

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on June 25, 2009 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of discussing Transfer Station issues.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

Tom Cumm	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

None

**Also Present:** Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Nancy Ryan, Transfer Station Clerk; Bruce Abare, Transfer Station Laborer

The Town Board Members began the meeting by discussing the issue of the brush at the Transfer Station.

Bruce Abare called around to find out what other communities/businesses charged for acceptance of brush and the following information was obtained:

Hiram Hollow \$15.00 per cubic yard  
Glens Falls/Queensbury Pickup Trucks with 8' bed \$15.00 per layer and more than that they charge in \$5.00 increments  
Hadley/Luzerne \$20-\$25 One Ton Trucks \$50.00-\$75.00 Rack Trucks \$300.00  
Corinth doesn't charge and they only allow residents in and they burn their brush

Councilman Cumm asked how much brush has come in since spring and Nancy Ryan replied 1,390 cubic yards or more since February including brush from White Birch Estates, Lamplighter Acres and the Town.

Bruce Abare stated that Lamplighter brought in three loads.

Supervisor Jenkins stated the question is do we want to charge and if so how much.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if the Transfer Station Committee has a recommendation.

Councilwoman LeClair stated she would like to charge enough to cover the cost of getting rid of the brush.

Nancy Ryan suggested \$20.00 per yard.

Supervisor Jenkins said if we charged and put the money into an equipment reserve fund and operating reserve fund then maybe we could start doing it ourselves. Charging would probably decrease the amount of brush that comes into the Transfer Station.

Councilman Prendergast asked for the information on fees that other areas charge be put on paper.

Nancy Ryan said she did that a couple of weeks ago and gave copies to the Board Members. She estimated that based on the 1,390 cubic yards of brush that has come into the Transfer Station since February and if we had charged \$15.00 cubic yard we would have generated \$20,850.00.

Councilman Cumm stated that Galusha quoted \$3,650.00 to grind the brush and leave the grindings there. We have four times the amount now.

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Bruce Abare stated that if we start charging we should see a decline in brush coming in. He also stated that trying to figure out the cubic yards is going to be a problem and subject to argument. He suggested charging per load. If it is level it is one price and if it is more than a level bed it is more money.

Councilman Cumm asked how other communities determine it and Bruce Abare replied that some do it by the load and some do it by the yard. The less complicated the better for staff and the customer.

Nancy Ryan recommended the following fees:

- \$30.00 per pickup truck
- \$60.00 for medium size dump truck
- \$90.00 for large dump truck
- \$200.00 for medium size rack truck
- \$300.00 for large rack truck

Bruce Abare stated they will have to look and see if they have a full load or ½ load.

Councilman Prendergast asked if there is a problem with large loads.

Bruce Abare replied yes. He suggested that the person who comes in with a couple bags of brush or trunk load of brush we don't charge them. We want to charge the ones who are misusing the facility, those who charge to remove the brush from a property and bringing it to our facility for free.

Supervisor Jenkins said a lot of brush came off the Schermerhorn site and wondered if any of it came through our Transfer Station.

Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare said probably.

Supervisor Jenkins then said that Galusha was the one doing the job.

Councilman Cumm said they were using big tilt trucks and Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare said none of those type trucks have come through.

Nancy Ryan said there are people who are cutting nine or twelve trees down that are getting too big and bringing them in. When we started this program years ago it was strictly storm damage.

Bruce Abare added and spring clean up, limbs that have fallen down during the winter. Now it is different. They are clearing lots.

Supervisor Jenkins asked how this happened. He recalled back when he put his swimming pool in about thirty years ago and brought in a couple truck loads of brush he cleared to put the pool in and he got a lot of heat from the people working at the Transfer Station. He had to identify who he was and where he lived and where the brush was coming from.

Councilman Cumm stated that he cleared a whole section for his pool and the staff at the time never said a thing to him.

Supervisor Jenkins said we have to eliminate the cost. We have to figure out how.

Bruce Abare said if they aren't happy with our prices then we show them the prices other communities charge.

Supervisor Jenkins said what about the people who live here and bring in some brush.

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Nancy Ryan said we have to use our common sense.

Supervisor Jenkins said it could be a full load and in that case it shouldn't be free and Nancy Ryan said "charge them".

Supervisor Jenkins said those who have a big enough load to charge \$60.00 to \$300.00 should expect to pay they are charging somebody for it most likely.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that he wasn't going to be able to attend the next t Town Board Meeting, but he was prepared to move ahead on this. He suggested that Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare come back to the next meeting with recommendations for the Board on fees.

Discussion followed on fees for regular household garbage.

Nancy Ryan suggested \$2.00 per 30 gallon bag.

Supervisor Jenkins asked why she was suggesting such a big increase.

Nancy Ryan then suggested that they get rid of the six and eight foot box on the fee schedule and go strictly by the bag.

Supervisor Jenkins wasn't in favor of raising the rates at this time since they were just raised not too long ago. He also stated that raising the rate from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bag would penalize the people who bring in only one or two bags and subsidize the trucks.

Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare then suggested they leave it at \$1.50 per bag.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if they did raise fees would they drive people away and would they go to Hiram Hollow because it is cheaper.

Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare replied no, Hiram Hollow charges \$20.00 minimum per load.

Councilman Kusnierz asked what they charge trucks now and Nancy Ryan said \$15.00.

Councilman Prendergast asked how many bags they could fit in a pickup truck and Bruce Abare said about ten bags.

Nancy Ryan and Bruce Abare suggested that they eliminate the two lines on the fee schedule the six and eight foot level beds.

Supervisor Jenkins asked them to bring back their recommendations in writing to the Board for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and they could act on it.

Councilman Kusnierz said to make sure it is an agenda item.

Supervisor Jenkins reported that the Transfer Station statement for the year through May shows we are behind 5% to 6% from last year. However, the cash flow bottom line is up.

Councilman Cumm and Councilwoman LeClair said they would sit down with Nancy and Bruce and write up the recommendations.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Cumm to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Cumm	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury  
Town Clerk