



To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager 
Date: November 17, 2016
Initiated By: Angel L. Mumma, Director of Finance
Re: Resolution No. 62-16 – Approving the Rate for Solid Waste Disposal at the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)

Summary

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) establishes a tipping fee that is charged to tip municipal solid waste at the landfill. This fee supports SWACO’s operations, debt service, programs and transfer stations.

The current tipping fee and rate structure is as follows:

	Current Structure (per ton)
\$7.00	WTEF Retired Facility Fee (restricted)
\$23.75	Operational Costs
\$2.00	Administrative Fee
\$5.00	Generation Fee
\$4.75	Ohio EPA Fee
\$0.25	Host Community Fee (Jackson Township)
\$42.75	TOTAL

In the first quarter of 2017, the debt service on the Waste to Energy Facility (WTEF) will be retired. Given that this portion of the fee is restricted for debt service, a change in the fee structure is required, which necessitates a public process and requires the approval by the rate advisory board to change the rate. The rate advisory board is comprised of representatives from each of the 41 communities (cities, townships, and villages) within the solid waste district.

SWACO is proposing a \$3.00 per ton reduction in the fee paid to tip waste at the landfill, effective April 1, 2017. The proposed new rate of \$39.75 per ton is down from an existing rate of \$42.75. The rate reduction is the result of the elimination of the \$7.00 per ton restricted portion of the current fee for debt service, which would be replaced with a smaller fee of \$4.00 per ton to increase general operation expenses and paying for the capital needs at the landfill, maintaining appropriate levels of fund balance reserves, annual maintenance costs of the Model Landfill, and expanded and new services and opportunities for public/private partnerships.

The proposed tipping fee structure would be as follows:

	Proposed Structure (per ton)
\$29.75	Operational and Administrative Costs
\$5.00	Generation Fee
\$4.75	Ohio EPA Fee
\$0.25	Host Community Fee (Jackson Township)
\$39.75	TOTAL

The increase to the operational and administrative costs would be used to improve the community's solid waste stream through effective reduction, recycling, and disposal. More specifically, SWACO is looking to use the \$4.00 increase for the following purposes:

- To build sufficient fund balance reserves. SWACO currently has a AAA bond rating but wants to meet the minimum standards for a landfill in terms of fund balance.
- To expand services. This includes waste diversion infrastructure development as well as recycling and waste market development.
- To offer new service opportunities such as integrated materials management and waste/recycling entrepreneurship.
- To meet the operating expenses of the Model Landfill (the closed landfill).

The City is part of a consortium for refuse collection. While the tipping rate charged by SWACO does not equal what the haulers charge the entities, SWACO is working with the consortium to ensure that this reduction is passed on to the consortium members.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Resolution No. 62-16 be adopted by City Council at its November 21, 2016 meeting. Representation from SWACO has been requested to respond to any questions City Council may have.

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045

Resolution No. 62-16

Passed _____, 20____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO'S TIPPING FEE RATE REDUCTION PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City of Dublin is located within the jurisdiction of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO); and

WHEREAS, SWACO has proposed a \$3 per ton reduction in the fee paid to tip waste at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new rate of \$39.75 per ton is down from an existing rate of \$42.75 per ton; and

WHEREAS, the rate reduction is the result of the elimination of the \$7 per ton restricted portion of the current fee for debt service, which would be replaced with a smaller fee of \$4 per ton; and

WHEREAS, SWACO has provided a community ballot for consideration by each of the legislative authorities of the District by December 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all citizens of the District to approve the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio's tipping fee rate change proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Dublin, _____ of its elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The City of Dublin hereby supports SWACO's proposed decrease of the solid waste disposal rate at SWACO facilities by \$3 per ton effective April 1, 2017.

Section 2. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to vote "For" the decrease on the attached ballot provided by SWACO and directed to promptly deliver a certified copy of this Resolution and ballot to SWACO, 4239 London Groveport Road, Grove City, Ohio 43213.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage in accordance with Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council