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June 1, 2010

Trustee Donald E. Charnetzky
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East Sparta, OH 44626

Dear Trustee Charnetzky:

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Stark County Commissioners
County Office Building
110 Central Plaza South
Canton, OH 44702

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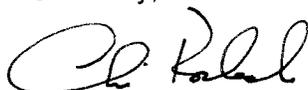
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Chairman Mark W. Haueter
Lawrence Township Board of Trustees
10867 Industrial Parkway NW – PO Box 190
Bolivar, OH 44612

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Councilman Richard Liebold
Bolivar Village Hall
109 Central Ave. NE
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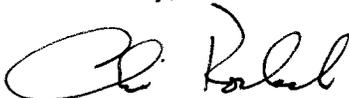
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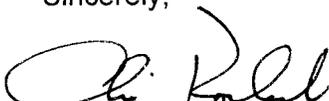
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Dear Mr. Korleski,

On March 8, 2010 we received your letter proposing to create a Project Consideration and Screening Committee (PCSC) for the purpose of distributing the \$3 million Countywide Community Benefit Fund. The proposed PCSC included the Tuscarawas County Commissioners as being a member however; we have made it clear to the communities involved that we would not be part of the PCSC. We believe that the individual communities affected have the best insight of how those dollars should be used in their areas.

It has been our contention from the beginning to have the original \$10 million dollars set aside in a separate account to be used specifically for issues that may arise in the future concerning environmental conditions at the landfill and affecting the surrounding communities.

We respectfully decline to be included in the Project Consideration and Screening Committee (PCSC) and leave it at your discretion to fill that position with a community representative from Tuscarawas County in the affected area.

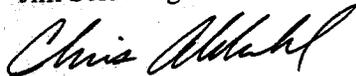
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March 18, 2010

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Dear Mr. Korleski,

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 8, 2010, wherein you propose the creation of a Project Consideration and Screening Committee (PCSC) for the purpose of recommending projects and activities to be funded under the Community Benefit Fund. In this regard we wish to suggest, for your consideration a modification in the make up of the PCSC.

In keeping with your two fold justification for appointing two representatives for the Village of Bolivar namely that *the areas in and around Bolivar were adversely affected by Countywide Landfill and the mayor and city council members are individually elected representatives of the citizens of Bolivar. As such, you wanted to ensure that both the mayor and a council member sit on the committee to better represent the views of those who elected them,* we request that two representatives also be appointed for Lawrence Township.

In this regard, we wish to bring to your attention that Lawrence Township has more than **eleven times** the area at the same distance or closer to Countywide Landfill compared to the Village of Bolivar. Also, there are far more Lawrence Township residents living as close or closer to Countywide Landfill compared to Bolivar Village, 1,171 verses 894 respectively. In addition to these frontline residents, the Lawrence Township Trustees represent thousands of additional residents who have been adversely impacted by the Countywide Landfill. There are a total of 5,241 people residing in Lawrence Township.

Please also note, as is the case of Bolivar Village, members of the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees are individually elected representatives of the citizens of Lawrence Township.

In light of the above the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees request that two representatives for Lawrence Township be appointed to the PCSC.

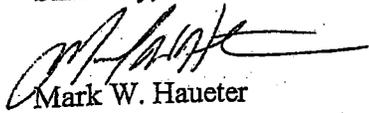
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date, funds will be required to facilitate the process since we will no longer be able to count on community volunteers as we did the last time around.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Haueter

Chairman

Lawrence Township Board of Trustees

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Mr. Kristopher Weiss, Citizen Involvement Coordinator
Mr. Chris Korleski, Director
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March 22, 2010

Dear Mr. Weiss and Mr. Korleski:

I serve as the Superintendent of Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools, a small rural school district which canvasses approximately 105 square miles of northern Tuscarawas and southern Stark Counties. The district serves approximately 9,800 residents, including 1,700 students in grades PK-12.

The purpose of my letter is to seek your active support in our school district's request to the Ohio EPA Community Benefit Fund. Specifically, I respectfully request the addition of one of our elected school board members to serve on the Project Consideration and Screening Committee. I understand that an invitation to several other elected officials has been extended and that you are awaiting responses. We would be greatly appreciative if Mr. Scott Tritt, school board member, could be included on the screening committee.

Secondly, I ask that you please review the enclosed materials outlining the district's proposal of seven specific projects which, if funded, would have a significant and very positive impact on the students, staff, and residents of our entire community. I have included a brief summary for your review, including project description, beneficiaries, location, and estimated costs. The total request is approximately \$1.2 million.

Our district has worked hard to create unity among the smaller, individual communities which comprise the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District. This is a primary reason for submitting this request to the Ohio EPA as part of a "Community Collaborative" with 13 other organizations. I believe it is important, however, to distinguish why Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools should be a primary recipient of the Ohio EPA Community Benefit Fund:

1. **Each of the district's four facilities is located within a 3-5 mile radius of Countywide Landfill, including the larger of our two elementary schools (TV Intermediate) located in downtown Bolivar.**
2. **TVLS is the only non-profit entity which serves 100% of the community adversely impacted by Countywide Landfill.**
3. **TVLS is the largest employing agency of the community most significantly impacted by Countywide Landfill.**
4. **TVLS relies on rising property values and subsequent taxes as a major revenue source. Unfortunately this revenue has been jeopardized by the presence and impacts of Countywide Landfill.**

In closing, I thank you for your assistance. I would be happy to speak with you directly and answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Murphy
Superintendent

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Chris Korleski
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Dear Mr. Korleski,

In regard to your letter explaining the alternative fund distribution process, we commend you on the premise of the rules, restrictions of use, and your willingness to work with the local governments on this matter. As you know, the waste district has not been able to function as it should and the cooperation between the three counties has been poor at best. We want to enter into this endeavor with an open mind, but after looking at the makeup of the PCSC, we fear Pike Township will be at the same disadvantage as Stark County is in the waste district.

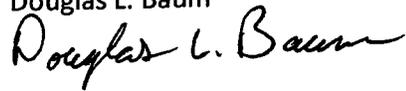
What makes this landfill so unique, is it's geographic location. As host township, we receive the tipping fees and the other two townships bordering Countywide do not. This has created animosity between the townships and the counties. Evidence of this is quite apparent when we try to get funds from the waste district to repair the truck route (Dueber Avenue and Sherman Church). Another example would be the last \$250,000 went into the Community Fund; Pike Township only received 20% of those funds. To enter into this procedure with **four** Tuscarawas representatives and **two** Stark representatives seems one-sided. Tuscarawas County and their local governments want the landfill closed, at any cost. Pike Township has come to the realization years ago that is not going to happen. This has been interpreted by Tuscarawas governments as being in bed with the landfill. Nothing could be further from the truth. If Countywide fails to uphold any agreement it has with our Township we will take any avenue open to us to correct that failure.

The *Times Reporter* ran a story "Battle Begins for Countywide Fund". The article stated that the Tuscarawas County Commissioners are not interested in applying for any of the funds. We hope the Stark County Commissioners will take the same position. We feel the process will be expedited and less political, if your office would make a determination as to how much of the fund will be allotted to Tuscarawas County and how much to Stark County. The Pike Township Board of Trustees' recommendation would be to award 50% to Stark and 50% to Tuscarawas, and let the townships bring our villages into the process. The rules and restrictions you set for the PCSC would still apply for the newly formed SPCSC and the TPCSC. Pike Township would welcome participation from Bethlehem Township, who borders the landfill, but was left off the committee. Sandy Township, Tuscarawas County, is impacted as well, and not on the committee. It is our opinion that the townships in Stark County will work together to assure the funds will benefit our respective communities. We feel Lawrence Township and Sandy Township would work for the common good of their residents, as well.

