

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2004

Attendees: Ralph Paarlberg, member
 Craig Bayston, member
 Jim Tripp, member
 Rich Howell, member
 Mel Blanchette, member
 Donna Shehane, Solid Waste & Environmental Manager

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bayston at approximately 10:00 am.

Additional minutes of a 2004 Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting were not available at this time but will be available for the December 21, 2004 meeting.

The first item on the Agenda was the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan Update. A copy of the final version of the contract with Patrick Engineering was handed to every committee member. This final version had been presented to the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee on November 15, 2004. The PZA Committee requested additional time to review the document. Donna Shehane explained that the “not to exceed” cost had been changed to \$55,500.00 due to the fact that a cost had been included for the services of a public relations specialist. The quote received for the services of a public relations firm had been excessive, therefore, it was decided that the public relations issue would be dropped temporarily to allow the contract to go forward. The public relations issue will be revisited during the preparation of a draft ten-year update to the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Donna Shehane handed out a draft copy of proposed amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste Management Ordinance. She explained that she originally drafted a “stand-alone” recycling ordinance, but that at the request of the SAO, the draft recycling ordinance was being combined with the currently existing solid waste ordinance. She also explained that an attempt was being made at improving the current open burning ordinance with what she called “common sense” restrictions such as having a water source present, having a competent person at the fire at all times, and allowing only dry landscape wastes to be burned, etc. She stated she will be looking to the Fire Departments for support of these changes. The committee members were asked to review the amendments and new recycling requirements before the next Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting. One issue brought to the table was whether the mandate to provide recycling at apartment buildings and other rental units should be the responsibility of the owner or the municipality.

America Recycles Day 2004 was discussed. Four local schools participated in the event, encompassing approximately 800 kids. Each school will be invited to attend an upcoming County Board meeting in order to receive their prizes and award. In addition, a Proclamation was approved at the November meeting of the County Board expressing

the commitment to improving the County's internal recycling program. Donna Shehane stated that she is attending a workshop on November 17, 2004 to learn the grant application instructions for an Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs recycling grant. Such grant monies, if awarded, will be used to purchase the necessary recycling bins.

The 2005 Annual Work Program of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission was approved by the County Board in November, 2004. The work items for the Solid Waste & Environmental Division include:

1. Prepare and recommend to the County Board an update of the Solid Waste Management Plan.
2. Prepare and recommend to the County Board a Kankakee County Waste Hauler Licensing, Recycling, and Reporting Ordinance.
3. Implement a County In-House Recycling Program.
4. Prepare a Brownfield Educational program for local communities.
5. Solid Waste Educational Program – update and publish the 2nd edition of the K3 Waste Pages; produce at least 2 new brochures; sponsor or develop a school educational program; conduct at least one public collection event; conduct a tour of a solid waste transfer, storage, recycling or disposal facility
6. Update the K3 Pollution Control Facility Ordinance.
7. Participate in America Recycles Day 2005
8. Identify and implement a waste-reduction & recycling project with a specific facility within the County with the goal of tracking cost savings (and waste reduction).

The next agenda item was a short discussion of the City of Morris waste gasification facility. Ms. Shehane prepared a summary of the conditions placed upon the facility's construction permit by the Illinois EPA. Such gasification system and other alternative waste technology systems will be studied as part of the update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. The Morris system did not have to go through the siting process because the facility will only be accepting waste from the City of Morris governmental agencies. It will be accepting approximately 3 tons per day. The City of Morris, as the owner, is responsible for many aspects of the operation, including hauling the waste to the site and hauling any recovered recyclables to a recycling center. It is interesting to note that about 45% of the recyclable materials in the waste stream will not be recyclable after they enter the gasification system.

Under "new business" two items were discussed. Ms. Shehane stated that she had met with a student from Olivet Nazarene University. The student was interested in starting a recycling program for the college. Ms. Shehane gave the student a college recycling guidebook to look over and offered her help in the endeavor. They will be in contact in the near future.

Additionally, the City of Kankakee submitted an application to the Solid Waste Subcommittee for a \$2500 grant to continue a recycling advertisement program at two theaters in the City of Kankakee. Several committee members expressed a desire to see

additional information on the results of the previous, similar grant the City received from the County for this program. Specifically, Ms. Shehane was asked to contact the City and request any data they have on increased recycling rates that have resulted from the ads, as well as specific attendance data from the theaters since the ad program's inception.

Mr. Bayston inquired if Ms. Shehane had the opportunity to continue recycling efforts with area hospitals. Ms. Shehane stated that she had been focused on other projects but would renew her efforts with hospitals.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for December 21, 2004 at 10:00 am.