

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
2022 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
February 7, 2022

Minutes

PRESENT: Lauren Barnett, Glen Garvin, Ryan Gorman, Dan Happer, Mimi Kaplan, Chad Scherger, Khizar Sheikh, Mitchell Stern

1. Approved minutes from January 31 meeting.
2. Housekeeping items.
 - Committee Chair will be vested in a triumvirate of the three Council members on a rotating basis.
 - The site visit to the MCMUA facility in Mount Olive is set for February 28, 2022. The Manager will obtain a vehicle from the Board of Education to take attendees to the site from a to be determined site in Mountain Lakes. The Manager also noted that the Recycling Center the Borough uses is closed to the public.
3. Community survey to gather input for garbage collection and Recycling.
 - The Committee had a detailed discussion regarding specific areas to cover in the Survey and walked through proposed questions that members provided. It was decided that a reworked draft of questions would be prepared for continued discussion at the February 22 meeting. Ryan Gorman agreed to take the lead on drafting the questions.
 - In the discussions, we addressed questions on elements of the contract and should we be including questions regarding those elements. It was suggested that we discuss with potential bidders some of the latest trends in contracts. We also expressed interest in what other communities were including in their contracts. The Manager will discuss with the Borough Attorney what type of conversations would be appropriate with potential bidders including our current provider. He will also get us contracts of other municipalities in the County, particularly, those that use our supplier.
4. Other Business.

None.
5. Next meeting.

Tuesday, February 22 @7pm via zoom (Dan Happer, rotating chair)
6. Next steps.

- Prepare initial draft of survey based on 2-7-22 discussion (Ryan Gorman)
- Location for meeting for bus transportation to MCMUA facility (Borough manager).
- Provide Committee with views from attorney on discussions with potential vendors (Borough manager).
- Obtain contract information for Committee (Borough manager).
- Continue method, design, timing, and questions for citizen survey (SWAC).