

Minutes
Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority
April 25, 2002

Members Present

C. St. Lawrence
B. Berliner
E. Devine
T. Dusanenko
F. Fornario
C. Holbrook
T. Kleiner
H. Marshall
H. Phillips
I. Schoenberger
Dr. Yarmus

Members Absent

S. Corallo
S. Hurley
D. Jobson
R. Karben
F. Wassmer
K. Zebrowski

Others Present

R. Delo
A. Etelson
T. West
T. Pytlar
R. Forgery
S. Orfini
H. Schucker
H. Benado
J. Burnet
E. Jaffee
S. Simon
R. Wasserman
V. Farwell

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

Item #3

Resolution No. 8 of 2002
Adoption of Minutes, Meeting of February 28, 2002

F. Fornario offered the following resolution, which was seconded by C. Holbrook and was approved unanimously,
RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority for the meeting of February 28, 2002 as recorded by the Clerk are hereby adopted.

Item #4

REPORTS

T. Pytlar stated that the key activity that WFC has been working on is the ongoing dispute with WM on the MRF. WFC assisted the Authority by observing WM's work of sorting and sampling of the incoming recyclables to the Facility in WM's efforts to identify rejectable items. WFC assisted the Authority in preparing documents to WM stating that they are in violation of Service Agreement in various areas. WFC continued to make progress on the solar energy project to dry the wood amendment at the composting facility and have met with the President of Solar Wall. WFC is working with this company to obtain a proposal for the Authority. T. Pytlar stated that there have been some deficiencies with the epoxy coating that was applied to the interior of the coco building. This coating was designed to help reduce the rate of corrosion in the building.

Synagro did produce a corrosion report for the facility and WFC did review it and have responded to Synagro. WFC continued to work on the design of the backyard composting area. Correspondences were prepared on the elevation of the radiation detectors. The transfer station improvements are in the stage of finishing the contract and the contractors work and WFC are reviewing the contractors work, punch list work, observing work to replaced the anvil topping and directing the contractor to finish up the fiber optic work.

Executive Director

R. Delo stated that the Authority is in the process of recruiting for a Recycling Coordinator. The County has a list and canvass letters were sent out. Two letters have come back out of 6-8 with favorable responses. Responses are due back by May 1, 2002. After all responses are back, interviews will be scheduled. The Authority's weighers are on board and R. Delo is pleased to say that they are working out great. R. Delo recognized R. Fogerty of Global Action Plan to speak about an EPA Award.

R. Fogerty announced that the Eco-Team for Rockland County has won the highest recognition award from EPA. The award will be given in NYC. R. Fogerty questioned if C. St. Lawrence would receive that award for the Authority?

C. St. Lawrence questioned where and when?

R. Delo answered that the award will be given at EPA's office in lower Manhattan at Federal Plaza on April 30, 2002.

C. St. Lawrence stated that if any Authority member that might want to go please notify the Authority as soon as possible so that arraignments can be made to car pool.

R. Fogerty stated that 13 teams are being stated right now. Nine teams are in the Nyack area and 4 are in the Spring Valley area.

C. St. Lawrence stated that R. Fogerty should be notifying the Authority members in the area of these teams.

R. Fogerty answered that she already does.

R. Delo commended A. Etelson who has done a great job on collections for the Authority. The Authority is being very aggressive on collection and has been turning carters away. Cornell Cooperative Extension is working with the Authority on a kick-off event for the distribution of the composting bins. The first shipment was already received. A kick-off event will be scheduled at the Authority's office and then followed up by events at each Town.

C. St. Lawrence stated that Joe Miele of Miele Sanitation had an accident and the Authority wishes him all the best in recovering.

R. Delo stated that he had a meeting with the Mayor of Sloatsburg and the Mayor was raving about the service that Miele has been providing to the Village.

R. Delo stated that if any other municipality is interested please let the Authority know.

T. Kleiner stated that the Town went to once per week recycling.

C. St. Lawrence stated that the Authority staff should submit a per capita schedule for the board.

So noted by the staff.

Item #10

C. St. Lawrence introduced Legislator Jaffee.

E. Jaffee stated that for several months she has been working on a piece of legislation to ban the use of mercury thermometers in the County. R. Delo, Health Department and herself have had many conversations on the dangers of mercury and how it causes irreversible brain and kidney damage along with nausea. When people dispose of mercury thermometers it usually ends up in the water system. One mercury thermometer contains 7/10 grams of mercury and that amount could contaminate the surface area of up to 20 acres of land. The Health Department thought it was a good idea to develop a program that residents could dispose of these thermometers in a safe and environmentally friendly way. R. Delo, Health Department and herself though that the proper place would be at the HHW Facility. As an incentive, Westchester County has a Thermometers Exchange Program where residents bring in their mercury thermometers and exchange them for a new digital thermometer. E. Jaffee stated that as an incentive like Westchester County the Authority should fund the digital thermometers for the residents.

