

REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT ONE

Board Meeting Minutes
 Monday, August 24, 2020
 RRDD#1 Front Lawn
 31 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063
 7:00 PM

Call to Order by Chairman William Marchand at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Glenn Albanesius, Hans Andersen, Peter Bakker, JR, Moe Gabelmann, and William Marchand. Also Debbie Angell and Linda Groppo. Absent: Joe Beadle, Carol Hewitt, Brenda Schaufler and Tim Sullivan

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes:

Board, June 22: Motion to approve by Moe Gabelmann, second by Hans Andersen. Approved Unam.
 Note: No Board meeting in July due to COVID-19 and waiting for quotes.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve June Treasurer's Report with line item transfers by Hans Andersen, second by Moe Gabelmann. Discussion. Debbie Angell reminded the Board that COVID-19 did hit RRDD1 strong in relation to incoming debris (cleanouts), as witnessed by the fee income line of 169%. Most transfer stations closed their doors, while RRDD1 remained open the entire time. See reiterated belief that debris was coming in from residents of other towns, because they told us so, after they dumped. All RRDD1 employees worked hard during these busy times, especially with new procedures in place for the virus as well as the 20/21 sticker season (new mail in sticker applications), keeping everyone on their toes. Fee income increased earlier than expected, in May (reviewed with Chairman Marchand) instead of July 1. With increase in fee income obviously we overextended expenditures in tipping fees, thus numerous line item transfers were needed. Some transfers were not done in a timely manner for various reasons. Motion was approved unanimously with all the transfers.

| Regional Refuse Disposal District #1 | | |
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| | Transfer Request | |
| From | To | Amount |
| 111 General Main | 103 Service Supplies | \$ 3,965.00 |
| 108 Fuel - Heat | 107 Utilities | \$ 778.36 |
| 111 General Main | 112 Education | \$ 355.00 |
| 207 Incentive | 202 Temp | \$ 1,032.00 |
| 201 Payroll | 204 Medical Ins | \$ 6,766.00 |
| 101 Counsel | 301A MIRA Tipping Fee | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 108 Fuel - Heat | 301A MIRA Tipping Fee | \$ 1,612.02 |
| 109 Staff / Board Exp | 301A MIRA Tipping Fee | \$ 97.02 |
| 111 General Main | 301A MIRA Tipping Fee | \$ 876.34 |
| 113 Contingency | 301A MIRA Tipping Fee | \$ 3,433.00 |
| 303 Recycling Disposal Fee | 304 Brush Chipping | \$ 1,697.00 |

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| 206 Pension | 304 Brush Chipping | \$ 5,200.00 |
| 207 Incentive | 304 Brush Chipping | \$ 344.00 |
| 403 Site Development | 304 Brush Chipping | \$ 2,601.00 |
| 113 Contingency | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 223.00 |
| 201 Payroll | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 5,016.00 |
| 203 Payroll Taxes | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 1,809.00 |
| 205 Workers Comp | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 1,153.00 |
| 207 Incentive | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 193.00 |
| 401 Eng Services | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 600.00 |
| 403 Site Development | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 5,669.00 |
| 406 Motor Fuel | 302 Landfill Waste | \$ 522.00 |

Fund Transfers: Approved 19/20 budget - \$89,964 Capital Replacement and \$20,000 Monitoring Reserve. Motion by Moe Gabelmann, 2nd Hans Andersen, move funds from checking to savings. Approved unanimously (June budget)

Wood chipping: RPF was sent in February, then put on hold due to COVID-19. Two bids were received. Dan Woodger, Rockwood Farms was out again in June stating he would honor his \$22,700 quote from February/ March, even though more brush came in (March -June). As soon as approved, he would begin. Debbie presented the brush intake scale reports showing \$18,940 from residents from the last two years (last time here), adding the towns brought in much "not scaled" brush / logs. She did add that the pile has grown tremendously since Aug 4 storm. Motion by Moe Gabelmann, second by Hans Andersen to approve the expenditure from 19/20 budget of \$22,700. Noted that if the quote increases, alert the Board for additional funding. Debbie added that she contacted DEEP regarding approval to burn. This was discouraged by DEEP.

