

# 12-11-2024 BOD Meeting

The OSS Solid Waste District's December 11, 2024, BOD meeting covered several key points. The budget for 2025 was approved, retaining previous year's allocations and including \$400,000 for legal fees related to litigation with WIN Industries. The board also discussed a 4% pay raise for staff starting January 2025. The Treasurer's Report showed a \$4.14 million ending balance for September and \$4.2 million for October, with significant revenue from interest and WIN Industries. Updates included competitive grants for local projects and clarifications on reimbursements to the Seneca County Health Department, emphasizing the need for timely submissions.

## Transcript

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## Outline

### Roll Call and Approval of Previous Minutes

- Commissioner Schwochow begins the meeting and reads the OSS mission statement.
- Tim Hassinger conducts the roll call, confirming the presence of all commissioners.
- The previous minutes are reviewed and approved with a motion by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Douglas.
- The budget committee minutes are discussed, with some commissioners abstaining from voting due to absence.

### Treasurer's Report and Budget Committee Minutes

- Director Baty presents the Treasurer's Report for September and October, detailing revenues, expenses, and ending balances.
- The year-to-date report is reviewed, showing a \$140,280 difference between the beginning and ending balances.
- The Treasurer's Report is approved with a motion by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Douglas.
- The budget committee minutes are discussed again, with some commissioners abstaining from voting due to absence.

### Recent Events and Updates

- Director Baty discusses closed competitive grant funds, including a cemetery project in Seneca County and a used oil heater project in Jackson Township.
- A timeline is provided to address concerns about funding for the Seneca County Health Department, showing efforts to ensure reimbursements are processed.

- Albin Bauer emphasizes the need for clear communication and timely submission of invoices to avoid delays in reimbursements.
- Commissioner Frankart suggests having a conversation with the Health Department to clarify any remaining issues.

### **Discussion on Health Department Reimbursements**

- Albin Bauer explains the need for detailed invoices and the challenges in reconciling consultant bills with the resolutions.
- Commissioner Frankart and Albin Bauer discuss the importance of having a contract to outline the terms of reimbursements.
- Director Baty clarifies that all invoices received are processed promptly, and there is no delay in payments.
- The board discusses the need for a clear contract to avoid future misunderstandings and ensure timely reimbursements.

### **2025 Budget Overview**

- Director Baty presents the 2025 budget, highlighting retained funding for programs, health departments, and competitive grants.
- The budget includes provisions for litigation with WIN Industries and the five-year capital plan.
- The revenue chart shows steady growth, with a significant spike in 2019 due to a settlement.
- The budget includes recommendations for a new box truck and other vehicle repairs, reflecting the need for updated equipment.

### **Approval of 2025 Budget and Executive Session**

- The 2025 budget is presented and discussed, with a motion to approve by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Shuff.
- The board discusses the need to vote on the budget before addressing wages and other matters.
- A motion to approve a 4% pay raise for the calendar year 2025 is made by Commissioner Coppeler and seconded by Commissioner Schwochow.
- The board goes into executive session to discuss personnel wages and legal updates.

### **Executive Session and Post-Session Discussion**

- The board enters an executive session to discuss personnel wages and legal updates with the attorney present.
- Upon exiting the executive session, a motion to approve the amended budget with the 4% pay raise is made by Commissioner Schwochow and seconded by Commissioner Stahl.
- The motion is approved with a roll call vote, confirming the amended budget and pay raise.
- The meeting concludes with no further discussion or motions.

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