

Bethlehem Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Lower Saucon Township
Attendance: **Bethlehem Landfill:** Astor Lawson & Cody White; **Hanover Engineering:** Scott Brown; **Members:** Hazem Hijazi & Neil Ortwein; **Staff Members:** Leslie Huhn & Tracie Raven; **Council Liaison:** Tom Carocci; **Guests:** Donna Louder & Jason Banonis

Astor reviewed the monthly tonnages for August:

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
MSW	22,319.66	18,345.14	18,797.13
C&D	6,572.63	5,167.23	6,610.3
Residual (Total)	4,778.49	3,825.05	6,000.21
Asbestos	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alternate Daily cover	2,010.36	4,114.54	3,582.90
Sewage Sludge	393.40 (1.09%)	401.68 (1.26%)	339.79 (.96%)
Out of State (Total)	15,199.95 (42%)	15,895.02 (50%)	18,923.02 (53%)
Recycle	5 (80%)	9 (89%)	7 (86%)

Astor said they had three Form U Submittals from Weaver Popcorn Manufacturing, PSE&G Hudson Generating and 1150M Woodland Park, LLC, which were all approved.

Astor said the third quarter sampling event was scheduled for August 30, 2021 – September 2, 2021 and that did happen. The July 2021 Leachate Groundwater Demand report, 2Q2021 Quarterly Host Municipality Report and Opacity Report were all sent to the Township.

Astor said there were two inspections by DEP on August 4, 2021 from Air Quality; one on August 10, 2021 with Amy Faulch with Enforcement; August 26, 2021 Matt Glogowski came out from Solid Waste; and on August 30 & 31, 2021 R. Malizia came out for Groundwater. There were two Host Municipal Inspections by Scott Brown in September.

Astor said the Commercial Waste Vehicles, they had 3,044 total trucks, 118 overweight, 98 warnings, and 20 suspensions. Most came from the refactoring job on the 1st day of the month and every single truck that came in was overweight by 2%, so they got suspended for three days.

Astor said the August Average Flare Flow was 3,549 SCFM and there were no shutdowns during that time. After Hurricane Ida came through, they had some repairs made to the North Slope Road nothing major, and there were some on the NE side.

Astor said the abatement system continues to operate and discharge to the Bethlehem WWTP. Intermittent malfunctions of the well pumps and controls are repaired or replaced as needed. The Leachate Collection flow rates continue to be monitored and reported. Intermittent malfunction of the well pumps and controls are repaired or replaced as needed.

Astor said there were two radioactive loads for August. These waste streams met level 1 requirements and were disposed of onsite. The waste operations are still in the SE-2AB, Phase 1. The complaints received by Waste Connections were attached.

Scott Brown said he was out and did the inspection this morning. The NE and NW corner there was some damage from Hurricane Ida and after they did their assessment, it was a little beyond of what his guys could do, they had some professional contractors come in and fix those two areas. Some of the repairs to the new cell construction were already fixed up. There were minor odors from the landfill entrance. They are doing some additional filling in the North Slope.

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Tom said the odor complaint log looks good. There was one in July, one in August and one in September so far. Haz asked if they did anything different. Astor said no, they are just adding to the final cap on top. Haz said you would think in the summertime people are outside and you would have more complaints. Haz asked about the enforcement from DEP on August 10th, what was that about? Astor said they do random inspections and it's the standard regular inspection they do. It should be a monthly inspection, but she's been doing it every two months. There were no issues.

Haz said on the abatement system for secondary flow, he doesn't see LMC-8. There was a number of data in May or June where the flow was minimal or zero. Have you done anything to it? Cody said they replaced in the detection flow which is the secondary flow as the pump as it was sticking. Most of the time when you have a backlog of leachate and the pump is working more and getting more into the tank. If we don't have as much rain, the pump is not going to necessarily pump. It could have been excess flow from the detection.

Tom said last meeting it was requested that Chief Barndt be asked how often they go out there and he got a report. LSTPD did 28 details over there in a little over three years, from 2018 - 2021. They spent 37 hours out there and there were three violations. If you look at the past three months, August there was a spike in O/W trucks although we had a lot of rain in August. A lot of these trucks when they leave, they are underweight and take on rain water. The suspensions by the Landfill increased as well. He would encourage more suspensions and would encourage Chief Barndt stationed out there a little more regularly. Its 45 months and they were only out there 28 days. Leslie said all of 2018 and beginning of 2019 was different management, so prior to that, they weren't allowed to be on the landfill unless they were invited. Tom said so we are talking about 29 months and they've been out there 28 times which they were out there once a month. Astor said they are definitely welcome. Tom said thank you for welcoming them.

Astor said they are in the process of making sure that everyone will get a signature page with the rules and regulations. It has the State regs on as well. He wanted to share that and if you'd like to see anything added, let them know. They are at the tail end of finishing it up. Tom said if anyone has any comments, email the Township. Astor said every time they get a new customer they always tell them the rules. They have the sheet and sign it, so they can't tell you they don't know the rules and regs. Tom said it's also good when we have PD up there especially if they sign the rules and regs page.

Leslie thanked Astor for getting the buildings taken down. It looks good. Astor said the ones on Skyline will be taken down next year as they are in the budget. Tom said they saw their response regarding the Hill Climb, that's being a good neighbor.

Donna Louder said she wants to thank you and she'll tell you why. This is the first summer in years that she was able to open up every window in her house. That was incredible. She knows the portion of the landfill closest to her home is capped and in the process of being permanently capped. She can still hear you making noise between work hours. She doesn't know what the others on the other portion of Steel City are getting, but to her she saw the sludge was less which is wonderful. You have no idea how that hit her that day. She's walking around and opening all her windows. Thank you for running this company the way it should be run and you promised her when they came there, it will be different. For her to say this, it's big. Astor said he appreciates it. Donna said Cody keep up the good work.

Jason Banonis said he went through the complaint log and if he added correctly between January 8 and September 14th, there have been 14 registered complaints. He thanked them for that and especially for the summer months, there was only one complaint. He said we can try to do a better job by having PD presence there.

The meeting ended at 1:24 p.m. The next meeting will be October 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.