R. Delo stated that in the packet is information from RG Medical, which is the company that Westchester uses. Westchester's situation is that Wheelabrator is their operator of their transfer station that is waste to energy so the operator has an incentive to get the mercury thermometers out of the waste stream. Westchester had Wheelabrator co-sponsor the program at no cost to the County. The Authority can already accept thermometers at the HHW Facility but what is being proposed here is an exchange program, which R. Delo feels, is a great idea. R. Delo stated that he has already spoken with the NYSDEC and they have stated that the Authority can get reimbursed for the expense of the digital thermometers. The price per thermometer is around \$3.00 so the Authority would only pay \$1.50 per thermometer. R. Delo stated that the Health Department is concerned that if the Authority does this program that the HHW Program would be overwhelmed. The Health Department suggested that the Authority hold a number of events in each Town just for thermometers and then incorporate this program into the HHW Program.

C. St. Lawrence stated that with some products there needs to be a chain of custody. Ramapo DPW cannot pick up propane tanks, would the Town be able to hold such an event?

R. Delo clarified that the Authority would go to each Town and set up an exhibit table and one or two people on a Saturday or Sunday from 9am to 1pm would be there to receive thermometers and exchange them for digital thermometers.

Resolution No. 9 of 2002
Authorizing A Mercury Thermometer, Digital Thermometer Exchange Program

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the potential health hazard caused by the disposal of mercury thermometers, and,

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester has an exchange program whereby residents may obtain a digital thermometer in exchange for relinquishing a mercury thermometers, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority believes that a program fashioned after the Westchester program will be in the interests of the residents of Rockland County, and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has stated that the Authority may be reimbursed for 50% of the cost of procuring digital thermometers, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has ascertained that the cost for digital thermometer is approximately \$3.00, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority would facilitate this program with each township and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director establish such an exchange program to be funded in part by the State as set forth above.

Motion to Approve
Holbrook/Schoenberger Unan.

E. Jaffee thanked the Authority.

Item #5

Resolution No. 10 of 2002

Authorizing Changes to the Salary and Hours Work for the Position of Recycling Coordinator

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority’s current Recycling Coordinator resigned on April 5, 2002, and,

WHEREAS, the position will be filled as a civil service position, and,

WHEREAS, the current position is paid an annual salary of \$49,099 at 35 hours per week, and,

WHEREAS, the job description as compared with positions held by County of Rockland employees with similar experience and qualifications and the needs of the Authority required that the position be full time and the salary be \$48,000, now be it

WHEREAS, that the position of Recycling Coordinator be filled through the civil service lists, be full time at 40 hours per week and receive a base annual salary of \$48,000 effective April 25, 2002 or on the day holder of the position commences employment, whichever is later, prorated to December 31, 2002.

Resolution No. 11 of 2002

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the current Sr. Account Clerk-Typist is paid an annual base salary of \$32,599, and

WHEREAS, she has been found to be extremely competent, organized, efficient and detailed oriented and is proficient in computer skills, and,

WHEREAS, her experience and qualifications far exceed the minimum requirements for this position and include a B.S. degree in Business and Economics, and,

WHEREAS, she is a very diligent worker who fits in well with the Authority’s staff and is an asset to the Authority, and,

WHEREAS, she is being recruited by other agencies as a result which she may leave her current position with the Authority if the below salary adjustment is not made, now be it,

RESOLVED, that the person holding the position of Sr. Account Clerk-Typist receive an annual base salary of \$35,099 effective April 25, 2002 prorated to December 31, 2002.

Motion to Approve
Schoenberger/Holbrook

R. Delo recommended that the salary for Sr. Account Clerk/Typist be increased by \$2,500 and the salary for the Recycling Coordinator be decreased by \$49,000 to \$48,000 and the position be made a full time position.

B. Berliner questioned why the decrease?

R. Delo stated that he reviewed that salary and felt that the Authority would be able to hire someone at the lower salary and in a full time capacity. There was a special arraignment that was with the previous employee. The proposed salary is complete for the skills and abilities for the position and fits in well with the salary schedule that we have with other employees.

Unan.

Resolution No. 12 of 2002
Establishing the Position of Supervisor in Accordance with the Procedures of the
Rockland County Personnel Office

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the "Authority"), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for a position of Supervisor at the Pre-Processing Facility, and,

WHEREAS, the position must comply with the Classification and description of services to be rendered in conformity with the procedures established by the Rockland County Personnel Office, and,

WHEREAS, the job title and description is set forth in the PO 27, attached hereto, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the position of Supervisor be and it is hereby established and will be established upon classification action by the Rockland County Department of Personnel, and, still be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to sign any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution.

Resolution No. 13 of 2002
Establishing the Position of Mechanic in Accordance with the Procedures of the
Rockland County Personnel Office

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for a position of Mechanic at the Pre-Processing Facility, and,

WHEREAS, the position must comply with the Classification and description of services to be rendered in conformity with the procedures established by the Rockland County Personnel Office, and,

WHEREAS, the job title and description is set forth in the PO 27, attached hereto, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the position of Mechanic be and it is hereby established and will be established upon classification action by the Rockland County Department of Personnel, and, still be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to sign any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution.

Resolution No. 14 of 2002
Establishing the Position of Equipment Operator in Accordance with the
Procedures of the Rockland County Personnel Office

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for a position of Equipment Operator at the Pre-Processing Facility, and,

WHEREAS, the position must comply with the Classification and description of services to be rendered in conformity with the procedures established by the Rockland County Personnel Office, and,

WHEREAS, the job title and description is set forth in the PO 27, attached hereto, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the position of Equipment Operator be and it is hereby established and will be established upon classification action by the Rockland County Department of Personnel, and, still be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to sign any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution.

Resolution No. 15 of 2002
Establishing the Position of Driver/Maintenance in Accordance with the Procedures of the Rockland County Personnel Office

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for a position of Driver/Maintenance at the Pre-Processing Facility, and,

WHEREAS, the position must comply with the Classification and description of services to be rendered in conformity with the procedures established by the Rockland County Personnel Office, and,

WHEREAS, the job title and description is set forth in the PO 27, attached hereto, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the position of Diver/Maintenance be and it is hereby established and will be established upon classification action by the Rockland County Department of Personnel, and, still be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to sign any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution.

Motion to Approve
Holbrook/Schoenberger

T. Kleiner questioned if these positions are existing positions?

R. Delo answered no; these positions are to operate the Authority’s brand new Pre-processing facility.

Unan.

Item #7
No Executive Secession

R. Delo updated that Authority Board on the litigation with WM.

Item #8

R. Delo stated that there have been some discussions on putting radiation detectors at all of the sludge generators facilities. In the packets are the costs associated with the detectors and R. Delo feels that it is not worth the cost. At each facility it would cost in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000. R. Delo is recommending that the Authority hold off on this proposal and see how often this situation occurs. All of the insurances that the Authority has experienced with radiation in sludge have been from Orange County and they are going to install a detector at their plant. The Authority is investigating having an additional detector at our facility. The Authority's detector sometimes pick up material going out with radiation but not coming in and that could be due to the location and/or kind of detectors the Authority has. The Authority is going to pursue this and get back to the Authority.

C. St. Lawrence questioned if the Authority received any sludge from West Point that had radiation in it?

R. Delo answered no; that all of the radiation has been low-level medical waste.

C. St. Lawrence called to R. Wasserman to update the Authority on the litigation with WM.

R. Wasserman updated the Board.

Item #9

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2002
RATIFYING ACTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ISSUANCE OF 2002A NOTES**

WHEREAS, in 1992, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approved Rockland County's (the "County") Final Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan and Generic Environment Impact Statement (the "SWMP/GEIS"); and

WHEREAS, the SWMP/GEIS sets forth a strategy that relies upon multiple waste management methods and facilities, including recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the "Authority") was formed in accordance with section 2053(e) *et seq.* of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York (the "Act"), and Resolution No. 301 of 1994 of the County legislature to implement certain provisions of the SWMP/GEIS and to construct solid waste management facilities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 35 of 1998, the Authority has authorized the acquisition of the Ramapo Transfer Station and Scalehouse (the "Transfer Station"); and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2002, the Authority issued the Series 2002A Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 for financing improvements to the Transfer Station, including the construction of a recycling preprocessing facility; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Executive Director, pursuant to the delegation set forth in Section 204 of the 2001 Note Resolution adopted on November 15, 2002 determined that the maturity date of the 2002A Notes be September 1, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority hereby ratifies and approves the actions of the Chairman and the Executive Director in connection with their determination that the maturity date of the 2002A Notes be September 1, 2003.

Motion to Approve
Schoenberger/Berliner Unan.

Item #11
New Business

T. Kleiner stated that he read the Authority's response to Kalmar and was wondering if the Authority has any plan for a PR firm.

R. Delo stated that he felt that the Authority Board was not interested in pursuing a PR company.

T. Kleiner stated that there is an interest but not with that company. T. Kleiner stated that he felt that this company was missing something with their presentation. The idea should be to increase recycling not creating a new name for the Authority.

R. Delo stated that he feels that the Authority should wait until the new recycling coordinator is on board and then see how that person works out and based on that then start looking at PR companies.

C. St. Lawrence stated that he remembers T. Dusanenko making the point that the Authority was so far behind in collections that the Authority should get our house in order first. He feels now that the Authority is back on track getting weighers at the scalehouse and having a good staff at the office he feels that the Authority should continue doing the promotion in house like we have been doing.

Motion to Adjourn,
Fornario/Berliner Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido