

Commissioner Colleen Swedyk opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room. Commissioner William F. Hutson was also in attendance. The Public Hearing was for the purpose of consideration of recommended amendments to charges and fees imposed at the Medina County Solid Waste District Facility.

The attendance sheet is attached with the following people in attendance:

- Curtis Perkins
- Beth Biggins-Ramer

Public Comment

*Curtis Perkins* stated that they knew the rate increase was coming, but the one issue is the elimination of the credit for early payment; he wished the county would leave that the way it is now. Mr. Hutson asked if the change for that were to be made, would it soften it if it were to be made over a period of time as opposed to all at once. Ms. Lyon-Galvin noted that it is \$40,000 in lost revenue. Ms. Swedyk asked if it would be better to make the late payment penalty greater to negate not taking away the early payment credit. Ms. Lyon-Galvin suggested no because this makes it consistent with billing practices with sewer and water. There was discussion regarding the option to pay by credit card in the future. Mr. Perkins inquired if they can make the due date for payments the same as the water/sewer bill.

*Sanitary Engineer Amy Lyon-Galvin* noted the following recommended amendments to charges and fees:

- An increase to the charge imposed at the Solid Waste District Facility for municipal solid waste from \$44.50 per ton to \$50 per ton
- An increase to the charge per bag of refuse delivered to the facility from \$1.30 per bag to \$1.45 per bag
- Elimination of the yard waste voucher program and allowing pass through charge for yard waste be charge to all customers (currently \$21 per ton but will be raised to \$22 per ton with the next contract)
- Elimination of the credit for early payment and institution of late fees for those who do not pay on time

Discussions regarding the parcel fee as allowed by the Ohio Revised Code were suspended at the Solid Waste Policy Committee. Ms. Lyon-Galvin stated that addition of a \$5.00 generation fee will come with the ratification process of during the new plan update.

In answer to a question by Mr. Hutson about the generation fee, Mr. Perkins stated that they should have it and should have had it when this program started in 1993.

Adjournment

Mrs. Swedyk asked if there were any other comments, questions or concerns. There being none, Mrs. Swedyk adjourned the public hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____ Patricia G. Geissman
	OF	_____ William F. Hutson
_____ Rhonda Beck Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	MEDINA COUNTY	_____ Colleen M. Swedyk