

March 10, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NEW HAVEN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY**

A regular meeting of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority (the “Authority”) was held on March 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. online via Zoom Video Conference call.

Board members present: R. Bonito, J. Crespo, V. Fasano, D. Medina and M. Targove

Board member absent: W. Augustine

Others present Pierre Barbour, Executive Director
 Malinda M. Figueroa, Secretary
 Scott Bassett, Partner, RSM
 Ken Vallera, All American Waste

Chair Jose Crespo began the meeting at 5:34 p.m. with approval of the February 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Victor Fasano made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rose Bonito. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, J. Crespo, V. Fasano, D. Medina and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

Scott Bassett of RSM presented the Authority’s audit for fiscal year ending 2021. Mr. Bassett issued a clean unmodified opinion audit. He noted that 2021 was a quiet year. There were no new accounting principal changes nor unusual activities. The report shows that volume was up. Domingo Media asked if the variance from year to year was normal. Mr. Bassett explained that the Authority has a steady increase in MSW tonnage with that change in net position is very good. Mr. Fasano asked why the audit took so long to complete. Mr. Bassett indicated that the two main factors were that RSM performs the audit in tandem with the City’s audit which is more entailed and due to the ongoing pandemic. Mr. Bassett noted that the Authority will complete the payments of the bond in 6-7 years, that there have been no issues with paying down the Authority’s debt bonds and that the monthly reports that the Board receives are accurate. There were no further discussion. Mr. Bassett exited the meeting.

Pierre Barbour presented the treasurers report for the month of February 2022.

Mr. Barbour presented the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling tonnage reports for the month of February 2022. Mr. Fasano asked why the commercial recycling tonnages were low. Mr. Barbour responded that the recycling market is more volatile than MSW as there is no flow control ordinance over recycling.

There were no communication items this month to report.

Mr. Fasano made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to contract renewal for Operation and Disposal Services, Ms. Bonito seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, J. Crespo, V. Fasano, D. Medina and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

Executive session began at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Fasano made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Targove. There was no discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, J. Crespo, V. Fasano, D. Medina and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

Executive session ended at 6:30 pm.

Under old business Mr. Barbour stated that he was awaiting a response from the City Engineer on the Capital Improvement project. The Authority is drafting an agreement with the Contractor and will possibly remove the canopy from the award. He noted that the contractor cannot hold pricing for much longer. Mr. Barbour noted that new scale readers were installed at the inbound and outbound scales. Mr. Crespo appointed Ms. Targove, Mr. Medina and himself to the Executive Director search committee with Ms. Targove taking the lead a chair of the committee. The Board agreed that Ms. Targove should reach out to former directors Miller and Antunes to be part of the committee as well as Mr. Barbour.

Under new business Mr. Barbour noted that he was exploring the possibility of the Authority issuing penalties for businesses and complexes not filing site cleanliness plans with the Authority. As background the Authority had reached out, through its consultant, with multiple requests to submit site cleanliness plans in compliance with the language of the ordinance however there was still a gap on receiving the plans. Enforcing will focus on nuisance properties that are filthy, dumpsters at or too close to the City's right of way or a capacity issues where they are not providing a container large enough to handle the debris. Mr. Medina asked why the Authority was responsible for this enforcement instead of the City. Mr. Barbour indicated that the responsibility was part of the creating documents forming the Authority in 2008. The Board of Alders passed the ordinance stating that all issues related to solid waste were transferred over to the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Fasano asked what the penalty procedure. Mr. Barbour said the penalties run on a fee structure according to what the State Statute proscribes. The Authority is only at a 25% receipt rate for received site cleanliness plans.

Mr. Ken Vallera thanked Mr. Barbour for his quick and immediate resolution to the scale issue and requested that Mr. Barbour email him the tonnage and treasurers reports under public comments. There were no other public comments.

Ms. Targove made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bonito.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, J. Crespo, V. Fasano, D. Medina and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

Respectfully submitted,
Malinda M. Figueroa
Secretary