



Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Board Minutes January 9, 2017

The reorganizational meeting of the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 10am at the Schoonover Municipal Building.

Members present: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson, Cory Lyon, Lee Bower and Dick Volmer. Also present; OGMMCPB Consultant Pat Calpin, MST Secretary Michele Clewell and from the Borough of Delaware Water Gap, Council members Susan Wilson, Evie DeLotto and Eileen Noelle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Re-Organization

- Chairman; Mike Dwyer, upon a motion of Dick Volmer, seconded by Annette Atkinson. Motion passed.
- Vice-Chairman; Annette Atkinson, upon a motion of Dick Volmer, seconded by Lee Bower. Motion passed.
- Secretary/Treasurer; Brian Barrett, upon a motion of Dick Volmer, seconded by Lee Bower. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Dwyer made a motion to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes. Annette Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Facilities Report

Cory Lyon stated that curbside pickup increased the November totals. Once the weather gets a little warmer the leaf material will be spread out and turned.

Pat Calpin stated that it doesn't look good for grants this year either. He suggested that everyone keep the dialog going with our legislatures.

Cory Lyon stated that Brit Case of Pa DEP toured the facility and is thrilled with it. He suggested a trammel be purchased once the grants are active again.

Cory Lyon stated that he attended the East Stroudsburg Borough meeting last month. He explained that a letter was sent to the Borough outlining the agreement to grind their leaves and yard waste. A portion of the costs goes to the OGMMCPB for the equipment used. This will help offset the fuel used and minor tools for the compost site.

He stated that the Borough hired a contractor to come in two times a year to grind at a cost of \$3,500 per day. With the agreement in place, between Oak Grove and the East Stroudsburg Borough, the cost to them now will be \$2,400 per day.

Treasurers Report

Mike Dwyer stated that the insurance bill was received and asked for a motion to pay. Dick Volmer made a motion to pay Sheeley Insurance \$2,350.00 for the yearly insurance premium. Mike Dwyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike Dwyer recapped the 2016 year end financials. The total loss was \$944.00 and was covered by the funds of each member township. He stated that grant monies were anticipated in 2016, however grants were not awarded, therefore monies were not spent.

Mr. Dwyer stated that Middle Smithfield Township paid for the Beast Turner in order to get the grant reimbursement.

OGMMCPB saw income based on permits and repeat customers.

Mike Dwyer stated that we will have to be self-sufficient until grant monies are provided.

There was general discussion regarding the amount of acreage there is to expand the facility in the future. Mr. Calpin stated that the site will fit the needs for the next 2-3 years.

Mr. Calpin suggested that we should approach the nursery's and market the compost and mulch, in order to increase revenues for Oak Grove.

Solicitors Report

None

Engineers Report

None

Old Business

Delaware Water Gap Borough; Cory Lyon stated that Middle Smithfield Township provided leaf collection for the Borough in the fall. No problems to report and council members present stated that they were very happy with the cleanup. He stated that 250 yards of leaves were collected, over 7 hours with 2 men.

The council members stated that they notified their residents by placing notices at the post office, the Borough office and in their newsletter. The Oak Grove fees were discussed with the council members and they were told to contact Karen Stapleton for a list of fees.

There was discussion as to whether or not the Borough should join the processing board. Mr. Dwyer stated that is their decision, but he doesn't know if it would be cost effective for the

Delaware Water Gap residents. Evie DeLotto stated that it works well without having to join the processing board. Mr. Dwyer stated that since it only takes one day to do the work a couple of times a year, an agreement aren't necessary.

Upon further discussion, Delaware Water Gap Borough would pay \$500 annually for processing fee for leaf and brush disposal for their resident's use of the facility.

The council members stated that they will speak to their Solicitor in order to prepare a simple Intermunicipal Agreement.

New Business

Mike Dwyer asked everyone who was appointed to the Oak Grove Board by their respective Boards of Supervisors.

- Lehman Township; Dick Volmer and Stanley Whitaker with John Sivick as an alternate member.
- Smithfield Township; Lee Bower and Brian Barrett with Robert Lovenheim as the alternate member.
- Middle Smithfield Township; Mike Dwyer and Annette Atkinson with Cory Lyon as the alternate member.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

April 10, 2017 at 10am

Adjournment

Mike Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33am. Lee Bower seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Clewell
MST Secretary