

Commissioner Colleen Swedyk opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Bill Hutson was also in attendance. The Public Hearing was for the purpose of consideration of recommendation amendments to charges and fees imposed at the Medina County Solid Waste Management District Facility. Mrs. Swedyk noted that this is the last of three public hearings on this issue.

The following people were in attendance:

- Jeremy Sinko
- Beth Biggins-Ramer
- Scott Miller
- Bill Pavlik
- Curtis Perkins
- Robert Murphy

Jeremy Sinko stated the recommendations being made are to increase the gate rate from \$50/ton to \$52/ton and to increase the residential bag rate from \$1.45/bag to \$1.75/bag for a 13-gal equivalent bag. These increases are necessary to keep a fund balance of 15% of the revenue which translates to approximately \$1.3M-\$1.4M. As time has gone on, the operation costs have increased which means these are necessary increases.

Public Comment

Robert Murphy, 4041 Foskett Rd., Brunswick Hills, asked why the increases are more for the per bag than for the tipping fee. Beth Biggins-Ramer explained that as part of the Plan update, they had to project where expenditures were going to go. As part of that, they must have revenue to cover expenditures. With operating expenses increasing, they need to increase fees both on the residential side and commercial side in order to maintain a 15% fund balance as well as being able to meet projected expenditures. Mr. Murphy stated that this is the fourth increase on bagged trash in the last calendar year. Mrs. Biggins-Ramer stated that we have been at \$1.45, with the exception of a drop to \$1.00 per bag early on at the onset of COVID, and subsequently reinstated the price. A resolution was passed about this time last year increasing the bag rate from \$1.35 to the current \$1.45 per bag. Mr. Murphy stated that he understands that, but he was referring to a 30 gallon bag. Mrs. Biggins-Ramer stated that the price is for a 13 gallon equivalent. It was discovered during the pandemic that there were customers bringing bags in declaring that they had what should have been the size of a bag coming out of a household (typically a tall kitchen garbage bag) when in reality they had 30 gallon bags or larger. In order to make that fair, they clarified it because there were people bringing in large bags that were filled with smaller bags.

Mr. Murphy stated that you're only increasing the tipping fee to \$2.00, but you're adding \$0.30 on the bags again; percentagewise, it's not fair. Mr. Sinko stated that it is not an equal percentage rate. Commercial is a large portion of our traffic and volume at the District; with bulk, you get a little better pricing. Residential requires a little more processing when the bag comes in.

There was no one else who wished to make public comment.

Adjournment

Commissioner Swedyk adjourned the public meeting at 6:07 p.m.

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