

County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority

Minutes of Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019

Franklin County Court House – Kitchen Conference Conference Room, Malone, NY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Gaggin at 3:03 PM.

Roll call was held and the following members were present:

Barry Dabiew, Boyce Sherwin, Greg Cook, Ed Robideau, Warren Gaggin, Brandon Titus.

The following members were absent:

Dean Lefebvre

Also present at the meeting were: Todd Perry, Executive Director; Ellen Hooker-Clooney, Landfill Supervisor, Jill Wood, Secretary to the Board/Vice Treasurer, Brian Stewart, Attorney, members of the Franklin County Legislature, County Manager Donna Kissane, County Treasurer Fran Perry. Also members of the public and the press.

EMPLOYEE RECLASSIFICATION

Warren Gaggin explained that Jill Wood requested that a part-time employee in the Administrative Office be reclassified to full-time, a position that is not filled. This would help with delegating Administrative duties which have increased in recent years. Julie Clarke began at the Authority in 1995 and is very knowledgeable with its daily operations. The Board unanimously conceded to the recommendation.

TEFRA HEARING

Brian Stewart announced that this meeting also serves as a TEFRA hearing regarding the 2019 Authority Bonding. Also, that the original notice in the paper to borrow \$5,800,000 has changed as a result of the consulting engineer's updated figures. The difference is due to the fact that the cell will be deeper than anticipated therefore, it will allow for more airspace. The increase in the costs will not exceed \$7,250,000. A new notice will be printed in the paper for two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Donna Kissane commented that the county was concerned how the Authority planned to pay for the increase in long-term debt. She noted that since the County is ultimately financially responsible for the Authority if there should be a shortfall, it is a direct impact to the county itself.

She also mentioned that the County Audit has noted some citations regarding the Authority which in turn directly impacts their bond rating. It was requested that their accountants, R.A. Mercer perform the Authority's next audit.

Fran Perry commented that although the County Board approved of the borrowing, she a County Treasurer and Donna as County Manager still need to sign off on the borrowing.

Andrea Dumas noted the concern with more borrowing although the Cell 5 lawsuit has not been settled. Warren clarified that judge Ellis has the case in his hands and we are awaiting a response from him.

Andrea also noted the Authority's SCADA system was still incomplete. She commented that it was required before Todd arrived and the Authority should have been working on it before he began employment.

Lindy Ellis commented on the original life of Cell 5 compared to the current cell life left. Warren explained that it is directly related to the type and quantity of waste being disposed of since each have a different density.

Paul Lauzon questioned how many other bonds were outstanding. Brian Stewart confirmed that 2012, 2015, 2016 were left.

Henry Travers commented on cell 3 and cell 4 had not been capped yet so they are not paid for yet. However, it was pointed out that Closure Fund money had been being set aside for that purpose as mandated by our NYSDEC permit.

ADJOURNMENT

Barry Dabiew moved to adjourn which was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully,



Julie Clarke
Account Clerk/Typist