

Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority

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Western Finger Lakes Authority Board December Meeting

The Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010. The Authority Board approved the minutes from its previous meeting on October 25, 2010. The Board also approved payment of all bills for the month of November.

In a departure from the published agenda, the Board honored Authority Educator Marjorie Torelli for 20 years of service. Ms. Torelli has been Public Relations/Education Coordinator since October, 1990.

The Board approved the 2011 Meeting Schedule; January 24, March 21, April 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and December 19. All meetings are held in the Wayne County Courthouse conference room, 30 Church Street, Lyons. They start at 5:00 p.m. The public is always welcome to attend.

Because the WFLA recycling collection program is ending as of December 31, 2010, the Board declared all the trucks surplus equipment. They passed a resolution authorizing advertising for bids to dispose of all recycling collection trucks.

In other business, the Board approved the 2011 budget. Budgeted amounts from Wayne and Yates Counties had already been approved by those Boards. The 2011 budget includes funding for the office staff, including the Office Manager, Clerk/Receptionist, Public Relations/Education Coordinator and Administrator. Funding is also included for operations of

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the Wayne County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF -recycling building) and the staff to receive and process recycling at that location.

According to Sharon Lilla, Authority Administrator, at least one of the private haulers that will be collecting recycling in Wayne County starting in January, 2011, intends to bring the materials to the MRF. Haulers that bring recycling to the MRF will not be charged a fee when delivering both containers and paper. Loads with containers only will be charged a tip fee of \$3 per cubic yard. Residents may also bring their recycling to the MRF Monday through Friday between 7 AM and 2 PM and Saturdays between 9 AM and 1 PM. There will be no charge to residents to drop off recycling.

The Authority has cooperative marketing agreements for recycling materials with other municipalities around New York State. The Recycling Coordinator will continue to work with those other organizations and with businesses to deliver recyclable materials to appropriate brokers and businesses.

Retaining the position of Public Relations/Education Coordinator will allow the WFLA to continue providing education on recycling, composting, and reducing waste to schools, businesses, and community groups. The PR/E Coordinator is also responsible for organizing the annual household hazardous waste collection for Wayne and Yates County residents.

The next meeting of the Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority Board is scheduled for January 24, 2011. It will be held in the conference room of the Wayne County Courthouse, 30 Church Street, Lyons, convening at 5:00 p.m.

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