

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
SPECIAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chairperson Zabel.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Zabel and Trustee Members Hughes, Werderman and Wing. Also present Administrator Schornack, Attorney DeStefanis, and Deputy Clerk Micka.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A COMPOST

FACILITY – WASTE MANAGEMENT: Michael Melan, Site Engineer, and Steve Meyer, Site Manager, were present from Waste Management for discussion on the conditional use permit regarding a proposed compost facility.

Mr. Melan provided a handout to the Committee for discussion and stated that if there were any questions, a conference call could be held with the Organics Coordinator from Houston.

Mr. Melan reviewed the handout and provided information to the Committee for discussion:

- ✓ Proposed Compost Facility north of County Line Road;
- ✓ Omega Hills Facility;
- ✓ Machine used for screening ground material;
- ✓ Machine used to turn the material;
- ✓ Material in process rows, which sits for three to six months;
- ✓ Pictures of the site in California;
- ✓ Sample bags of pre-processed ground material was presented for evaluation;
- ✓ Proposed facility would process 50 to 70 tons a week;
- ✓ Compost Temperature Conversion Chart; and
- ✓ Review of DNR regulations.

The Committee requested contact information for the cities and states of other Waste Management landfills that processed food waste and expressed concerns with the soccer field so close to the proposed facility.

Waste Management Attorney Dave Stewart provided information on the language that Menomonee Falls included in their agreement regarding residents dropping off compost materials. The language was included in the late 80's or early 90's, and only covered landfills and extensions, not compost.

Discussion followed on condition #4, traffic concerns, residents are not allowed at the composting facility, and possible ideas from Waste Management to replace condition #4 in the agreement.

Motion Werderman, second Wing, to eliminate condition #4 of the Waste Management Conditional Use Permit with the potential of Waste Management presenting other ideas in place of this condition. Motion carried without negative vote.

Village Attorney John DeStefanis discussed the legal issues with conditional use permits. Permit conditions are predictions of eliminating possible harmful effects on use, are placed in the C.U.P. so everyone understands all conditions, and he recommended that a condition be added that the Village Board has the right modify the conditional use permit if there any problems.

Motion Werderman, second Hughes, to add condition #7 to the Waste Management Conditional Use Permit to state that if there any problems with the Conditional Use Permit, the Village Board will have the right to modify the conditions. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion Werderman, second Hughes, to add a condition to the Waste Management Conditional Use Permit that would limit use to residential compost operations per the original Plan Commission recommendation and to allow for food waste per the state statutes requirements.

Discussion continued regarding submitting a plan of operation and that the Village wants assurance that Waste Management will run a good operation.

Trustee Werderman was excused from the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Motion failed. Ayes: 1 (Hughes). Nays: 2 (Wing and Zabel).

Motion Zabel, second Wing, to add a condition that no animal carcasses or fish hatcheries would be added to the compost pile. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion Wing, second Hughes, to forward with a positive recommendation to the Village Board on April 19 approval of the Conditional Use Permit as amended. Motion carried without negative vote.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Micka, CMC/WCMC
Deputy Clerk