

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 Approved MINUTES
 Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday January 18, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Chris Prokop, Ilene Moyher, Lara Wu, Susan Wineland and Mark Moyher.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of December 21, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2023: Mitch Goldblatt was nominated as Chair for 2023. Ilene Moyher made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded it. The nomination was approved unanimously. Mark Moyher was nominated as Secretary for 2023. Ilene Moyher made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded it. The nomination was approved unanimously. Mark Moyher was nominated as Treasurer for 2023. Lara Wu made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded it. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There was no financial activity during the previous month.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT		
1/18/2023	1-056-890-90-956-50	
	2021	
Balance Forward		\$2,763.60
	2022	
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$242.01)	\$2,521.59
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$1,971.59
Rotary Club – Reimbursement	\$550.00	\$2,521.59
Tad Martin – Shed Repair	(\$75.00)	\$2,446.59
Barker Specialty – Yard Signs	(\$749.50)	\$1,697.09
Barker Specialty – Cloths	(\$438.68)	\$1,258.41
Ilene Moyher – Website Domain	(\$50.72)	\$1,207.69
Orange Country Fair Fee	(\$135.00)	\$1,072.69


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 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

Ilene Moyher – Web Hosting	(\$280.76)	\$791.93
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$300.31)	\$491.62
FastSigns – Sign for Shed	(\$184.84)	\$306.78
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$2,106.78
Ardmore Printing (Signs)	(\$438.35)	\$1,668.43
Affordable Solutions	(\$480.00)	\$1,188.43
Rotary Club Reimbursement	\$480.00	\$1,668.43
Orange Country Fair – Donuts	(\$175.50)	\$1,492.93
Vent Plastics Bags	(\$331.36)	\$1,161.57

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2021	2022	DELTA
January	73.49	74.06	0.8%
February	64.09	63.41	-1.1%
March	83.67	68.55	-18.1%
April	79.70	68.47	-14.1%
May	76.55	72.94	-4.7%
June	85.11	75.58	-11.2%
July	79.41	70.71	-11.0%
August	77.61	64.23	-17.2%
September	71.87	74.96	4.3%
October	63.37	65.94	4.1%
November	82.89	76.12	-8.2%
December	99.87	72.45	-27.5%
YTD Total	937.63	847.42	-9.6%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>2022</u>				<u>2021</u>			
January	761	\$0.0575	\$43.75	January	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22
February	578	\$0.0575	\$33.23	February	8,004	\$0.0575	\$460.23
March	293	\$0.0575	\$16.85	March	9,780	\$0.0575	\$562.35
April	302	\$0.0575	\$17.37	April	12,941	\$0.0575	\$744.11
May	759	\$0.0575	\$43.64	May	10,335	\$0.0575	\$594.26
June	640	\$0.0575	\$36.80	June	9,608	\$0.0575	\$552.46

July	456	\$0.0575	\$26.22	July	7,132	\$0.0575	\$410.09
August	450	\$0.0575	\$25.87	August	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
September	635	\$0.0575	\$36.51	September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October	397	\$0.0575	\$22.83	October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov	388	\$0.0575	\$22.31	Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec	581	\$0.0575	\$33.41	Dec	310	\$0.0575	\$17.83
YTD Total	6,240	\$0.0575	\$358.79	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

Old Business:

Cardboard Overhang for Trailer: Susan Wineland contacted Shelter Logic and provided them with the cardboard container size to see if they had a structure available for us. The cost was approximately \$11,000 which is quite expensive, but the bigger issues are the layout of where the container is located, the space needed to compact the cardboard and for the truck to hitch the container for removal when it's ready to be carted away. It looks like we will not pursue this option any further at this point.

New Business:

Next Shredding and Haz Waste Day April 22, 2023: We have scheduled Saturday April 22, 2023 as our next Shredding Day and confirmed all parties will be available. Haz Waste will participate for the second year and we will make sure to start promoting it soon and inform the residents what items they can dispose of. The main driveway will be blocked off to divert traffic to enter on Tribute Way so we will need to make and hang signs on the sawhorses to indicate the flow of traffic. The Lions Club will be requesting \$15 this year to pick up mattresses at resident's homes.

New Signage Request for No Styrofoam: A motion was made by Mark Moyher to create a sign to hang on the rail by the recycling trailer to indicate that Styrofoam is not recyclable and has to be disposed of as trash. Chris Prokop seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Ilene Moyher will work up the sign's design for us to review before we send it out to be made.

Plastic Bags and Wrap: The February schedule was collected by Mitch Goldblatt at our meeting and will email it to all the committee members.

Home Depot Update: We are still taking the plastic bags and wraps to Home Depot to be sent to their distribution center. Currently, everybody is satisfied that this arrangement is working and we will continue to monitor and make sure the bags we deliver to them are as clean and uncontaminated as possible.

Glass Recycling: Mitch Goldblatt has been in touch with Thomas DeVivo, the Mayor of Windham, Connecticut to get the name of the contact person at Urban Mining. We hope to initiate a glass recycling program for the town one day soon. In the meantime, Susan Wineland met with Bob

Brinton at the Transfer Station who indicated that a unit to collect the glass for recycling was a possibility if the space can be reconfigured and graded to make it accessible to everybody.

Other New Business: Mitch Goldblatt shared an email from Edgar Sibauste, who works at The Mesothelioma Center, to see if we would add a link to our recycling website to inform people how to handle and dispose of asbestos properly. After reviewing it, we decided not to add it since it can be taken as an advertisement for hiring a lawyer.

Other New Business: Lara Wu inquired if it's possible to get the rates of the monthly trash collected at the Transfer Station so we could compare them as we do with the monthly Recycling rates. The objective is to see if the trash rates are dropping along with the recycling rates or if they are going up instead which might indicate people are throwing away recyclables rather than disposing them properly. Mitch Goldblatt will see if we can get this information and report back at our next meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary