

M I N U T E S

Emergency Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Monday, September 8, 2014  
12:00 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Moscaritolo called the Emergency Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Public Safety Building.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Cappola and Councilman Mignone were present; Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Papaleo were absent.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

**\*NO MOTION, NOT CARRIED**

#14-342 Resolution for Emergency Meeting

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose: GreenSky Industries and Recycling Market; and

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hours notice have not been met due to the lack of time and subject matter, however notices of this Emergency Meeting were e-mailed and faxed to the The Record and the Ridgewood News on September 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the nature of urgency and importance is the closure of GreenSky Industries and Recycling Market; and

WHEREAS, this condition constitutes as emergency affecting the public interest likely to result from a delay in holding a meeting; and

WHEREAS, the need for such adequate notice could not reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be a vote on this Emergency Meeting of 3/4ths of the members of the Governing Body.

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**\*NO MOTION, NOT CARRIED**

#14-343 Enter into Agreement with

WHEREAS, the Borough of River Edge has included the collection of newspaper, mixed news and co-mingled containers as part of its recycling program in an effort to reduce solid waste; and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to enter into a contract with the Borough of River Edge for the disposal of newspaper, mixed news and co-mingled containers; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-5(1)(s) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 permits the awarding of a contract without competitive bidding for the marketing of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and Superintendent of Public Works have prepared a contract containing the approved terms and conditions of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on September 3, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to enter into an agreement with

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Mayor Moscaritolo-asked Alan or John Lynch to update the Mayor and Council on the verbal proposals that they've received so they can make a decision on an emergency basis today on which direction to go.

John Lynch-stated that he spoke to three contractors: Waste Management, American Coast Fibers and Reliable Wood Products. Waste Management gave him a verbal price of \$5.00 for co-mingled, \$30.00 for newspapers. They did not give a price for the 40 yard container and pick-up at the schools. They won't be able to give a price until they inspect our products. American Coast Fibers gave \$7.00 per co-mingled and \$28.00 for newspapers and gave him the same response that they need to inspect for two weeks to see our product before quoting on the container. He spoke to Reliable Wood Products and has made a decision to switch the 40 yard container for one of their containers because the GreenSky container is full. John said that he won't be able to have the container pulled by GreenSky because they've fired all of their people. John explained that we have three issues; the school pick-up, the container at the yard and where to dump our product.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if John had made arrangements for Reliable to pick-up the 40 yard dumpster and replace it with one of their containers? He asked if that would incur any charge?

John Lynch-stated that he had a verbal conversation with Reliable and it would be free of charge and they would pick-up, take and deliver the material, and let us have a container.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if in the exchange for the free pick-up, are we're going to allow them to keep our news?

John Lynch- replied yes. John got a price today of \$17,000 to put a winch on their garbage truck and after 136 pulls, it would pay for itself.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if the three companies with side by side comparisons that they saw the other night is null and void?

John Lynch-explained that it's all out the window because now they're in the driver's seat. He continued to say that he won't be able to get anything in writing because they want to inspect our product for two weeks before they would give a written contract.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked where the Waste Management facility is?

John Lynch - replied, Paterson.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked where Atlantic Coast Fiber facility is located?

John Lynch-replied, Paterson also.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if it is Paterson or Passaic?

John Lynch-replied, Paterson, Passaic border.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked where the Reliable Wood Products facility is located?

John Lynch-replied, Jersey City which is 21 miles from the Borough. Atlantic Coast and Waste Management are approximately 10-11 miles from the Borough.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if Reliable, other than this one shot deal on an emergency basis, gave a price on the paper and co-mingled?

John Lynch-yes, he gave a verbal price of \$10 a ton for co-mingled and \$38.00 a ton for news.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if the BCUA is a contender?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied no, the BCUA just received a bunch of e-mails from the industry asking them to send an e-mail out with all of our information on several vendors.

Alan Negreann-stated that Integrity in Newark and Galaxy Recycling in Jersey City were listed.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked what company was located in Clifton?

John Lynch-replied, GreenStar, who is also about 10 miles away.

Councilwoman Busted-asked John if he had any information on the solvency of these companies. She also asked if GreenSky is an anomaly or are we facing the same possible dilemma with the other companies down the road?

