

**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 19th day of January, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Schaghticoke Town Hall, located at 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York.

The following persons were present:

- Jean Carlson, Chairman & Representative of Schaghticoke
- Jay Overocker, Secretary & Representative of Valley Falls
- Verna Hansen, Representative of Pittstown
- P.J. Roder, Representative of Stephentown
- Charlie Collins, Representative of Nassau
- Joanna Redden, Executive Director

Absent: Donald Justus and Robert Downing

Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 27, 2009, were presented for review.

A **Motion** to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to accept them as printed was made by Verna Hansen and seconded by Charlie Collins.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 5-0 in favor

Chairman called for committee reports. There were none.

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

Old Business

Roll-off Replacements Update

Ms. Redden reported that the first roll-off container for the Village of Nassau has been delivered, however she just received word from Charlie Collins that it does not have access doors on both sides (only on one side) as was ordered. The vendor will be contacted and Charlie will find out what the Village would like done about it. Another roll-off container will be purchased early this year, when more funds arrive from municipalities for the 2010 operating expenses.

ERCSWMA – Municipality Agreements

Since the current Agreements with Towns/Villages are effective until August 1, 2015 (25 year agreements began August 1, 1990), we need to start thinking about how our member

municipalities would like to proceed for the future. Jean Carlson spoke on behalf of the Town of Schaghticoke indicating that the Town intends to continue the relationship with ERCSWMA, since the ERCSWMA works to fulfill all DEC requirements and makes the most of the waste and recycling programs within the Town. P.J. Roder indicated that the Town of Stephentown is not sure if they intend to continue the relationship with the ERCSWMA and that the cost of being a member may not outweigh the benefits. He shared that currently the Town of Stephentown is currently struggling with the cost to run their transfer station. The revenues brought in by the users do not cover the costs and they are running at a significant loss each year. Jean Carlson suggested talking with Meg Morris, who may have some extensive knowledge about the Town's involvement, since she was instrumental in the Authority's inception, but also lived in Stephentown up until just recently. Ms. Redden suggested that this continue to be an open conversation between the ERCSWMA and the Town of Stephentown and that representatives of both entities should meet to look at the financials and work to develop a solution to the problems the town is facing with regard to their waste management.

New Business

HHW 2010 Grant Application

Ms. Redden informed the Board that she has been working to prepare a Grant Application for the fifteen month period of January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010. While DEC previously allowed Grant Applications to be filed for 3 year periods, their policy has changed and will now only allow applications for one year at a time. The time frame allowed for applications is April 1 – March 31, but since our last grant application was only through December 31, 2009, DEC has allowed us to file an application for a fifteen month period to include January 1, 2010 through March, 31, 2011. Next year, then, our grant application will be on schedule with what DEC requires.

Motion to pass resolution (attached hereto as "Exhibit B") authorizing the filing of the Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application for the period of January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 made by: Jean Carlson; seconded by: Jay Overocker.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 5-0 in favor

Electronics Update

Ms. Redden informed the Board that eLot Electronics Recycling would like to enter into an agreement with us to secure pricing for the next three years. They have indicated that they will honor the current pricing for 90 days, but cannot guarantee the same pricing beyond that date unless we contract with them. There was some discussion regarding the validity of a contract with eLot, since they have neglected to honor the previous contract we entered into with them. Ms. Redden indicated that she will work to collect service quotes from other vendors in order to find the best pricing for electronics recycling services. Once this other pricing information is gathered, the Board will make a decision on how to proceed.

Search for New Executive Director

Discussion began regarding the search for a new Director. Given the advertising options, the Board agreed that the best places to advertise are through the Times Union via their online connection with Yahoo Hot Jobs and also the local Eastwick Press and the Eagle Newspaper. Mr. Overocker indicated that it would be useful to post and ad on Craigslist, which is free of charge. Ms. Redden indicated that she will post the job opening on Craigslist along with a few other free sites including jobsearch.org, which is connected with the Department of Labor.

The Board agreed that the job posting would allow for a two week period of collecting resumes and after the collection period is complete, Ms. Redden would present the most qualified candidates to the Board for consideration. While there was discussion regarding selecting a sub-committee to handle the interviewing and selecting a new candidate, all Board members agreed that it would be most suitable to simply have the entire ERCSWMA Board involved in this process.

Ms. Redden's roll beyond January

Ms. Redden indicated that while she officially submitted her resignation to be effective at the end of January, she would be more than willing to stay on to make sure that all day-to-day tasks as well as major issues are taken care of until a new Director is hired. Additionally, she will be able to continue making progress on the longer term projects in the interim. Once a new Director is in place, Ms. Redden said she would be willing to help train and provide guidance to that person for as long as is needed, as Tim did when she was hired. Most of this can be done via the telephone or email, however, because Ms. Redden indicated that she would not be available to come into the office more than once or twice each week. The Board agreed that this situation would be beneficial until a new Director has been hired and trained.

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

There being no other business before this Board a **Motion** made by Jean Carlson and seconded by Jay Overocker to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m., with an oral vote of 4-0 in favor.