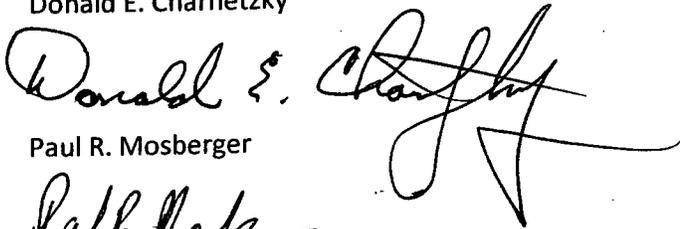
My name is Don Charnetzky, Pike Township Trustee, and I am writing this letter on behalf of the Pike Township Board of Trustees in hope that you consider the procedure you have set up. Whatever direction you decide I will be representing our Township. We think this is a great opportunity for the EPA to show that a large state government agency can work closely with local governments, when we all have a common goal. You still have the final say on that projects will be approved. We appreciate you taking the time to listen to our concerns and await your response.

PIKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Douglas L. Baum



Donald E. Charnetzky



Paul R. Mosberger



Kristopher Weiss - Re: Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund

From: Kristopher Weiss
To: emergencyclown@aol.com
Date: 3/16/2010 9:13 AM
Subject: Re: Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund
Attachments: Kristopher Weiss.vcf

Dear Mr. Collier,

Thank you for contacting Ohio EPA with your thoughts concerning the Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund and Director Korleski's desire to create a Project Consideration and Screening Committee (PCSC) to come up with recommendations on how best to distribute the funds to achieve maximum benefit for the affected areas. Ohio EPA values citizen input and yours is appreciated; however, the Director put a lot of thought into the PCSC's makeup and is confident the suggested area elected officials will make good recommendations about how these monies can best impact the affected communities.

While there may be some disagreement over the makeup of the PCSC, we hope it is far overshadowed by the goal we share – namely that the \$3 million in Community Benefit Fund be used in a way that, in the Director's words "will benefit the greatest number of people in the areas surrounding the landfill."

If you or any of your neighbors have any suggestions for the best use of the Community Benefit Fund, I urge you to work with your elected officials to advocate for their inclusion. It will then be up to the appointed PCSC members to come up with consensus recommendations for the Director's review.

Thanks again for your input. The passion and concern you display for your community is essential to ensuring these dollars are put to the best use in the communities surrounding Countywide Landfill.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Weiss
Public Involvement Coordinator
Ohio EPA
614-644-2160

>>> <emergencyclown@aol.com> 3/13/2010 8:09 AM >>>
To whom it may concern:

I see with the director's letter on this that once again the favor drops directly onto Bolivar. I notice that even though part of the facility is in Bethlehem Township, Stark County, they are not even considered for involvement. I also see that Stark County/Pike Township, which I would point out to the director as it seems forgotten from time to time, actually is home to the facility, gets only two representatives, as opposed to double that for Tuscarawas County. I would hope by now the director knows the bitter history between the counties over this facility

and although I am a resident of Tuscarawas County, I feel it is a slap in the face to Stark/Pike residents to only be given half the representation of Tusc/Bolivar.

The director has once again shown that under his lead, the Ohio EPA will continue to disregard the communities dealing with these facilities, just as he did when filling his \$7 million budget gap with monies collected from this agreement, rather than using those funds to improve the community affected.

I truly believe the community around Countywide will receive the most benefit upon the completion of Director Korleski's tenure in his current position.

Sincerely,
Dave Collier
Sandyville

-----Original Message-----

From: Ginger Voisard <Ginger.voisard@epa.state.oh.us>
To: Kristopher Weiss <Kristopher.Weiss@epa.state.oh.us>; Mary McCarron <Mary.McCarron@epa.state.oh.us>
Sent: Wed, Mar 10, 2010 10:07 am
Subject: Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund

You are receiving this e-mail because you've expressed interest in the status of Countywide Landfill in East Sparta.

I wanted to inform you about the latest on the Community Benefit Fund.

On March 8, Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski sent the attached letter to the Tuscarawas and Stark county commissioners, Pike and Lawrence township trustees and the Bolivar mayor and city council regarding the Countywide Community Benefit Fund and creation of a Project Consideration and Screening Committee to determine how to best distribute the funds.

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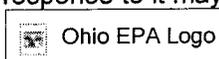
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Please contact Kristopher Weiss in the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center at 614-644-2160 if you need additional information.

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From: Kay Huth <huthkay@yahoo.com>
To: Kristopher Weiss <Kristopher.Weiss@epa.state.oh.us>, Mary McCarron <Mary...>
Date: 3/12/2010 4:35 PM
Subject: Ohio EPA proposed Project Consideration and Screening Committee

Dear Sir,

The EPA Director has proposed appointment of elected officials for his Project Consideration and Screening Committee to determine who should benefit from the three million dollar community benefit fund generated from fines imposed for operational violations on Countywide Landfill.

Experience from years of development have shown that the most successful projects are those based on the needs of the people, identified by the people. No one knows the needs better than community members—often, even better than elected officials.

In all due respect, I would ask that the EPA Director consider who may be most suited to determine needs of the community. I would suggest that the people, as organized into a collaborative of 13 plus organizations (community members and officials), know best. Not only do they have the opportunity to present the needs based on their first-hand involvement with the community, but have the opportunity, as a group, to discuss, prioritize and vote on all the presented proposals based on those they feel with most benefit the community. This truly results in the best community projects being selected—sometimes requiring that an organization put their proposal on the back burner. “Officials” are not privileged to have the same exposure to community needs and, thus, would have to make decisions based on limited knowledge, let alone setting aside the time to evaluate numerous proposals.

The Community Collaborative provides opportunity for discussion of each proposal. The Collaborative is NOT exclusive—anyone may participate from any area, but the decision is binding for submission once the collaborative has prioritized and voted. Any organization is free to withdraw at any point and submit their proposal independently to the Director.

By the way, I am interested to learn the criteria for the makeup of the committee. The small village of Bolivar has approximately 800 people, but has two representatives. Perhaps this was a mistake when two representatives were listed and it was, inadvertently, assumed that Bolivar represents Wilkshire which is represented by Lawrence Township only.

Thank you.

Kay Huth

From: <edvik@neo.rr.com>
To: Kristopher Weiss <Kristopher.Weiss@epa.state.oh.us>
Date: 3/17/2010 8:44 PM
Subject: Re: Countywide Landfill Community Benefit Fund

Thank you for your response but I still feel that East Sparta should be represented. Your email states that Bolivar gets two spots but since Lawrence TWP is also Bolivar, they get THREE votes, Pike TWP one and East Sparta where the landfill is located gets none. Yet East Sparta's Fire Department and ambulance are the ones to go out there and handle calls maybe a representative from one of them or the mayor of East Sparta would have made the committee a little less lopsided.

I am truly disappointed with this committee. I think that the mayor of Bolivar, the mayor of East Sparta, 1 Lawrence TWP, 1 Pike TWP and the Tusc & Stark representatives would have made a much more balance committee.

I live in East Sparta and have smelled that landfill many times, I have heard the Fire department respond out there and I know that people from East Sparta are concerned about their water due to the landfill, so Bolivar is not the only ones affected by it.

Thank you for your answer,
Vikki Ellington

---- Kristopher Weiss <Kristopher.Weiss@epa.state.oh.us> wrote:

- > Dear Ms. Ellington,
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- > twofold:
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- > 1. The areas in and around Bolivar were adversely affected by
- > Countywide Landfill.
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- > 2. The mayor and city council members are individually elected
- > representatives of the citizens of Bolivar. As such, the director
- > wanted to ensure that both the mayor and a council member sit on the
- > committee to better represent the views of those who elected them.
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> best use in the communities surrounding Countywide Landfill.
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> today. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have
> questions or need more information.
> Sincerely,
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> Kristopher Weiss
> Public Involvement Coordinator
> Ohio EPA
> 614-644-2160
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> >>> <edvik@neo.rr.com> 3/10/2010 12:20 PM >>>
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