

The November 2, 2023 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 at the Warren County Commissioners meeting room. SWAC members present were Ellen Nerbak, Emilio Lois, Thomas Fey, Linda Gabel, Lynn Rutkoski, Joseph Watters, Donald Niece, Jan M. Lee, Rob Colontrelle and Brendan Bowers. Excused were Ingrid Gray, Robert Finke and Debbie Pasquarelli. Also in attendance were David Dech and Chris McCormick. The Chair confirmed the presence of a quorum (11).

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

It was MOVED by Mr. Niece to accept and approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023 meeting, seconded by Ms. Rutkoski. With no exceptions or corrections to the minutes but with one abstention, all in favor, the motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Solid Waste/Recycling

Mr. Dech reported an e-mail was circulated to all municipal recycling coordinators regarding the electronic collection sites in Warren County, and responses to that e-mail indicated at least one collection day per year per township; the coordinators felt that is sufficient. Mr. McCormick said collections are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the landfill. Based on the responses so far, Mr. Dech agreed that we may be adequately covered for collection sites. The Washington Township's site shut down last year. Mr. Bowers said electronics are picked up by Sanico at curb sites; Mr. Lois said Allamuchy now provides this service.

Mr. Dech said he is still waiting for grant money; this is under review by finance people at the DEP. Also, Mr. Dech reported receipt of a notice that the food composting facility (Vivaria) has filed a petition to amend the NJDEP's rules to allow outdoor food composting facilities. No comments will be provided by Warren County.

The next shredding event is planned for next spring, May or June

##### REHS

Mr. McCormick had nothing to report.

##### PCFA

No one present. However, Mr. Dech has received a notice of Exemption from the DEP regarding a concrete storage pile in Knowlton Township; this is temporary storage only at this time and is being used by the NJDOT for the Rt. 46 roadre construction project.

Warren County Commissioners

No one present.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

No additional information has been received from Corporate Recycling Solutions regarding a proposed solar panel recycling operation on Hickman Street in Phillipsburg. Mr. Dech has spoken with Mr. Watson, consultant for the applicant, who is awaiting details to complete the application. Mr. Dech will keep the subcommittee informed.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Nerbak said the next SWAC meeting will be February 1, 2024 and she wished all members a happy holiday season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté, Secretary

**Next meeting date:**  
**February 1, 2024**