

**Town of Montville Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Council Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Radgowski called the regular meeting of the Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Buebendorf, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present were Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director and Sandi Gregory, Volunteer, Re-use/Free Items.
4. Approval of the Minutes – Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2009. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda – none.
6. Old Business
 - a. **Re-Use/Free Items** – D. Bourdeau indicated there have been no issues or problems. Sandi Gregory stated there will be a Sunday sale this week and requested a pickup from Public Works on Tuesday. She discussed the flooding at the Raymond Library that destroyed many of the children's books. She stated they are in the process of looking through the book donations in order to give the library the hard cover children's books they are requesting.
 - b. **Transfer Station Operations – General Discussion**

D. Bourdeau stated he is planning on having a cement pad installed at the Transfer Station for the refrigerators and appliances that contain Freon. He is hoping to bid the job in the near future. He discussed the impact the economy has on trash, stating there is much less now that people are buying less.
 - c. **Recycling Education** – D. Bourdeau stated this program is going very well and has been well received. He indicated the students are doing a great job with recycling and have become involved in the process. He discussed the Palmertown Academy students working on a trailer to advertise upcoming events such as hazardous waste collection and recycling. Councilor Murphy stated this is a good program. He indicated he has visited the Oakdale School and witnessed the students participating in this program. D. Bourdeau discussed having students produce a recycling video to show students each year that addresses the proper way to recycle and what can and can not be recycled.

Councilor Buebendorf suggested enlisting the help of the high school students. D. Bourdeau stated legislation has passed that gives water bottles a five cent deposit. It is hoped this will reduce waste and encourage recycling. He stated sports drinks are not included at this time, but he hopes all plastic will be included in the future. D. Bourdeau stated SCRA has waived fees for the town for grinding wood. Because of this the Town will save money and will not have to add this expense to the budget. He discussed the possibility of using Camp Oakdale as a pilot for a recycling program. At this time there is no recycling at sports events in Montville. He hopes to purchase recycling containers to encourage residents to recycle.

7. New Business

a. **Speed Dips** – D. Bourdeau discussed his plan to install speed dips at the Transfer Station at the entrance to slow vehicles down at the entrance. He stated the cost will be between five hundred and one thousand dollars and he feels this is a safety issue that needs to be addressed. A discussion was held regarding if and when the entrance to the Transfer Station will be moved. D. Bourdeau indicated there are no funds to do this right now and he is not sure if they will need to do so, he will wait until after the recycling bid process is completed. The recycling bid package should be ready for the Town Council by April.

b. **Hazardous Waste Collection** – D. Bourdeau discussed the dates for hazardous waste collection at the Tyl Middle School. This program is funded by SCRA. A discussion was held regarding recycling items containing mercury.

c. **Recycling at Camp Oakdale** – D. Bourdeau discussed a plan to install containers for recycling at Camp Oakdale. He discussed the installation of signs indicating how and what should be recycled and where. He discussed a proposal for designated smoking areas.

8. Remarks from the Public

John Geary discussed the recycling video and suggested the students check the competency of the video equipment to ensure it works properly and everything can be clearly heard. He inquired regarding the length and size of wood brought to the Transfer Station for grinding.

A discussion was held regarding single stream recycling vs. dual stream recycling.

Sandi Gregory requested suggestions regarding the Adopt a Road Program and Earth Day, stating she would like to see neighborhoods get together to clean up portions of their streets around their homes. Councilor Buebendorf stated it is a great idea but it is too close to the date to get it organized for this year. D. Bourdeau suggested working on this for next year.

9. Remarks from the Members

Councilor Murphy discussed the need for an ordinance for solicitation of literature and collection of signatures at the Transfer Station. He stated this backs up traffic causing a hazard to drivers. He stated it is very dangerous and he believes such activity should require a permit and insurance just as any public gathering of people would. He is concerned someone is going to get hurt and sue the Town. D. Bourdeau indicated he will speak with the police as this is a safety issue and clarify what the Town can and can not do in this situation. Councilors Buebendorf and Murphy volunteered to look into ordinances in place from surrounding towns regarding this issue and will present their findings at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment – Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville