

## **LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY**

November 18, 2015

Logan County Safety Complex – Blue Room

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency board members met on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex. Chairman Jim Struebing, New Holland, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked that the roll be called.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance for tonight's meeting were Pat O'Neill – Logan County, Matt Fights – Elkhart, John Utterback – Mt. Pulaski, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg and Michele Rohlfs – Agency Coordinator; a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES:** Chairman Struebing asked for questions or comments on the October minutes; there were none. Mr. Rademaker made a motion to accept the October minutes, seconded by Mr. Fights; all present approved and the motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Chairman Struebing read through the bills presented for payment. He then asked Ms. Rohlfs if the Agency had finished the fiscal year in the red or the black. Ms. Rohlfs responded that the Agency will be slightly over-budget due to the purchase of four new rear tires and the replacement of an overload spring on the Agency's collection truck. Ms. Rohlfs noted that the Agency actually underspent this year's budget. However the 2015 fiscal year began with a deficit; that deficit along with the recent truck repairs caused the Agency to again end the fiscal year with a deficit. At this time, Mr. Utterback motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Mr. O'Neill; all present approved and the motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ROUTE STATUS:** Ms. Rohlfs reported that she and Mr. Fishburn, Agency driver, ran a double route this past Monday due to the heavy rain predicted for Tuesday. After dumping the truck the first time, the route was run backwards with the last stop being Hartsburg. While returning to Lincoln, Ms. Rohlfs heard a noise and informed Mr. Fishburn who examined the tires and found the right rear interior tire flat. The truck was taken into to Neal Tire this morning and again it was a tube failure; this makes five to six blown tubes in the past month. Ms. Rohlfs informed the board that new tires are needed on the front of collection truck.

Ms. Rohlfs also reported that she placed signage on both collection bins in Middletown as requested by a citizen there. Ms. Rohlfs notes a continuing issue with bagged and loose co-mingled materials being place in the Mt. Pulaski paper bin. She has posted a sign saying 'No Plastic' on the paper bin but it does not seem to deter the individual(s). Ms. Rohlfs took pictures and will ask the Mt. Pulaski Times to run them with a reminder about recycling guidelines.

**FUNDING/ASSESSMENT RATE:** At last month's meeting, it was proposed that the assessment rate be raised 50 cents, from \$4.00 to \$4.50/per capita, with the increase in revenue designated for the purchase of a newer and larger collection truck with financing assistance from the County Board. Chairman Struebing noted that the municipal agreement creating the Agency will expire in June 2017. He believes that the assessment rate increase and a reauthorization of the municipal agreement should happen simultaneously. Chairman Struebing notes that the Agency's future depends on all current members to be on board with both the new municipal agreement as well as the rate increase.

Ms. Rohlf's proposed going ahead with the rate increase for fiscal year 2016 and placing the increased funds in escrow until a new resolution is in place; that money could then be used as a down payment. The Agency has a small amount funds in a CD that have also been designated for a future truck purchase. The Agency should have the new funding proposal in place by January so that members can take it to their respective boards for approval.

Also included in tonight's materials is a copy of the original Logan County Joint Solid Waste Resolution. Chairman Struebing would like everyone to read through this and make notes. Mr. O'Neill wondered if the Agency should put together a subcommittee to look at the Resolution, take out any unneeded items and condense it. Chairman Struebing agreed this would be a good idea and noted that he also has a copy of the Rules of Order, which explains how the Agency's meetings are to be conducted; this should also be reviewed.

**MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL:** As noted above, a subcommittee will be put together to work on revising the current agreement.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**COLLECTION TRUCK SEARCH:** Ms. Rohlf's contacted several area/regional truck dealerships regarding the future purchase of a new collection truck. Key Equipment, Peterbilt and Rush Truck Centers of Illinois. She informed all of the specifications the agency is seeking and discussed a price range.

**TRUCK FINANCING:** Ms. Rohlf's has not pursued anything regarding truck financing. She did speak to Vicki Dugan, County Treasurer, about the Agency's CD.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With tonight's business concluded, Mr. Rademaker motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Last; all present approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. Members were reminded that there will be no December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pettus  
Recording Secretary