

**Charter Township of Van Buren
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
May 19, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tomaino at 7:10 p.m. Present: Debuck, Gibson, Merritt, Wilson and Board Representative Jahr. Absent: Brownlee, Staff present: Director Swallow and Secretary Grishaber. Audience: Nine (9) members.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion Wilson second Debuck to approve the agenda with modifications to add the petition on Wood burning and keep it on the agenda until a disposition can be made.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Gibson second Jahr to approve the minutes from April 21, 2010 as presented with corrections.

MOTION APPROVED.

Correspondence: Commissioner Gibson commented the Recycling Center was educational but suggested to Director Swallow about having it filmed for the residents. Trustee Jahr suggested the website have information about the recycling center for the residents. Commissioner Debuck would like to see the large containers used for recycling like other communities.

New Business:

Item #1: Presentation by the Environmental Quality Company (EQ) - Wayne Disposal Updates

Director Swallow informed the committee Environmental Quality (EQ) is preparing to apply to the State of Michigan for renewal of their license and also expand the proposed landfill. EQ has acquired some property to the west of their current facility. There was a lengthy discussion of the new proposed site with the cells proposed. Proposed future Development Master Cell 6F and 6G Development berms will be throughout the property. The first cell would be on the west side by the Willow Run Airport. Cell No# F1 and F2 once approved by the State of Michigan and renewing licenses for the expansion could maybe last up to 35 to 40 years depending on the growth or decrease in usage of the Landfill. Under the HCA Van Buren Township would get \$1.65 per ton of waste received. This project paves the way to benefit Van Buren Township for the future having a host community agreement. The representatives gave a presentation describing the types of waste that would be acceptable by the State of Michigan and Environmental Engineers, the presentation would be in compliant within the design criteria of the landfill. The commissioners thanked all the experts from EQ for giving the presentation with all the educational information for the future site at Wayne Disposal.

Item #2: Spring Service Project

Director Swallow thanked Commissioner Wilson for showing up at the Adopt-A-Road clean up on Tyler Rd. Next month the commissioners will discuss a date and time for the Storm Labeling Project. Director Swallow informed the commissioners that due to unforeseen circumstances the annual report is still not available. He suggested he might combine the 2009 & 2010 report in the future.

Item #4: Woodburning in the Township

Director Swallow informed the commissioners he has some comparison ordinances available from other communities which will be discussed on future agendas so the commissioners can get more information until a disposition can be resolved.

**Motion Jahr second Debuck to adjourn at 9:15pm.
Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Grishaber
Recording Secretary