John Lynch-stated that Waste Management is worldwide, he doesn't know too much about Atlantic Coast Fibers other than they've been around for a long time and Reliable has been buying out several small companies.

Councilman Cappola-feels that Waste Management is more diversified.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked who he favors?

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that if Reliable will give us \$38.00 a ton on newsprint and come and pick up the container, that would be a win, win.

Alan Negreann-stated that he would be concerned about the time that the employees would have to put in getting to Jersey City and back.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he's only talking about the news.

John Lynch-stated that he gave him a verbal to swap the box out and put GreenSky's container on the side somewhere because currently, he has no place to put the yard materials.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if GreenSky's box is empty?

John Lynch-replied no, it's full.

Councilwoman Busted-asked if Reliable will take the full box?

John Lynch-replied, no he won't do it.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked whether they would take the paper or not?

John Lynch-stated that he won't take GreenSky's box because he doesn't own it.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if the contents can be transferred to another box?

John Lynch-explained that it's 40 yards of packed material. John stated that Reliable said that they would need a letter from the Borough stating that we own it, which we don't.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if they could take the box, deliver it and then bring it back to us?

John Lynch-stated that he wanted to do that originally but Reliable won't do it unless he has a letter giving permission to move and dump GreenSky's box.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he sees no reason why we can't provide a letter like that.

Councilman Cappola-asked for clarification on purchasing the winch for our DPW truck.

John Lynch-explained, that they would use it for the schools only.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if this could be divided up somehow by having one person do paper and another for plastics?

John Lynch-replied, sure.

Councilman Mignone-asked if Waste Management offered \$50.00 on paper?

John Lynch-replied, they offered \$30.00, and Reliable offered \$38.00. He continued to say that it's probably a joint or combined price because they're expecting to get the news and the paper which offsets the co-mingled. He said that no one really wants the co-mingled.

Councilwoman Busted-stated that it's her understanding that for the paper, someone physically comes to the 40 yard container and takes it and it's a different delivery system than the co-mingled.

John Lynch-replied, yes.

Councilwoman Busted-suggested that they split it up and have Reliable for paper so we don't have to worry about our staff transporting to Jersey City.

Alan Negreann-asked if that's just cardboard or does that include newsprint.

John Lynch-stated that when he says cardboard, it includes newsprint.

Alan Negreann-explained that Reliable is probably looking to be relieved of any liability that might occur in transporting that dumpster.

Councilman Mignone-asked if we're still getting paid the same amount for them to pick it up.

John Lynch-replied no. We're not getting paid anything and we're not paying them anything.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked what the \$38.00 per ton price represents?

John Lynch-replied, if we were to pick up curbside and then deliver curbside paper.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we have no realistic way to get a 40 yard dumpster to Jersey City because we don't have the equipment. The Mayor feels that the only thing to do is to get pricing on pick-up.

Councilman Mignone-asked John what size container he delivers co-mingled material with?

John Lynch-replied, 20 yards.

Councilman Mignone-asked if we generate more paper than co-mingled?

John Lynch-replied, yes.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if we deliver co-mingled in an open top container?

John Lynch-stated that what they pick up from the yard they do but what is picked up from the curb in their garbage truck goes directly to the market. Anything at the yard is loaded into our 20 yard roll-off container and then transported.

Councilman Mignone-asked how often is the 40 yard container picked up.

John Lynch-replied approximately every two weeks.

Councilman Mignone-asked if we had to go to 20 yard containers and had to deliver it, would we still make money?

John Lynch-replied that he would have to do a cost analysis on it.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that it would probably be a wash.

Councilman Mignone-stated that as long as it's not costing us money, it's probably the best way to go.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that there are several other towns who are scrambling like we are right now and feels that no one will want to put anything in writing at this point in time.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked John if he has any idea of the weight of a 20 yard or 40 yard container of paper? He continued to say that they would have to compare the weight against price per ton, against what Atlantic Coast and Waste Management would charge to come and get it. The Mayor asked if they gave a price to come and get it?

John Lynch-stated that pricing from Atlantic Coast Fiber on August 28<sup>th</sup> was \$325.00 rental and \$125.00 pick-up and delivery. He stated that going forward you can't rely on those numbers because everything has changed.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked rental of what?

John Lynch-replied the rental of the container.

Mayor Moscaritolo-understood that to include the compactor and the container. He doesn't feel that we need a compactor.

Councilman Cappola-asked if Atlantic Coast Fiber is similar to Waste Management in the diversity of services that they offer or are they are they like GreenSky.

John Lynch-replied recycling, yes. He explained that Reliable is big into recycling logs, brush, grass, etc.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he proposes that we let Reliable take our paper until things calm down at no cost to the Borough using their 40 yard container. We will provide them with a letter so they can dispose of the paper that is in the GreenSky container. He also proposes that we begin to transport our co-mingled to Atlantic Coastal Fibers in Passaic which is \$7.00 a ton.

Councilman Mignone-stated that we will still need confirmation that they will accept that.

John Lynch-replied yes and he will still need to dump the paper that we pick-up curbside.

Alan Negreann-asked why wouldn't it go into the new Reliable container?

John Lynch-explained that pick-up from the curb goes right to market. The compactor in the yard is for residents who bring their cardboard down.

Mayor Moscaritolo-asked if it's feasible to use manpower to transfer the co-mingled from the yard into the garbage truck and drive it over there?

John Lynch-replied that the product in the yard is not the problem. They dump the co-mingled material in the yard every two months because most residents don't bring their co-mingled to the yard. The residents seem to bring mostly paper and cardboard, so the container gets filled very quickly.

Alan Negreann-stated that he would be surprised if the companies were willing to break out the co-mingled from the paper because they're probably making their money off of the paper.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that we can bring all of our trucks to Atlantic Coastal Fibers and get the \$7.00 and \$28.00 and then for the short term, we can ask Reliable to come and get the 40 yard roll-off and not make any money on it.

Councilwoman Murphy-asked if this can be done immediately or would they have to notify the residents that there will be a lag time?

Mayor Moscaritolo-replied no, that's why we're meeting today so there will be no lag time.

John Lynch-stated that there will be no change for the residents.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that hopefully in a few weeks, if Atlantic Coastal Fibers has had an opportunity to look at our materials and see that they're of decent quality, then John can work out particulars on the 40 yard container that we have.

Councilwoman Murphy-stated that even though they're meeting now, there is no confirmation on anything.

John Lynch-explained that he's been on the phone the entire morning and these figures are all verbals.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that he spoke with the owner of Atlantic Coastal Fibers who gave him a verbal that the Borough can begin to bring their materials to their facility in Passaic and they'll be accepted.

John Lynch- stated that he'll bring the materials to whoever they want because both companies are willing to take our materials.

Mayor Moscaritolo-recommends that we use Atlantic Coast Fibers because in

the past, in his opinion, Waste Management is so large that sometimes it's hard to communicate with them.

John Lynch-stated that Atlantic Coast seems very interested and Fred, one of the owners has been down to the yard several times and is always very prompt in giving proposals. He also mentioned that in the meantime as far as the schools, John Lyons will bring their recyclables down to the yard. John again suggested that they put the winch on their truck so that they don't get strong armed with a higher price.

Mayor Moscaritolo-stated that if we put the winch on our truck, it will cost an additional \$17,000 and there will be more wear and tear on the vehicle. The Mayor also stated that if it solved the issue with the compactor, it would be a smart decision to do that but that's not the case.

Councilwoman Busted-asked for clarification on the immediate situation with the 40 yard dumpster and whether Reliable is just getting us through the short term until we sign a contract.

John Lynch-replied yes. He continued to say that because he's had a long relationship with them, Reliable has agreed to do this.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to approve the plan whereby the 40 yard container at the Department of Public Works would be disposed of by Reliable Wood Products and they would receive free of charge, the material that is contained therein and the Borough would give them a letter to dispose of the GreenSky material in the container. The co-mingled will go to Atlantic Coast Fiber at \$7.00 per ton and the newspaper at \$28.00 per ton. The schools will be bringing their recycled materials to the Department of Public Works facility.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Mignone voted yes; Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Acquafredda were absent.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:34 P.M.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Mignone to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Cappola, Councilwoman Busted and Councilman Mignone voted yes; Councilman Papaleo and Councilman Acquafredda were absent.

Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo

Attest:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

Dated: