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Chairman

MINUTES

RCSWMA Meeting

Thursday March 6, 2008 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Chambers

Present

C. St. Lawrence
V. Altieri
G. Bierker
C. Coker
E. Devine
M. Grant
A. Gromack

Present

D. Jobson
D. Kay
T. Kleiner
P. Moroney
H. Phillips
I. Schoenberger
P. Soskin

Absent

H. Cornell
P. Marino

Others

H. Benado
K. Braunfotel
J. Burnet
J. Chiaia
M. Diederich
C. Dornbush
C. Galione
B. Gauntlett
S. Haggerty
J. Klos

Others

R. Lauria
J. Layne
S. Mathews
T. Micelli
D. O'Donnell
T. Pytlar
A. Roppolo
K. Scales
A. Stewart
L. Toole

1. Welcome to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority meeting for Thursday, March 6, 2008.
2. Roll call by Clerk. There is a quorum.
3. **Introduced by: Phillips/Jobson** **Unan.** **March 6, 2008**

Resolution No. 11 of 2008

Adoption of Minutes, Meeting of January 24, 2008

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting of January 24, 2008, as recorded by the Clerk, and are hereby adopted.

St. Lawrence: Next is a resolution for a position we previously created for a Purchaser II.

4. **Introduced By: Gromack/Schoenberger** **Unan.** **March 6, 2008**

Resolution No. 12 OF 2008

Appoint Lawrence Stevenson, as Purchaser II to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

WHEREAS, the Authority is in the process of acquiring additional facilities and operations and needs an additional staff position of Purchaser II, as more specifically defined in the attached job description; and

WHEREAS, the position was established by the Rockland County Department of Personnel and the Authority by Resolution 4 of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Stevenson may be hired from the Eligible List # 06042 and it is the Authority's desire to appoint this employee to the position of Purchaser II, a full time position of 40 hours per week with an annual salary of \$55,000.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Authority Board of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority hereby appoints Lawrence Stevenson, as Purchaser II to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority.

St. Lawrence: The next resolution is authorizing submission of the Flow Control Task Force Report and draft flow control law to the Rockland County Legislature requesting enactment of such law.

Altieri: It's my intention to vote in favor and I want to thank the Chairman for working with the County Executive and creating the task force. It was a great job regarding tonnage issues and presentations on recycling and the economics of flow control. But, it was my understanding at the last meeting I was present that there would still be two more meetings. The Law Department from the County didn't put in their comments on the draft law. I was hoping that the County Law Department could meet with the Authority to input their comments on the local law and those comments be put into the draft before it's sent to the legislature?

Schoenberger: As you know, the local law needs to be adopted by the Legislature. It has to be put through the committee process, it needs the approval of the County Executive and I will sponsor this legislation and would welcome any comments from anybody including the law department and any suggestions they have.

Altieri: One of the main purposes of the task force was to get input from our law department on what the local law would be after we got all the input about tonnages and recycling. I had met with the law department about issues with the draft local law and we were anticipating another task force meeting and having the law department's input on the proposal. We would like to work with the proposal as it is forwarded by the Chairman.

St. Lawrence: I would like to reiterate what Mr. Schoenberger said that any comments from the County Law Department will be incorporated into the law. As I mentioned in the task force document, I thanked the County Executive for the task force and I appreciate your participation as well. The last meeting you attended must have been the February 15th meeting and at that meeting we had discussed most of the law. The February 22nd meeting was adjourned because there was a meeting for the Tappan Zee Bridge that a lot of the task force wanted to attend and we were scheduled to finish on February 29th. The last piece was on the enforcement and our counsel met with the Rockland County Health Department and then we reviewed that on the 29th. It's a great document and it's a living document and can be improved upon by the County Law Department through the Legislature.

Altieri: The County Executive's view of the task force meetings was to have the County Law Departments input on the product of the task force. Could the law department meet next week with the Authority?

