

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2023**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Bob Baird, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, Dan Lima, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:** John Davies, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Sharon Malin, Louise Holiday, Tony Morelli

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the JB Green Team building, 228 Technology Way, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, May 8, 2023.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the April 10, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mavromatis, and seconded by Mr. Krajnyak. **Vote: 7 said Aye, with Mr. Bianconi, Mr. Lima, Mr. Luckino, Mr. Morelli and Mr. Sproul abstaining. Motion passed.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Hays reported April revenues of \$367,956.59, expenditures of \$318, 781.33 were more than usual due to the Economic Incentives Grants; the Jefferson County Health Department; and some Collection Drives. The net income was \$49,175.26. Mr. Hays explained the next several pages were of the Non-Payroll Expenditures from the General Fun, some of which he separated out for the Board to see. They including the Grants awarded, the paper recycling payouts, and Peirce Media for 2023 advertising.

Apex Tonnage Report for April shows 13,951.87 In-District tons, 23,745.30 tons Out-of-District, 114,138.71 tons Out-of-State, for total of 151,835.88 tons yielding \$232,650.54.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for 2023 was made by Mr. Luckino and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

**Capital Reserve Fund**

Mr. Hays stated they received the Quotes for large trucks they agreed to purchase. He explained with expected trade in value of the old trucks we will owe \$650,354 after those trade ins. We have a balance in the Capital Reserve Fund of \$488,150, we are short \$162,204, which is the amount needed to balance the Fund at zero (\$0). For this reason, he recommends an Increase of Appropriations in the amount of \$250,000 to cover the trucks plus any other future purchase needs that may come up just in case.

Commissioner Tony Morelli entered the meeting.

A Motion to Increase Appropriations by \$250,000 was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Luckino.

Discussion. Mr. Luckino asked about the interest rate on the Star Account. Mr. Hays stated it adjusts throughout the month, last time he checked it was 5.08% and yielded \$22,826 in interest. Mr. Luckino asked if we should put more into the Account. Mr. Hays recommended waiting to see towards the end of the year.

**VOTE: Unanimous, Yea by roll call. Motion passed.**

**Director's Report:**

Rayland Grant Application

At last month's meeting the Board chose to table the Village of Rayland's Grant Application until they Village could answer the question of how the speed bumps would make it through the winter snow plowing months. Mrs. Lysle had emailed them for which they responded that they would be removing them in the winters to avoid damaging them with the snowplows and then put them back in the Spring. Some Board members expressed concerns about whether they were legal or not and who would be held responsible if they caused damage or an accident. Mr. Echemann stated he was very familiar with that Street, it is a very narrow street with parts that is only wide enough for one vehicle to go through as well as sharp drop offs down to railroad tracks on one side, so he believes the speed bumps would most likely make it safer. A lengthy discussion followed regarding if the speed bumps were legal. Mr. Luckino suggested having the Village research it themselves on whether they are legal or not and to get back to the Board. Mr. Dawson suggested approving the Grant pending their response confirming they would be legal from their Solicitor so as to not delay their grant funds unnecessarily. Members agree to those suggestions.

A Motion to approve the Village of Rayland 2023 Grant Application but hold the funds pending a written response from the Village Solicitor that the speed bumps would be legal for them to install was made by Mr. Echemann and seconded by Mr. Dawson.

**VOTE: Unanimous, Yea by roll call. Motion passed.**

Belmont Building

Ms. Petrella reminded the Board about the Belmont Building issues. Excavating work needs done soon, with all the recent rain the erosion issue continues to get worse. Mr. Hays and Mrs. Shepherd had spoken to Miller Excavating directly and would report.

Mr. Hays stated that he and Mrs. Shepherd met with Miller Excavating who had other ideas of how the work should be done. They felt that the water should be run out to the road instead of installing dry wells, due to there being too much clay which would cause more issues. However, they haven't gotten back with us with an estimate yet. Mr. Kolanski said he believes the clay shouldn't be an issue if you dig the dry wells deep enough and put the stone in, at least 8 feet deep. Mr. Hays will try to get the estimate from them for next month's meeting.

Temp employee

Ms. Petrella told the Board that two (2) of the three (3) drivers in Belmont County are off for surgery. The first temp driver hired to help cover has already had two small accidents, with the second one causing a lot of issues at the Paper Mill. She explained the accident and why she told him she wouldn't let him drive the trucks anymore, risking a third or more serious accident, and instead would assign him to work in the Cell Yard operating equipment. He refused that opportunity and instead quit. But with the Boards previous permission to hire "a temp employee" she has another temp driver that is now going through the hiring process and expected to start soon. Mr. Jahncke, who normally cleans the Cell Yard and runs the compactor is currently driving Belmont County routes, but that leaves us no one to run the Cell. Ron Ramsey will be replacing Pat Garman as the temp driver. Also, Mrs. Shepherd will be off for a while after having a knee replacement on June 22<sup>nd</sup> so the Belmont office is running on empty these days.

Ms. Petrella informed the Board she plans to go to this week's Jefferson County Commissioners Meeting to have them sign the Environmental Enforcement Deputy's Agreement, all three County Commissioners and the Prosecutor need to sign the Agreement.

Ms. Petrella explained there was another small accident on Friday with a full-time driver, he was trying to get out of the way of an ambulance going to another accident. There were no injuries but another vehicle was involved and it was reported to the insurance company. Mr. Mavromatis stated he will get a copy of Police Report for Ms. Petrella.

Ms. Petrella reported the Belmont County Pease Township site at St. Joseph's is having issues for our trucks. People are parking around the bins making it difficult for our drivers to get in and out while servicing the site, especially backing back out into traffic at that location. Mr. Jahncke required assistance from our Sheriff deputy in order to get back out of the site with all the traffic. Mr. Bianconi will talk to the Pastor at the Church to resolve the parking issue at the site.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

None.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**

None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis**

None.

**GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi**

None.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino**

No report but Mr. Luckino asked Mr. Bianconi if he was able to get a quote on the cost for tree removal and excavation of the lot the Board is considering purchasing in Bridgeport. Mr. Bianconi stated he will get the estimate.

**LANDFILL REPORT:**

Although Mr. Henry is not present, his Report is provided in the packets for review, as well as the C&D Reports from previous months.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bianconi asked since Fiscal Officer Hays plans to retire within the year should the Board begin its search for a replacement to shadow him before he goes, so we are not stuck without someone afterward.

Mr. Bianconi also asked if the Board's Legal Attorney can provide information about an Environmental Court previously discussed for the two Counties. Mr. Fabian stated that had been

one of the recommendations included in the Study done by Erin Oulton as well as Attorney Bauer. Mr. Bianconi would like to begin discussions on the subject.

Ms. Petrella stated that Mr. Hays isn't expected to retire for six months so we have plenty of time, and we are currently being audited by the State.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Echemann informed the Board that the Belmont County Commissioners will be building the Belmont County Health Department a new building and tearing down the old County Home. He stated there are six (6) bins at that location that will need relocated during the demolition which could possibly start this summer. Mrs. Shepherd will check into another temp location and prepare for their temporary removal.

Jefferson County Commissioner Tony Morelli addressed the Board about their recent concerns of them having a Representative attending the meetings instead of a County Commissioner and them making negative comments about the Authority Board. He stated that they have complete confidence in their representative and are in contact with him after the meetings, sometimes immediately following. Mr. Morelli felt he had not made any negative comments and thanked the Board for all they do and expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Kolanski stated he felt the Commissioners should attend the meetings themselves, adding that he likes their representative very well, he is a great guy, but he still feels that a Commissioner should be in attendance. He explained that he has served with many different Commissioners over the years on this Board and doesn't see why they need to appoint a representative. Mr. Morelli stated he has many different board meetings to attend each month, this is his second Authority meeting he has attended this year and he tries to attend as many as he can. This is his first term and he was informed that this is how it has been done for years.

Next meeting was set for Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Belmont JB Green Team building at 5:30pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned with a Motion by Mr. Echemann and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. Adjourned at 6:10pm.

**ATTEST:**

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Scott Fabian, Chair

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Mike Bianconi, Secretary