



## **Operations Committee - Board of Representatives**

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Place:** This meeting was held remotely

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Coleman, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins. Reps. Ley and Tomas were excused. Also present were Reps. Curtis and Walston; Dan Colleluori, Supervisor, Solid Waste & Recycling; and two members of the public.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. O31.017	REVIEW; Stamford Transfer Station Operations and Possibility of Increasing Fees for Non-Residential and Commercial Businesses using the Transfer Station. 07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Curtis	<b>Report Made and Held 7-0-0</b>

Rep. Stella explained his reason for putting this item on the Agenda. The weigh station was recently filled to capacity and closed twice. He uses the weigh station often and there is always a long line with many commercial vehicles. What can be done about preventing closure, the long lines, and increasing revenue?

Mr. Colleluori explained how the weigh station works.

- It has been there for 15 years. Shutdowns do not occur often. The two recent shutdowns occurred because there was a problem with the landfill in Pennsylvania not being able to accept the haul away.
- Anything over 200 pounds is a \$25.00 charge, based on Ordinance 137-10.
- It costs Stamford \$112 per ton to haul away. Norwalk is \$95, Darien is \$120 and Greenwich is \$112.
- The amount of haul away is increasing every year. Last fiscal year 66,000 tons were hauled away. The two previous years were 62,000 tons and 58,000 tons.
- There has been an increase in the smaller garbage companies dumping, such as Patriot and Finocchio Brothers. Junkluggers brings about 12 trucks daily.
- The weigh station permit allows a maximum 1,200 tons on the floor.

- Mr. Colleluori has been staffing the weigh station two hours before it opens, which gives extra time to empty it.
- The haul away went to bid in October and there was only one bid. That company has said they will have to add a fuel surcharge due to rising fuel prices. Stamford will have to increase fees if this happens. This might require a \$20 increase per truck.
- All the waste is supposed to be generated in Stamford, but this is probably not the case. It is very difficult to prove the waste is not coming from Stamford. The current ordinance does not allow to charge different rates for vehicles registered outside of Stamford.
- Historically the weigh station gets about 15,000 tons of garbage per year from commercial businesses. All of the City of Stamford garbage collection goes there, as does all of the brush, leaves, and recycling center garbage.
- There has always been illegal dumping in Stamford and there is not anything to suggest that when rates went up, illegal dumping increased.
- The revenue for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was almost \$3 million.
- Mr. Colleluori will work with OPM to see if they can come up with an in depth analysis of the cost and fee structure. He will also with talk to Director Quinones to see if the Operations Dept. can come up with solutions.

A motion to hold Item #1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Baxter, Coleman, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).