

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
EASTERN RENSSELAER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority took place on the 3rd day of March, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the ERC Community Warehouse, located at 21428 NY Route 22, Hoosick Falls, New York.

The following persons were present:

- Jean Carlson, Vice-Chairman & Representative of Schaghticoke
- Jay Overocker, Secretary & Representative of Valley Falls
- Robert Downing, Representative of Hoosick Falls
- P.J. Roder, Representative of Stephentown
- Charlie Collins, Representative of Nassau
- Joanna Redden, Executive Director

Absent: Donald Justus and Verna Hansen

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2008, were presented for review.

A **Motion** to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to accept them as printed was made by Jay Overocker and seconded by Robert Downing.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 3-0 in favor (P.J. Roder and Charlie Collins abstain)

Chairman called for committee reports. There were none.

Chairman called for the Executive Director report. (Attached hereto as "Exhibit A")

Old Business

Electronics Update

Ms. Redden informed the Board that she has been searching for a new electronics vendor since eLot informed us that they would not be upholding the agreement previously entered into. Two price quotes were received from electronic recycling vendors, but neither was less expensive than eLot's new pricing schedule. Ms. Redden is still working on getting another price quote from Waste Management & Recycling Products, whom we've done business with in previous years.

In the meantime, there are two alternatives that we will suggest that residents take advantage of. Municipalities will include these options in their newsletters as will the ERCSWMA in the annual Spring Waste-Not Newsletter.

Recycling Event offered by PC Recycler

PC Recycler, Inc. holds an electronics recycling event on the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at their location in Watervliet (2622 7th Avenue, Bldg 53, Watervliet, NY 12189). Residents are charged \$10 per television and monitor and \$10 for each data destruction performed on a hard drive (if desired).

Best Buy's New Electronics Recycling Program

Best Buy recently launched a new electronics recycling program allowing consumers to bring in most electronics with a limit of 2 items per day. There is a \$10 charge for each item with a screen (televisions and monitors greater than 32" are not accepted), but the consumer will receive a \$10 Best Buy gift card instantly in exchange for the fee.

New Business

HHW Contractor Update for 2009

Ms. Redden informed the Board that she met with Marc Kodrowski from MXI Environmental Services, LLC regarding their services for HHW Collection Events. MXI provided pricing which is approximately 9% less than what Care charges under their 2007 bid. While we have used Care Environmental services for the majority of the years we've held HHW events, we are not bound to use their services in 2009. Discussion ensued regarding the bid process through the Town of Bethlehem. This goes out to bid every three years and will go out to bid again at the end of the year. We will then contract with the lowest bidder in 2010 with the option to extend for two additional years.

The Board indicated that they are not certain that it would be best to contract with another vendor when we've had a good relationship with Care Environmental for many years. Mr. Collins suggested that we seek input from other municipalities who have used MXI's services to find out if they have been satisfied with the company. Mr. Roder recommended that we contact Care Environmental to find out if they can offer any competitive pricing based on what MXI is offering. The Board concluded that they would like additional feedback before a decision is made on who to contract with for services in 2009.

Public Comment: There was no one from the Public present.

There being no other business before this Board a **Motion** made by Jay Overocker and seconded by Charlie Collins to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:59 p.m., with an oral vote of 5-0 in favor.