

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2008

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman; Charles Stuhre; William Greenawalt; Mary Ann Sheffer; Tom Sheffer; John Holman (Township Manager)

We began our tour of the Springettsbury Township Wastewater Treatment Facility in the Conference Room with Mr. Mark Hodgkinson, Plant Manager, explaining the operation of the present physical plant and the changes to take place when the proposed \$30 million dollar improvement project is completed. The changes are part of a mandatory program to bring the facility in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Initiative.

We saw how paper and other foreign materials are removed upon entering the plant and later how the grit is removed. The waste goes through various stages of treatment until it leaves the plant in one of two forms – clean water dispensed into the Codorus Creek or the non-liquid sediment being composted or enriched with lime before being taken by truck to be spread on farmland to enrich the soil. The non-usable waste is taken to the landfill. This informative tour illustrates another form of recycling that is necessary and vital to protecting the environment.

We returned to the Conference Room at the end of the tour and briefly discussed the remaining Agenda items. The CART program is on hold presently and the RecycleBank is not currently being promoted in this area because of the proposed buyout of Republic Industries by Allied Waste.

Next meeting date is January 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted.

Ronald DiAngelo

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2008

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman; Charles Stuhre; William Greenawalt; Penny Dellinger; Mary Ann Sheffer; Tom Sheffer; John Holman (Township Manager)

The first item discussed was the proposed use in the township of York Waste Disposal's CART Program in which an automated arm reaches from the truck to lift the trash bin and dump it into the truck. The committee is in favor of York Waste using this and the Board of Supervisors will discuss this program to determine whether they want it implemented as well as obtain the township solicitor's review for legal issues that may be involved.

The committee also suggested that we have Don Isabella and Mark Pergolese from York Waste attend a future meeting to further discuss the use of placing bar codes on recycling bins to keep data on each resident's recycling poundage for possible use in a rewards type program named "RecycleBank".

The committee was informed that York Waste Disposal now has a recycler to remove freon from appliances that are placed curbside for large item pickup. In the past residents were asked to remove the freon but due to the risk to the environment that might be caused that has been changed and removal is no longer necessary.

The committee was also informed that the township's new Code Enforcement Officers will begin handing out copies of the Commercial Recycling Code and additional information to township commercial establishments beginning in mid September.

The last item covered was gathering suggestions for future committee projects. It was agreed that we will work to utilize education to get residents to recycle a broader variety of materials such as cereal and shoe box cardboard. This can be done through township newsletter articles and items, flyers placed in York Waste's mailers and mailed bills, welcome packages distributed to new residents containing recycling information, and going into township elementary schools to present recycling basics.

A date of November 11, 2008 was tentatively set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Charles Stuhre, Paul Tarcetta, William Greenawalt, Deb Bixler, Penny Dellinger, John Holman (Township Manager), Don Isabella and Mark Pergolese from York Waste Disposal.

Don Isabella and Mark Pergolese from York Waste Disposal presented information about two new programs to the committee for consideration: Automated “All Cart” Service and Recycle Bank Bucks.

Automated “All Cart” Service offers a more automated service for trash collection where residents are switched to 96 gallon carts (smaller size carts are available) that are then automatically pulled to the truck by means of an arm that reaches out to get the cart and then automatically dumps the contents into the truck. This service offers several benefits. It provides a uniform appearance curbside, is a safer way to collect and dispose of trash because no one has to be in the back of the truck and thus risk injury or accident, and its efficiency (each cart can be emptied in about seven seconds) can lead to lower costs for trash collection. This type of collection will be available in the future for recyclables as well.

RecycleBank Bucks is an incentive based recycling program where the carts holding the material contain a radio frequency chip which contains the address of the homeowner that is then read by the truck when dumped. The reader on the truck records the weight of recycled material per household. This information is gathered and then points are distributed among participating residents who will earn reward points to be used at local participating businesses.

A date of September 9, 2008 was tentatively set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Charles Stuhre, Paul Tarcetta, Penny Dellinger, John Holman
(Township Manager)

The committee discussed the recent tour of Recycle America and concluded that it was a very informative experience. An idea was discussed that was presented at the tour. It is of a program in which the trash hauler weighs the amount of recycled materials at each household and then those households which meet certain criteria would be rewarded with some type of coupons for local businesses. It was decided that this idea will be pursued by finding out more information about the program from Don Isabella, a representative of York Waste Disposal, at the September meeting.

Ideas were discussed as to how to further educate township residents in correcting some bad habits such as their continuing to put recyclables in plastic bags. One suggestion is to put an attention grabbing headline on the front page of the township newsletter that refers to articles within the newsletter which will address this and other issues.

Lastly, commercial recycling was reviewed. Several code enforcement people are being trained by the township and one of their future duties will be to check commercial establishments to make sure that each is recycling. This will significantly increase the amount of materials being recycled within the township.

A date of September 9, 2008 was tentatively set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
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**MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, William Greenawalt, Paul Taccetta, John Holman (Township Manager)

Guest: Vera Miller, Windsor Township

The committee began discussing their experiences with our new trash contractor, York Waste and the opinion was that most felt they were doing a good job to date. There was a problem with the start of the yard waste pickup, with some bundles of brush, etc. being thrown in same truck with the regular trash. The problem can be checked two ways. One by residents reporting such abuse and second by comparing the figures from last year.

No date or time has been set for our visit to the Recycle America facility. We need to set a time when we can see the complete operation up and running. We are considering a visit to the Wastewater Treatment plant and the Solid Waste Authority incinerator.

We will try to get information regarding the Commercial Recycling program with an update of the present initiatives and any problems that need to be addressed.

We discussed an e-mail received from Charlie Stuhre regarding Freon in appliances and its safe removal. Mr. Holman will check with York Waste to learn how they safely collect Freon from discarded appliances. Paul mentioned a Yahoo web site called freecycle.org which allows members to either give or sell items locally or to receive free or purchase items.

A date of May 13, 2008 was tentatively set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron DiAngelo

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2008**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, William Greenawalt, Deb Bixler, Steve Baker, Penny Dellinger, John Holman (Township Manager)

The committee discussed a discrepancy that has come up in the types of plastics that the new hauler says are being recycled (a wide range of numbered plastics) as opposed to those that are reported as being accepted at Recycle America (only plastic bottles with smaller necks than bodies). Mr. Holman will contact York Waste and confirm which ones will be picked up.

A visit to Recycle America for the committee to tour the recycling facility used by York Waste will be scheduled for the spring.

Newsletter article topics were also discussed. York Waste will be providing an article that will detail the single stream recycling system that they use. The article will explain that their recycling truck looks like a trash truck and that all recyclable materials are thrown into the back just like a trash truck but that the items are in fact being recycled using the single stream method. Hopefully this will stop any confusion that might arise with residents.

Mr. Holman reported that the transition to the new hauler is going well as they are getting used to the new routes.

A date of March 11, 2008 was tentatively set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger