

February 3, 2022

The February 3, 2022 meeting of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ellen Nerbak and was conducted virtually via Webex. Present were Thomas Fey, Joe Kennedy, James Banta, Linda Gabel, Lynne Rutkoski, Joseph Watters and Ellen Nerbak; also participating were David Dech, Jon Knittel and JoAnn Fascenelli. Jake Little was excused. The Chair confirmed the presence of a quorum (7).

Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council to the Warren County Clerk and The Star-Ledger and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the Board of Commissioners. Formal action may be taken by the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged. In order to assure public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should submit any requests for special accommodations one week in advance.

MINUTES

Mr. Banta pointed out that he is shown as offering a Second to the motion on November 4, 2021 to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting when in fact he was not present at the October meeting and would have to abstain from the vote. Mr. Kennedy MOVED to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Banta. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solid Waste/Recycling

Mr. Dech reported a paper shredding event is planned for Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A link received from the NJDEP has been provided to coordinators to review a 30-day desk audit for 2020 reports. He advised checking tonnage to verify the DEP report is accurate. The 2021 reports must be submitted by April 30.

He is working on part of the tonnage grant program. All coordinators were to tour a Class A recycling center. The DEP has extended to 2022 the option to do this virtually to meet the tour requirements. All coordinators are encouraged to participate.

Mr. Dech reported receipt of the County Recycling Grant Program application. This year the grant amount is \$162,000.

REHS

Mr. Cavotta was not present.

PCFA

Mr. Knittel reported a trailer is at the convenience center for comingled items. He noted the past few weeks have brought much cardboard, probably from commercial sources and not residents. Local outlets have diminished for businesses, and he is seeking vendors to cure this problem. Household

hazardous waste collections are planned for early May and again in the fall; this is going out for bid in February.

Mr. Knittel shared his engineering background noting he has much landfill experience. He said his daily operations are challenging, and he looks forward to bringing back ID-10 materials which are now being shipped out of county or out of state. He reported Cell 7 is substantially complete, and the current active cell is still available.

Mr. Banta questioned the proper way to dispose of fluorescent tubes when a box is not available, and Mr. Knittel said they can be loose for the HHW event if they are wrapped with duct tape.

DEP No one was present.

Warren County Commissioners No one was present.

OLD BUSINESS None.

REORGANIZATION

Currently the Chair is Ellen Nerbak, Vice Chair is Don Niece, and Secretary is Todd Tersigni. It was suggested that the same board be nominated for the coming year. For the Chair position, Ms. Nerbak was nominated by Ms. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Fey. For the Vice Chair position, Mr. Niece was nominated by Ms. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. For the Secretary position, Ms. Nerbak nominated Mr. Fey, seconded by Ms. Gabel. With no opposition and no abstentions, the motion carried. The board for the coming year is Ellen Nerbak, Chair; Don Niece is Vice Chair; and Tom Fey is Secretary.

2022 Meeting Schedule

The dates for the meetings of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council are April 7, June 2, September 1, October 6, and November 3, 2022 and February 2, 2023. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS None.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Nerbak offered good wishes for members to stay well, healthy and warm in the coming year. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté, Clerk

**Next meeting date:
April 7, 2022**