

**Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of April 22, 2020**

**Members Present:** Frank Welsh, Randy Leister, Dan Dunmire, Dave Conner, Carl Hartley, Carl Smith

**Members Absent:** Vince Inzerillo

**Guests:** Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County Planner  
Kevin Kodish, County Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Lisa Smith, Director

**Consultants Present:** None

**Call to Order:** **Due to Covid-19 the board met via conference call through GoToMeeting.** Chairman Welsh called the meeting to order and did verbal roll call at 8:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:**  
Commissioner Kodish comments on facility closed to public noted below under Pending Business.

**Review of Public Minutes:**  
January regular meeting minutes and Reorganizational meeting minutes were presented for adoption. Mr. Dunmire made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hartley. All members voted in favor.

**Personnel:**  
Ms. Smith noted the termination of the Joe McElwain and the hiring of James Laub.

**Financial Information:**  
Ms. Smith presented the 2020 tonnage information:

- YTD tonnage is 1199.46 tons ahead of projections
- YTD diversion rate is 1.2%
- YTD average trailer weight is 20.22 tons

Ms. Smith reviewed the payables and answered all questions from the Board. After some discussion, Mr. Dunmire made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Leister for payment of checks nos. 27708-27823. All voted in favor.

Ms. Smith reviewed the Collections Report with no questions from the Board.

**New Business:**  
Ms. Smith noted the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PaDEP Transfer Station Inspection with no violations, if any members wish to see it let her know.

**Updates on Pending Business**  
Commissioner Kodish briefed the Board of his concerns on the complaints of the general public due to the closing of the facility for public use and the restlessness continuing to escalate as time progresses. He noted that threats are being made of littering and residents have a total lack of regard for accepting the Authority's decision to restrict access to the site under the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Smith noted that under the guidelines of the Governor's Stay at Home order, on 3/20/2020 a notice was posted to close to the public to eliminate monetary exchange and implement social distancing procedures in the transfer station. This included closing on Saturdays since 95% of customers are cash customers (pickups/cars). Meanwhile MCSWA continues to maintain the essential duties and responsibilities of receiving all Commercial Waste as clearly outlined in the Governor's order in excess of 200 ton a day of curbside residential trash and Business trash to keep them functioning through this critical time. Unfortunately, the MCSWA is still closed to the public and is working on a reopen plan with restrictions effective May 1, 2020.

The public notice read as follows:

3/20/2020 PUBLIC NOTICE

The MCSWA (dump) will be closed to the general public effective immediately. The facility will not be open on Saturdays starting tomorrow (3/21) and will remain closed on Saturdays until further notice.

Starting Monday, 3/23/2020 we will be accepting Commercial Account Holders Only!! We will be open regular weekday hours and closed Saturdays until further notice.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but safety of our staff and customers is our highest priority. We must protect our employees and the public while still maintaining our essential functions of commercial waste collection for central Pennsylvania during this unprecedented time.

After one week of being closed to the general public, on 4/1/2020 the closing was extended through 4/15/2020 and the addition of alternatives were added to the Notice to give guidance to cash customers during these times as listed below:

Here are some alternatives/options to consider:

CALL A HAULER AND GET WEEKLY SERVICE

If you don't want to get service check out the "BUY A BAG PROGRAMS"

For info call: Parks 800-486-4490

For info call: Cocolamus Creek Disposal 888-477-0031

Borough residents please utilize sticker program call Borough Refuse/Sewer office at (717) 248-1361

After much discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the closing to general public and plan for a restricted reopening on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as originally planned.

**Executive Session:**

None


**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

Pending no other business, Mr. Conner moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Carl Hartley  
(Asst) Secretary/Treasurer