

**Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of August 21, 2019**

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

**Members Absent:** Carl Smith, Vince Inzerillo

**Guests:** Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County Planning Commission  
Tony Willard, Kish Agency

**Staff Present:** Lisa Smith, Director  
Jim Stringfellow, Operations Supervisor

**Consultants Present:** None

**Call to Order:** Chairman Welsh called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:**  
None

Mr. Willard of Kish Agency overviewed the General Liability and Worker Comp renewals with the Board discussed at last meeting and answered questions of the Board. Mr. Willard brought to the Boards attention the miscellaneous tools coverage recommending an increase from \$5000-\$1000 max per item to \$25,000 (\$1000 max per item). After some discussions the Board requested Mr. Willard to get a premium increase estimate for the Board for it to be increased from \$25,000 (\$2500 max per item). The item was tabled until next meeting.

Tony Willard moved on to discuss Pollution Liability Renewals noting our current carrier, Zurich renewal rate for a 3-year term was \$72,538 up from \$65,200 previous 3-year term policy expiring 9/15/19. Tony presented an alternate quote from Nautilus (Berkley) for a 3-year term in the amount of \$69,595. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Leister, seconded by Mr. Dunmire to move coverage to new carrier. Four members voted in favor; Chairman Welsh opposed.

**Review of Public Minutes:**

Last meetings minutes were presented for adoption. Mr. Conner made a motion to adopt the minutes with modification from July to August, seconded by Mr. Leister. All members voted in favor.

**Personnel:**  
None

**Financial Information:**

Ms. Smith presented the 2019 tonnage information:

- YTD tonnage is 2118.93 tons ahead of projections
- YTD diversion rate is .869%
- YTD average trailer weight is 20.4 tons

Ms. Smith reviewed the payables and answered all questions from the Board. Mr. Conner questioned the John Mead check, Chairman Welsh explained it was the final payment for release of both parties, worked out by the Attorney's to avoid ongoing legal costs. After some discussion, Mr. Dunmire made a motion to approve and Mr. Hartley, seconded the payment of checks

nos. 27235-27310 with No voids. Four members voted in favor; Mr. Conner opposed citing check number 27254 payment to John Mead.

Ms. Smith resumed with the Collections Report.

**New Business:**

Ms. Smith informed the Board of repairs made to the sewer meter installed in 2016 to monitor site flow into Derry Sanitary Sewer because of excess readings, completed by Northeast Technical Sales on 8/14/19.

Ms. Smith informed the Board the 2018 budget year reserves exceeded the cost of the transfer station floor project allowing a CD transfer into reserves of an additional \$150,000. On 8/1/19 it was executed and endorsed by Mr. Leister and Ms. Smith and the fund transfer was completed.

Ms. Smith discussed the need to increase the Recycling Pull fee charged to the Commercial/School Recycling Program effective 1/1/2020. The decrease in recyclables revenue has been declining for the past few years and continues to occur with no rebound in sight. The fee initiated on origination of this program back in 2010 of \$25 per pull and has remained that since, is proposed to increase to \$50 per pull to offset this significant loss in recycling revenues in order to sustain the program through the market downturn. A motion was made by Mr. Leister to approve the increase, seconded by Mr. Dunmire. All voted in favor. Ms. Smith recommended that the discussions on 2020 Holidays & 2020 fee schedule be tabled.

**Updates on Pending Business:**

Ms. Smith updated the Board on the lighting installation is complete.

**Executive Session:**

None


**Other Business:**

Mr. Dunmire addressed the Board with an update on the River Cleanup Grant he has overseen through the Conservation District to hold cleanups in coordination with Cleanways and volunteers in surrounding Counties. Mifflin County has faced delays with these cleanups along the river for the past two years due to water levels but this year they were able to coordinate a cleanup that took place in McVeytown on 8/10/19 where they pulled 283 tires. This site has been done in past years and the accumulation of tires continues to happen.

**Adjourn:**

Pending no other business, Mr. Conner moved, seconded by Mr. Dunmire to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Carl Hartley  
(Asst) Secretary/Treasurer