



City of Middletown

SANITARY DISPOSAL DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 6th, 2026
Time: 4:34 PM

Members Present: John Porter, Commissioner
Stephan Allison, Commissioner
Lorraine Panciera, Commissioner
Edward McKeon, Commissioner
Jen Kleindienst, Commissioner

Staff Present: Rohan Manning, Chief Management Analyst of Public Works
Lisa Liesener, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator
Bryan Gartner, Acting Deputy Director of Public Works
Bobby Russo, Acting Public Works Director

- 1. Chair opens meeting:** Call to order at 4:34 PM by John Porter
- 2. Review of December 23, 2025, meeting minutes:** Jen Kleindienst requested to change where says that Wesleyan just signed up for bin exchanges with Blue Earth, it should say they had been doing it for about 6 or 7 years or since they signed up for service with them. Lisa Liesener requested to correct the information stated in the meeting, Murphy Road never bid on the food sorting, CWPM bid on it instead. Stephan Allison moved to accept the December 23rd minutes with the corrections previously requested, seconded by Edward McKeon; all other members voted in favor. The motion carried.
- 3. Review/approval of amended meeting schedule:** The last meeting we indicated that we wanted to meet the week before public works met so that they would have information provided to them for their meeting and the revised schedule had been circulated, and John porter would like a motion to accept the revised schedule as amendment. One amendment would be in November as it would be Election Day and we talked about moving it to the 2nd Tuesday of November (11/10/26). Edward McKeon made the motion to accept the revised schedule with the modification for the November meeting and seconded by Jen Kleindienst, all were on favor.
- 4. Review of termination of SAYT Program:** It was terminated on January 1st as voted in the council, we had to extend the contract to WCPM to continue hauling our trash to CWPM in Southington so we have a place where to bring as we didn't have one at that time. We have to get things through council to be able to put a new plan, to have a new receiving facility. The extended contract is just until March 31st to give us all time to get everything in place and move it through ECM and the council, so we are thinking it will be in the agenda of the

council's meeting in February. The plan is for the council to approve the new hauler then so we can give a 30 day notice to CWPM, letting them know we are no longer going to bring out trash to their facilities and we can start bringing our trash to Industrial Park Rd, which is Murphy, on April 1st.

The organics collection is part of the RFP for Bleu Earth, additionally Lisa and Bobby are working on another program in thereafter. It is a major logistical challenge to switch from the SAYT program to curbside pickup and Quantum has quoted us in the RFP what they are willing to do, Lisa more clarification from Sam King about the questions that came up in the last meeting.

- Extra price for clean exchange: The service is for a four gallon green container at the end of the driveway and they provide the compostable bags, they empty the container and the resident would be responsible for putting the new bag after they leave it attached to the handle of the container, and that is within the quote. Basically they have different sizes and we have to make sure what size we want to use and where.
- Options for multifamily units or apartment complex: We are going to start with volunteering signed up for single houses and revisit this option once we have a better idea of how food scrap collections works.

John porter moved for a motion for approval and seconded by Jen Kleindienst. All were in favor.

- 5. Anticipated expenditures/receivables/DEEP reimbursements for SYAT program into 2025-2026:** We are still waiting for the reimbursements and Lisa is going to meet with Michelle Leone because she has access to the finances. Lisa submitted the reimbursement for two subsidies, one for almost \$95K, which is pretty much guaranteed to get while the other for almost \$75K is being held base on a legal technicality, as they state that we are supposed to get it if we continue with the SAYT program and we don't think that is the case, it is a gray area.
- 6. Overview of implementation to RFP and vendor submissions:** We already talked about that
- 7. Review of 2026 Budget:** We know we don't have that right now.
- 8. Discussion regarding implementation of city-wide organics collection implementation:** This is going to be carried to the next agenda.
- 9. Adjournment:** Stephan Allison made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jen Kleindienst. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.