend SWANA's Senior Executive Seminar and he found it worthwhile. Mr. Watts said he and Mr. Laird had traveled on February 10th to a landfill in Central Pennsylvania to see their leachate treatment

system. Their system and landfill are much larger than ours, but it seemed to be working well. Mr. Watts said 591 Friendship Dr. was recently listed for sale – this property is covered by the Area D Property Value Protection Plan. All the properties are currently rented.

- B. Senior Staff Meeting Memos:** Mr. Watts said the Board members could read the Senior Staff Meeting Minutes contained in Section 4B at their leisure.
- C. News Articles:** The first article in this section was concerning a MSW composting operation being replaced in Wisconsin with landfilling due to the high cost of replacing the composting drums. The second article was concerning a company we had talked to about their Plasma torch system and they are building a plant in China to vitrify incinerator ash. The next article was concerning the Rolling Hills Landfill in Berks County discussing a 90 foot height increase with their host township. The last article in this section was concerning an Oregon landfill working with a California company to convert some of their landfill gas into diesel fuel.
- E. DEPI Revised Letter of Intent:** This section contains a memo from DEPI outlining their proposed energy project in Ephrata, the modified letter of intent and a spreadsheet prepared by Mr. Magrann on the financial impact their proposal would have to CCSWA. Mr. Watts and Mr. Magrann are recommending not to sign this letter of intent because this will not provide us enough revenue to fund the Area E Expansion.
- F. 4th Quarter 2013 Chester County Waste Destinations:** This section contained a copy of the PADEP reports for the 4th quarters of 2012 and 2013 as well as a bar graph comparing the quantity of waste from Chester County that is being disposed in landfills in Pennsylvania. Mr. Watts said the figures indicate that trend of less waste generation continues in Chester County. Mr. Watts said there seems to be some missing C&D waste and he would follow up on this.
- G. Granger Energy Update:** Mr. Watts said this section contained a copy of an email the President of Granger Energy sent him recently. He said they hope to be back generating electricity soon with one engine and the second a few weeks later.
- H. Thank You Letter:** Mr. Watts said this section contained copies of thank you letters from year end donations. There was also a thank you letter from PADEP for CCSWA volunteering to participate in the Great Cleanup of PA again this year.

5. **Operations Report.**

- A. Monthly Activity Report:** Mr. Watts said the landfill gas was at about 2,650 cfm in January. We received 2.54" of water equivalent precipitation in January. We had previously reported on the transmission repair to our D7 dozer, but now had all the figures and the total cost for the repair was almost \$37,000. Our track loader was repaired under warranty by Caterpillar. They also gave us a loaner track loader to use at no cost while ours was being repaired. We did receive just over 100 tons of contaminated soil for use as alternate daily cover in January. We are no longer expecting to receive any Harrisburg ash for use as alternate daily cover. There was also a hand written and typed report from our PADEP inspector in this section. The inspection did not have any violations or areas of concern. The last thing in this section is a graph showing the landfill compaction over the last few years as a result of our annual survey. The 2013 number is still under review.
- B. 2014 Heavy Equipment Rental:** We received two bids – one for equipment without operator and one with operator. Mr. Watts he and Ms. Nichols are in agreement that the Board should award to the proposers as presented.

The Board adjourned at 7:00 pm into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, they returned to Regular Session and adjourned for the night at 7:17 pm.