

MINUTES
of the
HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
January 23, 2017
Commissioners' Courtroom
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, Indiana

Present:

Sue Maki, City of Carmel - President
Christine Altman, County Commissioner
Steve Dillinger, County Commissioner
Mark Heirbrandt, County Commissioner
Brad Beaver, County Council

Called to Order

Maki called the meeting to order declaring a quorum present.

Election of Officers

President

Heirbrandt moved to nominate Maki as President. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Vice President

Dillinger moved to nominate Beaver for Vice President. Heirbrandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Approval of Minutes

Beaver moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016. Heirbrandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Public Comments

None

Unfinished Business

None

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center Update

Jeff Rushforth, HHW Director, received from Republic the recycle history report for the year which showed an increase this year by about 115 tons. The second cardboard compactor was added in November which helped with the holiday traffic. The HHW Center had an unbelievable year with over 35,000 customers. With our electronic numbers, we are likely one of the biggest takers of electronics in the State. Total poundage shipped this year was 1,497,297 pounds, an increase of over 252,000 pounds from last year. In looking at the increased total hazardous pounds, we were a little over 18,000 pounds which is likely due to people searching us out to bring their televisions and then finding out everything else we accept. Our numbers have increased all-around tremendously. The days in which we were open this year averaged out to about the same as last year. We had about 2,900 customers a month which was approximately 136-140 customers a day.

New Business

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointments

Our Board has four (4) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointments: Brian Baker, Kathy Richardson, Jim Smith, and Paul Utterback. Kristin Grinstead contacted all four (4) appointments and confirmed their willingness to serve again. Dillinger moved to reappoint the committee members. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Senate Bill 465

Heirbrandt stated Senator Liz Brown, of Fort Wayne, is sponsoring Senate Bill 465. It is basically identical to what Senate Bill 88 was last year that a large group of people fought to remove. Heirbrandt said a roundtable meeting is scheduled in Plainfield on February 2nd to discuss this. This will impact 98% of the Districts in the State. Heirbrandt wanted the Board to be aware that this was happening again. Rushforth shared it is hard to know what direction this is going to go, but it will definitely affect our funding and the way in which we are allowed to collect funds for the Solid Waste District. Rushforth believes it was under the Senate Bill 88 that you could elect to not have a Solid Waste District anymore. Heirbrandt did pass this information along to our Lobbyist Rick Cochrum. Cochrum will be watching this as it progresses and he will also have discussions with Legislators. Beaver asked the long and short of it. Rushforth read from the Bill, "Provides that no Solid Waste Management District may levy a property tax that is first due and payable after 2019 other than the property tax for preexisting debts." Dillinger stated essentially it would be paid for out of the general fund. A discussion occurred regarding property tax levies and if it could affect the Solid Waste District.

Vendor Claims

Altman moved to approve vendor claims. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Payroll Claims

Altman moved to approve payroll claims. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Altman moved to adjourn. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Others Present

Jeff Rushforth, HHW Director

Robin Mills, Auditor

Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant

Kristin Grinstead, Administrative Assistant Deputy