

**SANITATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 29, 2019
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ROOM 210
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

Members Present: Thomas Goglia
Monica J. Belyea, MPH, RD
John H. Porter
John Uccello

Members Absent: Chair Seb Santacroce

Staff Present: William J. Russo, Public Works Director
Kimberly O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator
Lee Muscatello, Tax Collector

Chair Uccello opened the Sanitation Commission meeting at 4:45 P.M. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 23, 2018. A motion was made to approve of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Chair Belyea and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Plastic Bag Ordinance –Kimberly O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, stated that the plastic bag ordinance passed on April 1, 2019 and will take effect on October 1, 2019. Plastic bags will no longer be provided to the consumer, only reusable and paper bags will be available for purchase. She informed the Sanitation Commission of upcoming events to help the businesses prepare for the ordinance. Kimberly stated to the Commission that Director Russo has given her a budget to purchase reusable jumbo canvas shopping bags with a specific logo. We obtained a quote from Cinder and Salt of \$1.50 for 3000 bags. These bags will be handed out to the public to help us inform them of the ordinance. If the ordinance is not followed, for the first violation Kimberly would go out to the business and help them come up with a plan to follow the ordinance, for a second violation a charge of \$45.00 per day will be enforced on the business. Further discussion ensued.
- b. Sanitation Delinquencies/Tax Collectors- This was discussed in executive session. During executive session no recording is permitted.
- c. Sanitation Budget- Director Russo introduced the sanitation portion of the 2019-2020 budget to the Commission for review and to answer any questions. Director Russo went through the budget with the Sanitation Commission line by line. Director Russo stated to the Sanitation Commission that the budget went up 1.6 percent, this is mainly due to the health insurance and contractual raises. Further discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cardboard Report – The Sanitation Commission reviewed their cardboard reports.
- b. Tonnage Report – The Sanitation Commission reviewed their tonnage reports.

OTHER:

As there was no further discussion, a motion was made by Chair Porter to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Chair Goglia and approved unanimously. The Sanitation Commission meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.