

County considers waste-center bid

Freeholders host public hearing

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Monmouth County officials said Thursday they will try to determine the origin of trucks carrying bulky waste and construction debris to Marpal Disposal's waste-transfer station in Tinton Falls before the county decides whether to increase the station's handling capacity.

The Board of Freeholders held a public hearing on Wednesday in West Long Branch to discuss the request of Republic Services of New Jersey to expand its daily capacity from 450 tons to 800 tons at its Marpal facility on Wayside Road.

Middletown and Tinton Falls residents who live near the facility urged the freeholders to reject Marpal's application because they fear it will lead to increased truck traffic in their neighborhoods as well as more noise and air pollution.

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dent Jerome Donlon said. He then handed the freeholders a petition with more than 950 signatures of residents who oppose the expansion.

Freeholder Robert D. Clifton said Thursday he wants to figure out how much of the truck traffic along the Swimming River Road corridor is attributed to this facility before the board vote. Tinton Falls also hosts the Recycling Technology Center (Mazza) transfer station and the county landfill, both on Shafto Road.

Larry Zaayenga, the county's solid waste coordinator, said the residents had valid points.

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But he said he wasn't so sure he agreed with residents who alleged that Marpal is attracting many waste haulers from other counties. Monmouth's transfer stations have higher tipping fees than those in surrounding counties, according to state re-

cords.

Middlesex County's Edgeboro Landfill charges \$58 per ton for Type 13 debris, while Marpal charges \$72 and the Monmouth County landfill \$100. The Ocean County Landfill Corp. charges \$83, but the privately owned landfill — the only one in Ocean County — doesn't accept waste generated outside its borders.

Under the law, county officials cannot prohibit private facilities from accepting out-of-county waste.

Roger J. Foss, of the Lincroft Village Green Association, said Marpal's intensified use would amount to poor planning. Instead, county officials should be attempting to locate transfer stations in other towns.

Zaayenga noted that Freehold Cartage on Route 33 in Freehold Township is seeking permits to accept bulky waste and construction debris.

Rich Maio, the general manager for Marpal, has said his company wants to expand operations because it occasionally has to close its doors to incoming waste haulers by 1 p.m. He sympathizes with area residents, but stressed that it's developers who produce the waste.

"The expansion of the facility is needed because of the continual growth of the county," he said in a recent interview.

Maio predicted that traffic patterns will shift next year as redeveloping municipalities such as Asbury Park and Long Branch undergo revitalization.

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