

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015
4 Wolf Den Road
7 p.m.**

- 1. Roll Call:** Michael Barry, Donald Francis, Charles Morrison Jr., Robert Benson, and Robert Lee

Also Present: Lisa Fuss, Transfer Station Attendant and April Blymiller, Recording Secretary

- 2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 2014 and January 14, 2015:**

Donald Francis moved to accept the previous meetings minutes. Minutes were accepted.

- 3. New Business:**

a. Discussion of Annual Budget 2015-2016:

Revenue is down at least by half each weekend. Bag sales are up though, but bulky waste is down mainly because its winter. The economy has not yet bounced back for builders, so there is not a lot building waste being thrown away. The Commission went over the Budget Evaluation which shows that the Commission is going to be short \$19,000 from last year, which would be due to the lower usage rate. Contractual services and disposal charges are most likely going to be less than budgeted, which will help even out the 2014-2015 budget.

The Commission discussed a 3% (\$0.30) increase for garbage bags. It was mentioned that an increase would cause slower service because workers would have to give change. Robert Lee suggested leaving prices the same until the end of the fiscal year. Michael Barry agreed. The Commission discussed different options and instead of having an increase on bags, it was decided that they would increase the overall budget by 3-5%.

The Commission discussed different ways to keep the blue recycle bins in town since when people move, they are taking the bins with them. Robert Lee suggested that if people want the recycle bins, they should buy them outright at committee's price, \$75. The actual cost for the recycle bins is \$93, but Casella Waste charges the Town \$75 per bin. The Commission went on to talk about if it would it be possible to take the bins out of Resource Recovery. Discussion ensued. Michael Barry will speak to Rick Ives about the recycle bins.

b. Review of Memorandum from Jana Roberson, Land Use Administrator regarding 9 Eino Drive – Commencement of Site Reclamation:

The Commission feels that Jana Roberson addressed the issues that they were concerned about and it is in the Town's record. The Commission discussed the question of: can you sell property as is with environmental issues outstanding? Discussion ensued. The Town has been notified and is noted on the title.

c. Other New Business:

The Commission discussed the need to have one person to control the Transfer Station who works there; Michael Barry is not always in town during the summer.

The report from the water standards stated that the standards are right on target. Now water testing will be done once a year, instead of four times, but Michael Barry is keeping the same amount of money in the budget, just in case something happens and the additional water testing needs to happen again.

The Commission has switched companies; Step 2 will start doing electronic pickups in March.

The scale has been having issues for years due to snow and ice buildup. Able Scale wants to run steel wire from the scale, through a tube, to the boxes inside the building. The steel wire would keep the mice from eating the wires and keeping the boxes inside would keep them from freezing. Able Scale put in a bid for \$1,920.00. The Town accidentally used \$37,000 of the Commission's money last year, which the Commission now has back and Michael Barry suggested that it be put towards fixing the scale. Everyone agreed.

4. Public Commentary: None

5. Adjourn: Robert Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Robert Lee seconded the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;
April N. Blymiller
Recording Secretary