Motion to approve July Treasurer's Report by Hans Andersen, second by Moe Gabelmann. Discussion. Debbie asked the Board to review the recent (June) King, King and Associates report (packet page 13 of Treasurer's Report), showing we are now less than \$200,000 in the Superfund account. Board agreed this is being watched very carefully. Approved unanimously

Administrator's Report: Debbie Angell stated she had a revolving door these past few weeks (months) with contractors, legal, and others. COVID 19 continues to be a top priority, keeping staff and residents safe. She reported that she had been working with state officials, being kept abreast of the constant changes. New EO 7NNN, dated August 14, was printed, and posted, in part, at the entrance and at all workstations. Debbie informed the Board that there have been several resident issues concerning COVID, one serious, she continues to work to resolve all concerns.

She was asked at the last meeting to follow up on the proposed American Tower amendment. She presented her findings.

Planet Aid removed clothing bins from CT due to COVID-19, without notice to RRDD1. Simple Recycling, a CT firm has been brought on board.

Contractors have been on site reviewing the 42" corrugated pipe issue as well as the dry well (between the trash compactors). Roger Hurlbut, Engineer was also involved. Berkshire Construction and Well Drilling will come in with a tractor (camera) to examine the length from the outlet to the manhole (381 '), MH to CB (348') and then to the headwall (108').

Debbie went on to explain RRDD1 sustained damage to the C&D area from Tropical Storm Isaias, stating she was on top of it from the initial contact from Berkshire Alarm when the power went out. Substantial wind

damage occurred, CIRMA was notified and an adjuster was out. All relevant parties have been contacted. Overhead Door serviced the bay door issues. Joe Bazzano examined the electrical and will be upgrading the generator panel to include the garage doors. Still awaiting construction repair quotes. Fire Marshall, Fire Equipment Headquarters and Fairbanks Scale have all been on site within the last two weeks for inspections/ calibrations, all passed.

Additionally, the new website is now live.

Old Business:

American Tower proposal: Debbie explained that Caroline (AT) gave three options to our 99 year lease: stay as we are, move to 10 years at \$7250 / month for 10 years (plus a little extra for one co-locator), or collect one check for \$720,000 as final payment. Peter Bakker stated he and Joe Beadle had discussion regarding this, Taking the lump sum could help towards the Superfund Account. It was suggested I request a counteroffer. Glenn Albanesi added to study other tower firms. Debbie added that she needed to investigate the tax implications as well (annual real estate proportion charged to AT). Board agreed that additional research was needed. Debbie will ask her friend who owned and sold a tower (Gene Valentino), as well as follow through asking Landmark and follow up more with Atty Walker.

New Business:

CMP: Debbie received one quote, after speaking with several contractors and having them on site. Berkshire \$1600 for one person, 8 hours. The manhole currently shows running water, but the inlet is dry – issue!

Dry Well: Waiting on a quote(s) to auger under the concrete pad and add a drain to the dry well. Debbie stated we could tie into the current drain behind the tag sale building. Roger Hurlbut reported some concerns of this move. Hemlock Construction did much of the drain work on site, knowing the scope, they do have drilling capabilities. Safety is the issue as well as rust (new trash compactor). On hold until quotes come in.

Tropical Storm Isaias: Debbie reported C&D containers 3& 4 have been sectioned off, not usable until repaired. Need a licensed and insured contractor, mostly a height issue. Looking for repair quotes. Several contractors have been on site to review.

John Deere loan: Final (3rd) loan payment for the John Deere 524L is due in May. Debbie contacted Deere Financial looking for early payoff. She recommends paying now, same fiscal year, and saving \$1440 in finance fees. Motion by Moe Gabelmann, 2nd by Hans Andersen to pay \$56,544.44 out of savings, saving \$1440. Passed unanimously.

Resident Concern: Debbie briefed the entire Board on incidents regarding BR, a New Hartford resident, explaining that Chairman Marchand had been kept abreast, as well as lawmakers, 1st Selectman Dan Jerram and the Resident Trooper. She reviewed the circumstances with Liza Lazarek, Board Labor Atty. All were in favor of the Administrator sending out the letter written by Debbie, and legal approved, to Ms. R, certified.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Moe Gabelmann, second by Hans Andersen at 7:52.

Next meeting: September 28 at 7PM