St. Lawrence: I think they could do that process with the Legislature. We are at the point of passing this on to the Legislature where it will be a continuing process. The Authority's counsel at the February 15th meeting requested any input and we did not receive anything. The counsel had given the County a draft of the law in September of 2007 and we still haven't received any comments.

Coker: As Legislature Schoenberger is reviewing the draft and the comments from the Law Department are forwarded and the draft is revised in some way, does it have to come back here to be voted on before it goes to the Legislature again.

St. Lawrence: No it does not. It will go through the Budget and Finance and Public Works Committees. I will be available for any of those meeting to answer any questions.

Altieri: I had offered to put together a group of lawyers to work parallel to the task force. But I was told we could just submit comments and again I thought there was going to be a couple more meetings.

St. Lawrence: It should be clear that it's no fault of the task force. Those comments can be forth coming and just as powerful and effective in the Legislative office as it would be at the task force.

Gromack: I'd like to commend you and the task force that met diligently on Fridays and moved this process along. As you said it was out in the open. Clarkstown Town Board has had two workshops where a lot of people had come to talk about this issue. I attended a couple of the meetings and our counsel and deputy town attorney were at the meetings. Was there an attorney from the County at every meeting that was part of the discussions and participated and gave input?

St. Lawrence: They had a representative at a majority of the meetings.

Gromack: Then they had the ability to be a part of the discussion and give input.

Kleiner: I also wanted to commend you and the staff at the Authority and the members of the Authority Board that were able to come because the issues are somewhat complex. I don't see any reason to hold this referral back at this point even though I completely agree any contribution from the County Law Department, or any of the towns and villages of what has already been produced, would be welcomed by all of us. As Legislature Schoenberger said, I don't see any reason why that can't be accomplished as it goes to the Legislature. If it's something so significant that the task force or this body has to meet on it again, then we'll make ourselves available.

St. Lawrence: We will incorporate any comments that come through that process at the Legislature.

Phillips: I just want to compliment the staff as well and our Chairman. This is something that's been on-going since the Supreme Court has decided, and it's the law of the land, and we are going to have to abide by it. The great thing about this as you have mention, Mr. Chairman, is this should help the tax payers of Rockland County by increasing the volume whether it's recyclables or garbage it's only going to make us more competitively to the markets. This is something we must push forward and people are waiting for it. Once again I want to recognize the staff that did an excellent job on this.

Kay: I would like to propose that the Board look at a feasibility study for the villages that currently have a transfer station and the potential loss to those residents within those villages and the tax implication that would have with those villages involved.

St. Lawrence: The Villages of Chestnut Ridge and Hillburn have a transfer station. Chestnut Ridge takes a lot of waste from New Jersey and they would continue to take that in. Hillburn would still process waste from Orange County or New Jersey through that facility. But the waste from the Village of Hillburn, which is a very small percentage, would come to our facility.

Presentations:

Andy Stewart from Keep Rockland Beautiful, Inc. thanked the Authority for donating to the Great American Clean Up campaign.

Kathy Galione, Project Coordinator of the Rockland County Americorps thanked the Authority for being a host site for the Americorps volunteers.

Coker: I just want to recognize the job that Clarkstown is doing to control the odors from the mulch operations. There is a huge volume there and I think it's important to continue to focus on that.

St. Lawrence: One of the reasons there are less odors is because there's more room and that's why we are looking to acquire addition property there.

Gromack: We certainly view the opportunity of flow control and the turnover to the Solid Waste Authority as an opportunity to improve upon the operation. We're looking at additional land and we had a meeting with the County Health Department and they gave us additional things we can work on. We will be working with the Authority to improve our site, but, I don't want to leave the impression that we've neglected it. It's a very big facility.

St. Lawrence: The Solid Waste Authority and the town really want the neighbors to have an odor free environment.

Kleiner: Is there an update on the Executive Director's position?

St. Lawrence: Yes, it's gone into the newspapers for people to send in their resumes.

Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Schoenberger: Moved

Jobson: Seconded

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty