

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 23, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Campbell certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2011. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Louise Campbell, Deputy Mayor Keith Nagler, Council Member Rovenna Overton, and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew. Council Member Jay Springer was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Public Works Director Richard Parks – Trash Collection

Public Works Director Parks went over the trash collection program as outlined.

- Trash will be collected curbside in the entire town over three days
- Trash will be collected using our 2007 Ford F-750 13 yd. rear loader. This truck will collect approximately 416 homes before it needs to be dumped, depending on volume placed curbside.
- A new 20 yd. rear loader should go out to bid as soon as possible to go in service by late November. This truck will collect approximately 640 homes, again depending on volume placed curbside.
- In the event of a breakdown, Southampton Township will loan us their spare rear loader
- Trash Collection Days:
 - Monday – Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park (approx. 655 homes)
 - Tuesday – Vista and Lakeview including Jennifer Court (approx. 495 homes)
 - Wednesday – Creek area, trailer parks, and remaining outlying streets (approx. 492 homes)
- In the event of a holiday, trash will be collected one day later than normal.
- Items collected will not change. However, reduced tipping fees should be realized as we will not collect bagged leaves and other items not permitted to be placed in the landfill

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- A flyer or fluorescent colored sticker will be left at any home where trash is refused. Possible reasons for refusal include large amounts of recyclables mixed with trash, hazardous waste mixed with trash, items not prepared properly, etc. This would also include computer equipment and televisions
- Bulk pickup of appliances and white goods remain the first Wednesday of each month. Residents must call the Township to be placed on the collection list
- Red Lion metals will be providing a 20 yard roll-off container for us to dispose of white goods and other metals. This container will be placed beside the Public Works garage for ease of loading and to prevent illegal dumping by outside residents. Red Lion Metals will collect it when full; return another to us with a receipt for total tonnage recycled and payment for the recycled metal.
- Complaints or concerns will continue to be received by the Receptionist and forwarded to the Public Works Director for follow-up
- A letter approved by the Township Manager outlining the new program and what each resident should expect will be delivered by mail to each home by June 15th.
- Collection routes have been established to ensure all streets are collected and to make it easy for the drivers to follow.
- The new Public Works Laborers will be starting work on June 13th to allow for training in all aspects of Public Works activities

Mayor Campbell said it would be interesting to see how the tipping fees will vary.

Deputy Mayor Nagler asked how they were going to address the grass clippings.

Township Manager Carew said they would have an outreach program to educate the residents. They would not prohibit picking up the grass clippings until they have a compost site.

Peter Ulyett, 19 Cheslea Road, asked what happens if the truck breaks down.

Public Works Director Parks said that they would borrow a truck from Southampton.

Township Manager Carew said the Township also has a shared service mechanic service agreement with Southampton to repair all of vehicles.

Township Manager Carew said request for proposals were received by Township Clerk White for computer services and the new company proposal was less than that of the prior computer company.

Township Manager Carew said that Nixle was not interesting in attending a Council meeting to give a presentation, so he is looking into other companies.

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Township Manager Carew said he is working with a company to redesign the Eastampton Township signs and waiting on some drawings to view.

Township Manager Carew said that Princeton Label Company has closed on the Gsell property and would be open for business by September.

Township Manager Carew said the Township Auditor Mike Holt advised him that he has been very pleased with Jack Bruno and Gerry Mingin's work over the past year.

Mayor Campbell asked Township Manager Carew what could be done about the maintenance issues on the abandoned properties.

Township Manager Carew said he would speak with the Public Works Director Parks to see what violation notices could be sent out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 11, 2011

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the April 11, 2011 minutes were approved.

April 25, 2011

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve the April 25, 2011 minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the April 25, 2011 minutes were approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2011-60 Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve Resolution 2011-60.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-60 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-61 Directing the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Undertake Preparation of a Redevelopment Plan

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-61.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-61 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-62 Issuance of Bond Anticipated Note in the amount of Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred and One Dollars (\$97,601.00) with Respect to Capital Improvements by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance Bond Ordinance No. 2005-16

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-62.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-62 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-63 Issuance of Bond Anticipated Note in the amount of One Hundred Sixty -Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$165,400.00) with Respect to Capital Improvements by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance Bond Ordinance No. 2008-6

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-63.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-63 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-64 Award of Contract for Bond Counsel with John G. Hudak for Eastampton Township

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-64.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

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There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-64 was adopted.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Tax Collector
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve the Tax Collector and Treasurer reports.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Tax Collector and Treasurer were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Deputy Mayor Nagler asked why the ADT quarterly fee is high and to see if the Township has a contract with ADT.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into that.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON that the May 19, 2011 bill list be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills dated May 19, 2011 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Memorial Day Ceremony

Mayor Campbell reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Celebration is May 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Manor House.

- Re-Appointment of Township Clerk

Mayor Campbell said on June 23, 2008 Kim White was appointed as the Township Clerk and her three year term will be expiring. Mayor Campbell asked that it be put on the June 13, 2011 agenda.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Omega Material Recovery Facility

George Hulse, 871 Powell Road handed out a presentation to the Township Council and the audience in attendance. Mr. Hulse asked that Eastampton Citizen Response to the Proposed Amendment 11-2 Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan to the Omega Trash Transfer/Materials Recover Station to be located on Route 206 between Woodlane Road and Powell Road to be added to the official minutes.

Paul O'Reilly, 1310 Woodlane Road, asked where is the closest recycling center.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said he believes Mercer County is the closest recycling center.

Peter Ulyett, 19 Cheslea Road, asked what the tax payment would be for Omega?

Deputy Mayor Nagler said they do not know what the taxes would be yet.

Wayne Lebak, 4 Gordon Road, expressed a concern with the Omega facility coming to town because of the noise and debris and also asked with all the water being used would the well dry up?

Mayor Campbell asked that the letter that was sent from Mayor Springer last year to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders be put on the front page of the website.

Peter Uylett, 19 Chelsea Road, asked how much would be used daily.

Township Manager Carew said all questions would be submitted to the attorney for Omega and mentioned that the residents could attend the Burlington County Chosen Freeholders meeting as well.

George Hulse, 871 Powell Road, thanked the Mayor and Township Council for allowing them to be heard regarding the Omega Recovery Material Facility.

Mayor Campbell asked Township Clerk White to send the materials that Mr. Hulse prepared to the Land Use Planning Board. She thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their opinions regarding the Omega Facility.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to take a five minute recess to allow the room to clear out.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

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- Shared Service Update

Township Manager Carew indicated there are no new updates.

- Replacing Township Signs

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed during his Manager's report.

- Manor House Repairs

Public Works Director Parks said the ground floor shutters for the building have been ordered and the stairwell siding has been completed.

- Update on Sidewalk Project

Township Manager Carew said he has not received an update and would look into that.

- Recreation Building Repairs

Township Manager Carew said Public Works Director Parks said he wanted to complete the Manor House repairs first and then work on the recreation building repairs.

- Draft Parking Regulation Ordinance regarding trailers in the streets

Deputy Mayor Nagler said Township Attorney Fahey did a great job creating the ordinance because it addresses all the concerns they had.

Mayor Campbell said she would like the ordinance on for introduction for June 13, 2011.

- Draft Ordinance for Tax Abatement Pilot Program

Mayor Campbell said Tax Assessor McMahon will be attending a seminar regarding this subject and asked that she attend the Council Meeting on June 13 to discuss with Council.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Everyone thanked David Serlin for filling in for Township Attorney Fahey in her absence.

Council Member Overton thanked everyone involved for providing a safe and wonderful 5K run/walk.

Mayor Campbell said it was wonderful that the residents came out to speak about the Omega Recovery Facility. She said they did a tremendous amount of research and she respects that.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul O'Reilly, 1310 Woodlane Road, said directly behind his home he believes illegal dumping is going on. He said he sees various items including kitchen cabinets and construction debris.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into that.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Campbell

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Kim-Marie White

Municipal Clerk

Louise Campbell

Mayor

Approved: August 22, 2011

Eastampton Citizen Response

to the

Proposed Amendment 11-2 Burlington County District Solid Waste Management
Plan

to include the

Omega Trash Transfer / Material Recover Station*

to be located on

Route 206 between Woodlane Road and Powell Road

Jack Braun
Joe Incudine
George Hulse
Christina Lebak
Elaine Losse

Presented to the Eastampton Township Council

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* The Omega Trash Transfer / Material Recover Permit Application binder is on display at the Eastampton Manor House

Eastampton Citizen Response to Trash Transfer / Recovery Station

Introduction

We, the residents of Eastampton, are the most important factor in this decision process because we are the ones that will be affected by it. The laws and regulations of our county and state encourage public participation. We can make a difference!

Who are we? I am Jack Braun, **Eastampton Against Transfer of Trash**, and am here as one of the representatives of those Eastampton residents who are against the trash transfer / recovery facility.

Why we are here? We oppose the inclusion of the site of a “transfer station / material recovery facility” in the District Solid Waste Management Plan. The site is located on Route 206 between Woodlane and Powell Roads and is near a residential area and the Powell Run Tributary to Rancocas Creek,

What have we done to prepare? We have meet with and obtained signed petitions from over 50 residents near the proposed trash-transfer site, reviewed many documents including the “Omega trash-transfer permit application” (available at the Eastampton Manor House), meet with officials of the Dept. of Solid Waste and made brief presentations at County Freeholders and Eastampton Council meetings.

What are we requesting of the Eastampton Council? Please reconsider your position concerning the trash-transfer site and tell the Freeholders that the residents are not in favor of the trash-transfer site.

Background

Omega Material Recovery seeks to amend the Burlington County Solid Waste Management Plan to include a Trash Transfer / Material Recover Facility to accommodate up to 623 tons per day bulky and construction demolition material. Presently this Commercial Highway District is zoned to permit the following list (abbreviated) of uses:

- Municipal building and other government and/or public uses
- Restaurants or eating places
- Offices or office building for physicians, dentists, lawyers, engineers
- Music conservatories or music instruction
- Garden supply centers and greenhouses for retail sales
- Funeral homes and mortuaries
- Buildings for the storage and sale of lumber and building materials
- Veterinarians and animal boarding facilities

There is not an “unfilled need” for this trash-transfer facility. The County Solid Waste facility has been permitted to accept solid waste until 2018 with plans to expand the facility so that it may take waste until 2025.

In its letter to The Freeholders, Owen McCabe on the behalf of Pemberton Township, states that: “Needles to say it would be better located in an isolated area. Given its proposed location, the impact of the sound generated at the facility as well as the increased truck traffic all need to be mitigated. Both Pemberton and Eastampton have proposed in their Master Plans extensive retail centers ... adjacent to the site. This type of facility [trash transfer] may discourage or deter new ratable proposed by both Townships.”

“Solid waste recovery plan raises residents’ ire” Please refer to the Burlington County Times article, May 22, 2011, included at the end of this presentation.

Key Issues and Supporting Material

A. Collection Truck Traffic and Traffic-flow Issues

1. One truck per minute, based on 474 four ton to 22 ton collection trucks that are anticipated
2. A designated route to facility: To / from I-295 or NJ Turnpike via Woodlane Road past the Town Center district
3. “Eastampton will have to discuss establishing a truck prohibition on Woodlane Road and Monmouth Road with Mt. Holly, Springfield and Westampton if they want to eliminate the possibility of collection trucks traveling through their town center district.”
4. Left turn lane into facility should be provide
5. Trip generation data also needs to include employee trips for 16 employees
6. A plan showing the “if needed” stacking on the site should be provided

Ref: Memo, April 5, 2011 to Jerome Sheehan, Dir. of Solid Waste from Joseph Brickley, County Engineer, RE: Omega Material Recovery Facility

Questions/concerns: _____

B. Sound Level Issues and Measurements of Collection Trucks (7:00 am – 4:30 pm) and Air Filtration system (7:00 am – 10:00 pm). Waste processing will continue until 10:00 pm.

1. Collection truck sound data appears to be taken with only one truck
2. The Air Filtration system has not been specified nor has any sound-level data been provided for it.
3. More investigation needs to be done concerning this issue

Questions/concerns: _____

C. Directly Adjacent to Residential Areas and the Slumberland Motel

1. The residence of Craig and Leslie Pondish is less than 150 feet from proposed site.
2. The residents on Gordon Rd are less than 750 feet from the proposed site.
3. Residents on Maple and Powell Roads are between 1000 and 2500 feet
4. Umesh Patel, manager of the Slumberland Motel, is concerned about the effect on the drinking water, the noise generated during the day while many of his guest have to sleep due to night-time work and the expanded use of his driveway by trucks making U-turns.

Questions/concerns: _____

D. Environmental Issues and the Effect on Powell Run, a tributary to the Rancocas Creek

1. More drainage calculations are required ... drainage area maps ... impact ... downstream. *Ref: Memo, April 5, 2011 from Joseph Brickley, County Engineer*
2. More explanation concerning the outflow from the leachate collection tank water used to collect water from weekly wash down of floor
3. Construction material could contain lead, mercury and other pollutants
4. Thousands of gallons of water per day will be pumped from wells

Questions/concerns: _____

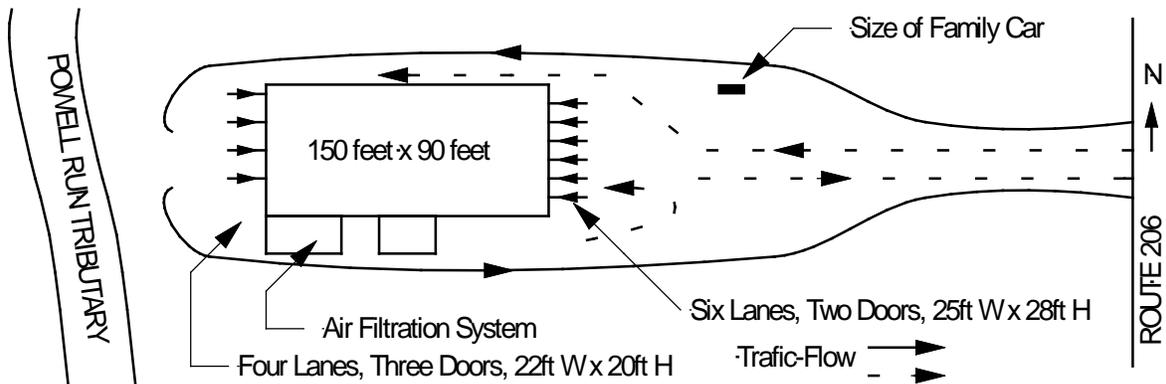
E. Our Presentation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders May 11, 2011

1. During our presentation we introduced community, technical and legal concerns
2. They said we are only in the 2nd inning of this process.
3. We will keep the Freeholders informed of our progress
4. Many Eastampton residents were in attendance.

Questions/concerns: _____

E. Diagram of Facility

1. Six truck lanes for delivering mixed trash
2. Four truck lanes for removing separated trash.
3. Air filtration system is outside building. Operation: 7:00am to 10:00pm
4. Facility is very near Powell Run.
5. Note relative size of facility compared to family car



(Adapted from the Facility Permit Application)

6. Photo of interior of typical transfer facility, is at the end of this presentation

Questions/concerns: _____

F. Letter to Gary Walker, Omega Material Recover from Laurie van Genderen, Senior Environmental Specialist, Dept. of Solid Waste

1. Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) voted unanimously to request additional information from the applicant. Response due by May 20, 2011.
 - a. Technical data regarding air handling / dust and odor control system
 - b. Transfer station floor washdown water holding tank
 - c. Details and calculations on noise barrier
 - d. Details about drainage and the impact downstream of the site
 - e. Traffic issues: left turn, access and egress routes
 - f. Impact to the surrounding property values
 - g. Copy of any host benefit agreement with Eastampton Township

Ref: Letter, April 19, 2011, to Gary Walker, Omega Material Recover, RE: Proposed Amendment 11-2, Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan from Laurie van Genderen, Senior Environmental Specialist, Dept. of Solid Waste.

2. A public meeting with Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) is scheduled June 21, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Eco Complex. ***Please Attend!***

Questions/concerns: _____

G. History (minutes) of our Township Council involvement with Gary Walker, Omega Material Recovery

1. May 24, 2010 Township Attorney Fahey said she had a meeting today with the Township Engineer and Land Use Planning Board Attorney to discuss the recycling center. She said the Omega Material Recovery would be before the Land Use Planning Board in June. She said the Township Council would approve a Resolution at the June 28 meeting once she receives the recommendation of the Land Use Planning Board.

2. June 28, 2010 Resolution R2010-57 Endorsing Application of Omega Materials Recovery Facility

Councilman Nagler said the Landuse Planning Board was divided during the meeting to reach a decision on the application. He said that Council did not receive the proper notes from the Landuse Planning Board to review the application. He said that Omega Materials Recovery Facility came to the Landuse Planning Board as a courtesy because they really only need NJDEP approval.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to table Resolution R2010-57 to the July 26 Council meeting.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-57 was tabled to the July 26 Council meeting.

3. July 26, 2010 Resolution R2010-57 Endorsing Application of Omega Materials Recovery Facility

Township Attorney Fahey and Council have discussed not moving forward on the above Resolution and doing a letter of support with the conditions listed. It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to rescind Resolution R2010-57 and do a letter of support instead.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

Our response: These actions do not represent the people most directly affected.

4. Quotes from letter of support from Jay Springer, Mayor to Board of Chosen Freeholders:

“Therefore, the Township Land Use Planning Board can act as community liaison to the public regarding the scope of the operation at the site.”

Our response: There has not been community liaison

“Eastampton commends and conditionally endorses Omega on its efforts and thanks the County for its consideration of this matter

Our response: We do not feel that the community commends or conditionally endorses Omega on its trash-transfer facility.

Ref: Letter, August 12, 2011 to Chosen Freeholders from Jay Springer, Mayor Eastampton Township, RE: Omega Material Recovery Facility

Questions/concerns: _____

H. Good Community Participation and Problems That May Occur Without It.

1. Excerpts from “A regulatory Strategy for Siting and Operating Waste Transfer Station” (WST) suggested ways to include the community in the process. These include:

- a. Forming Working Groups do help with fact-finding
- b. Consult with potentially impacted neighborhoods
- c. It noted that WST’s are being permitted to have their permits amended with minimum public notice.
- d. Local planning agencies also fail to provide public comment on siting WTSs based on the justification that a WTS facility is permitted “as a matter of right”.

Ref: A regulatory Strategy for Siting and Operating Waste Transfer Station” hree Recommendations for Community Participation, www.epa.gov

2. New Brunswick Problems: “Opponents of the plan [waste transfer station] criticized the planning board’s quick decision on the project ...Company officials responded by saying they had complied with state law ... A green light on the plan is still needed from the county freeholders and state DEP.”

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Ref: nj.com Everything Jersey

3. Hainesport Problems: From a Courier Post Editorial. "A Hainesport trash transfer station may meet health and safety laws, as its owners contend. Still, the industrial railroad company never had to assess the environmental effect of the operation on the area, which is adjacent to a residential neighborhood.

Ref: [www://lautenbergforj.com/news-article.php?i=68](http://www.lautenbergforj.com/news-article.php?i=68)

Questions/concerns: _____

I. Wrap Up

1. Petition: Opposition to Trash Transfer / Material Recovery Facility in Eastampton

We, the undersigned residents of Eastampton, oppose the construction of the Transfer Station / Material Recovery Facility by Omega Material Recovery, 2519 Route 206, between Woodlane and Powell Roads, Eastampton because it will negatively impact our quality of life as well as fair market value of our homes.

Furthermore, we ask the Eastampton Township Council to pass a resolution opposing Proposed Amendment 11.2, Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan for this area from "offices, restaurants, retail, etc" to include a heavy industry: Transfer Station / Material Recovery Facility to accept 600 tons per day of bulky and construction and demolition waste for processing. 474 collection trucks will pass through our community (including the Town Center Section) to perform this task.

Furthermore, we ask the Eastampton Township Council to send their resolution to (1) the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Burlington New Jersey and to (2) Jerome Sheehan, Director, Department of Solid Waste, P.O. Box 429, Columbus, NJ 08022

To date we have over 50 signed petitions and continue to meet with residents. Here are our petitions to date.

2. We will update the County Freeholders at their May 25, 2011 meeting

3. Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) Public Meeting at Eco Complex to review the revised permit application of Omega Material Recovery. SWAC is the "eyes and ears" of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. This is a very important committee for this issue.

Date: June 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Location: Eco Complex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Rd, Bordentown

Question / Concerns / Input: There will be a public comment portion at the meeting.

(If you will not be present or would like to send something to SWAC prior to meeting, it should be sent by June 10 to:

(1) SWAC, Board of Chosen Freeholders, 49 Rancocas Rd, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-6000, Ph: (609) 265-5020

(2) a copy to Jerome Sheehan, Director, Dept. of Solid Waste, P.O. Box 429, Columbus, NJ 08022, Ph: (609) 499-1001

4. Request for Eastampton Township Council Support

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Contact: 12 Manor House Ct., Eastampton, NJ 08060, Ph: (609) 267 5723

- a. Please reconsider your position concerning the trash-transfer site and tell the Freeholders that the residents are not in favor of the trash-transfer site.
- b. Help us raise community awareness and act as a community liaison to the public regarding the scope of operations at the site.
- c. Please publicize the SWAC meeting on our website and with a *special mailing to the residents* concerning this very important issue
- d. We would like technical and legal support from Township Council

5. Contact for Eastampton Against Transfer of Trash:

Christina Lebak, 4 Gordon Rd, Eastampton, NJ 08060, Ph: (609) 265-9408,
Email: wcgr4@veriozon.net

Questions/concerns: _____

References

- Memo, April 5, 2011, to Jerome Sheehan, from Joseph T. Brickley, County Engineer, RE: Omega Material Recovery Facility, US Route 206, Eastampton Township
- Letter, April 19, 2011, to Gary Walker, Omega Material Recover, 2519 Route 206, Eastampton, NJ 08060, RE: Proposed Amendment 11-2, Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan from Laurie van Genderen, Senior Environmental Specialist with the Dept. of Solid Waste. This letter stated that Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) voted unanimously to request and it requests the following additional information from the applicant. (Please refer to the letter.) Omega's response is due by May 20, 2011.
- Letter to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, August 12, 2010 from Jay Springer, Mayor Eastampton Township.
- Excerpts from "A regulatory Strategy for Siting and Operating Waste Transfer Station" (WST) suggested ways to include the community in the process. www.epa.gov
- Photo of typical interior of transfer / recovery facility, brochure from www.cbi-inc.com
- Solid Waste Recovery Plan Raises Residents Ire, Burlington County Times, Sunday May 22, 2011, by Danielle Camilli
- Letter from Owen McCabe of the Regan design Group for Pemberton Township to Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, April 29, 2011, Re: Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Omega Material Recover; Eastampton, New Jersey

Solid waste recovery plan raises residents' ire

By DANIELLE CAMILLI
STAFF WRITER

EASTAMPTON — A township-based company wants to bring a solid-waste-materials recovery and transfer station to land it owns at Powell Road and Route 206, but nearby residents are mounting opposition.

The application, submitted by Omega Material Recovery, is under review by the county's Solid Waste Advisory Council, which last month asked for more details about the plan after the company held a public information meeting on the proposal.

The 14-member council reviews all applications for new facilities because the county's Solid Waste Management Plan would have to be amended to allow the operation. The council ultimately will make a recommendation to the Burlington County Board of Freeholders about whether to amend the plan, but it has no regulatory authority.

The additional information the council requested was due to the county
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Recovery

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Friday, said Jerome Sheehan, director of the county's Solid Waste Department.

On May 11, residents living nearby the proposed station flooded the freeholders' meeting looking for answers and telling the board that many neighbors learned of the plan after the April 7 public information meeting.

They said they feared "huge amounts of traffic, smells and odors, and noise," in addition to environmental and other concerns.

"We just don't want that in our community. The quality of life goes down," resident Joe Incodine said. "It just doesn't fit. It's contradicting all the efforts this board has accomplished. It just doesn't fit our footprint."

The 2.64-acre site is not far from the county's preserved Historic Smithville Park on the Rancocas Creek.

Omega's plan, submitted in April 2010 and revised in October, includes a 150-by-90-foot building that would accept up to 600 tons a day of "bulky, construction and demolition waste," including metal, wood and asphalt, for processing. Bulky waste includes large items such as furniture and refrigerators, officials said.

The waste would be accepted from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and processed until 10 p.m. The applicant anticipates about 150 trucks a day entering the site and another 50 going out, according to the plan. Omega estimates it would have about 20 employees.

Sheehan described it as a medium-size operation and said it would be the first material recovery station of its kind in the county. One of the criteria the council must consider is the need for a facility.

The council asked for more details concerning Omega's traffic study of the site's impact, the proposed 18-foot sound barriers to the north and south of the property, the proposed air handling/dust control system, and other issues raised by Eastampton officials, Sheehan said.

He said Omega did complete

"This may be commercial, but that is a joke there. This area is a mixed bag grown up over the years, and there are homes directly behind the site. From a planning, traffic, noise and visual perspective, this will significantly impact, in fact, threaten the area."

George Hultz
Powell Road resident

a sound study and was proposing to follow recommendations to abate any noise concerns.

John Gillespie, the attorney representing Omega, said the company also plans to use technology that would keep any odors generated from the operation from exiting the building.

"Obviously, we are sensitive to the concerns of the residents," Gillespie said. "The process has been ongoing, and we have been working with the town to address concerns it raised. We have an obligation to meet the standard, and we will."

He said despite having no obligation to present plans to Eastampton, Omega officials have been working with the municipality.

"We've spent a lot of time talking to the town and taken their concerns into consideration and have made some of the changes they asked for. We have done that," Gillespie said. "The last thing anyone wants is to put this in the middle of a residential neighborhood. You want things like this on the highway."

In August, Mayor Jay Springer outlined eight concerns in a letter to the freeholders, including landscape buffering, truck traffic, the proposed location of the sound barriers, and the adequacy of the septic system. Also, Springer suggested that the acquisition of adjacent land may help mitigate some issues and that truck traffic should be rerouted around the Eastampton Town Center.

Residents raised some of those concerns and others at

the May 11 meeting. They said although the land is in Eastampton's commercial highway district, it also is close to residences.

"This may be commercial, but that is a joke there. This area is a mixed bag grown up over the years, and there are homes directly behind the site," said George Hultz of Powell Road. "From a planning, traffic, noise and visual perspective, this will significantly impact, in fact, threaten the area."

Powell Road resident Jack Braun raised concerns about the "high-traffic, high-accident area" of Route 206 and also told the freeholders that area residents who have well water are worried about any impact to the aquifer.

"It is a very challenging task to address the fear of the unknown," Gillespie said.

The Solid Waste Advisory Council is accepting public comments on the application as part of its review, Sheehan said. Once the county receives the requested information from Omega Material Recovery, it will set a new schedule of open public information sessions, he said. Those meetings have not been scheduled.

The complete application is available for review at the Solid Waste Department's office at the Rutgers EcoComplex on Florence-Columbus Road in Mansfield.

"We are still in the first step of the process," Sheehan said.

Once the council reviews the application and holds the public meetings, it will make a recommendation about amending the county's solid waste plan. Based on the recommendation, the freeholders ultimately will decide any changes.

If the plan is amended, Omega can apply for the necessary permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The last time the county was asked to amend the plan for a new facility was in 2007, when a company wanted to build in Burlington Township, officials said. The applicant withdrew the plans at the public information meeting.

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