

Freeholders next for waste opponents

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Members of the Lincroft Village Green Association plan to attend the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting Wednesday regarding the freeholders' decision on whether to accept Marpal Inc.'s proposal to expand its waste facility, which borders Tinton Falls and the Lincroft section

of Middletown.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the West Long Branch borough hall at 965

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"It is important that everyone concerned comes out to this meeting," said Mary Ellen Hintz, a member of the LVGA.

Residents living on or near

Swimming River Road in Lincroft have been attending municipal meetings and county meetings opposing the company's proposal to expand its facility, which is located on Wayside Road in Tinton Falls, adjacent to the Swimming River Road corridor.

"This is a matter of quality of life," Hintz said.

The facility is planning to expand its service capacity from 450 tons of waste to 800 tons per day, said Walter Horan, a

Swimming River Road resident and member of the LVGA. The company also wants to extend its hours of operation, moving closing from 9 p.m. to midnight. The facility opens at 6 a.m.

"The county needs to plan for now and for the future with making this decision," Horan said.

About six weeks ago, Horan told the Middletown Township Committee he had 1,000 signatures from Middletown resi-

dents opposing the application, and said an additional 900 Tinton Falls residents also signed a survey opposing the project.

The committee sent a resolution to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders opposing the project a few months ago. In the resolution, the committee cited the expansion as causing increased truck traffic, noise, light and air pollution for residential

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neighborhoods and that it would have a negative impact on the quality of life.

"We have to stop the large trucks from using the road as a shortcut," Horan said at a previous committee meeting. "Swimming River Road was never dedicated to commerce for tractor trailers."

"If I were to shut down the business today, it would not lessen the truck traffic," said Rich Maio, the general manager of Marpal. The company wants to expand the dump facility because on occasions it has had to close its doors to incoming waste by 1 p.m., he said.

Maio said he does sympathize with the residents living in the area. However, 80 percent of his business is from other haulers, not just Marpal trucks.

"Developers produce the waste, we don't," he said. "The expansion of the facility is needed because of the continual growth of the county, unfortunately, it always seems the growth is before infrastructure improvements."

Horan has been doing research on waste facilities in Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex counties, he said. In Middlesex County, there are three locations for Marpal, operating as Republic Services in New Brunswick, South Plainfield and Middlesex Borough, with a fourth location, Woodbridge, to open soon, plus two other transfer stations, Importico in Middlesex Borough and South Plainfield Transfer & Recy-

cling. The three Republic Services facilities handle less total waste than the one counterpart facility in Tinton Falls.

Ocean County has no transfer stations and only accepts type 13 waste at its landfill on Route 70 in Manchester. Type 13 waste is building materials and bulk trash.

The charges for type 13 waste per ton at the Monmouth County Landfill is \$100; at the Ocean County Landfill it is \$85, and at Republic Services it is \$75, he said.

There has been a tremendous increase of waste being hauled into the facility, Horan said. Horan said he and his fellow neighbors and members of the LVGA will be distributing pamphlets on the weekend to residents living on and near Swimming River Road to inform them of the statistics he has gathered and to inform them of the upcoming meeting.

"The residents have to realize that within a three-mile radius, there are three waste facilities, Marpal, and Recycle Technologies and the county landfill, both on Shafto Road," he said.

As a side comment and observation, Maio said he foresees a shift in the traffic in the near future.

"By next year, the towns south and east of the area, Long Branch and Asbury Park, will be revitalizing its towns and the trucks will be probably taking a different route, and coming from the south and not the Lincroft area," he said.

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