

**Charlotte Area Recycling Authority
Special Meeting
June 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: By CARA Board Member Raymer, Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Darlene Raymer, Tammy Halsey, Sharon VanLoton, Deb Montgomery, Roger Wickerham and Bill Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Gilson - DPW Director, Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, Mary Beth Roe, Resource Recovery and CARA Director Quinn Underwood.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wickerham, second by VanLoton to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BUSINESS:

- A. Cost Apportionment –**
DPW Director Gilson reported that she had prepared a cost apportionment projection for the townships as provided for in the CARA agreement based on usages.

Discussion was held among boardmembers on discussions that they have had with their township boards. They discussed having a better way to get clear numbers and maybe figuring it on population rather than usage.

DPW Director Gilson stated that there would need to be an amendment to the agreement in order to change the way that the apportionment is figured.

Discussion was held on getting bids for a hauler to furnish bins and take care of hauling recycling.

Boardmember Halsey moved, second by Wickerham to get bids from haulers to see if they are willing to participate in furnishing the bins and hauling the materials. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

- B. Budget Discussion –**
DPW Director Gilson reported that CARA is running in a deficit at this time however, it will be mid July before all the numbers come in to get a clear picture of where it will end up.

- C. Approval FY 2016/2017 Budget**
DPW Director Gilson explained that there needs to be a plan to be able to approve the FY 2016/2017 budget.

Discussion was held about having signs made to solicit more donations at the site to keep CARA open.

Motion by Montgomery, second by Mitchell to approve the FY 2016/2017 budget with city and township contributions based on the current projected amounts. Carried. 5 Yes. (Wickerham, Raymer, Halsey, Montgomery, Mitchell) 1 No. VanLoton.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vonda, recycling volunteer, asked if something could be done with the donation can to make it more visible. Everyone seems to miss seeing it.

Gary Beebe, 1335 E. Clinton Trail, stated that he has been looking at how other communities are handling their recycling. He explained how the contributions to the General Fund work and asked if these costs would be reduced if we went to a hauler coming in to the facility. He suggested moving the site to the Armory location where it was gated in and not wide open to the public.

Cindy Miller, Friends of CARA, asked if there would still be employees on staff or if they would be eliminated. She also stated that they need to be in touch with whether or not the center will be closing in order to know what direction to go with Friends of CARA. She stated that they are working on a 501C status which would give them more abilities for grants.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by Raymer at 6:55 p.m.

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk