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Pollution Control Board  
Case #2007-146

Attn: PCB Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

I pray that someone will read my letter. I am not a lawyer or an eloquent speaker or writer, but I felt I had to earnestly tell you the facts concerning the denial, by the City of Yorkville, of Don Hammons Landfill citing.

Mr. Hamman and his lawyers accuse the mayor and councilmen of the City of Yorkville of bias and an unfair hearing concerning the Landfill. I can assure you that if you knew the character of our present mayor and councilmen you would know that they voted according to the rules and not under any intimidation or emotion. If they are accused of this then so would the towns of Newark, Millbrook, Plainfield and our Kendall County board members. All of these towns presented witnesses that testified against the citing of the Landfill in the city limits of Yorkville.

When the idea to have a landfill was first conceived by Mr. Hamman, the "then Mayor Prochaska and city council" very quickly in an unusual short period of time had the land annexed to the city (because Mr. Hamman knew the county wouldn't approve a Landfill citing) and petitioned the city with a Landfill application before any of the residents of the city realized what was happening. Under these circumstances the city residents felt that there was going to be a Landfill and there was nothing we could do about it. But, when the newspapers published the story and the City Council meetings were filled to capacity, people got together and decided to attend the Landfill hearings to find out what the criteria for the Landfill was and what, if anything, we could do about it.

When we heard that three of the criteria could not possibly be met, criteria #2, #3 and #6, we took a stand against the Landfill.

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Criteria #2: The Landfill would be located only 2 miles upwind of town. The smell and polluted air wouldn't be healthful for the towns, surrounding area or the school children. Mr. Hamman doesn't have a good reputation concerning the compost dump he has located there now. How would he control a Landfill that pollutes the air even more than that?

Criteria #3: The Landfill would be incompatible with the surrounding area. Young couples who just bought new homes not knowing a dump site was planned will never be able to live there because of the smell and they wouldn't be able to sell their homes either. They could never recapture the original value of their homes.

Criteria #6: This criteria is about the traffic patterns. There would be at least 200 trucks or more a day going through downtown Yorkville (Rt. 47) on a two lane highway. Common sense tells you that there will be a tremendous impact on the existing traffic flow.

I believe our present mayor and city council made an honest and unbiased decision when they voted to deny the Landfill. The paid professionals that testified for the Landfill did so because of the proposed profit for Mr. Hamman, not for the welfare of the Yorkville residents. The hearings were followed according to the rules and the mayor and city council voted according to the rules no matter what Hamman and his lawyers have alleged.

Mr. Hamman and his lawyers tried to end the meetings as quickly as they could so that the Landfill could be voted on by the "then Mayor Prochaska and his city council because he knew they would approve the vote for the Landfill. That didn't happen. That is why Mr. Hamman and his lawyers tried to accuse the Yorkville residents of trying to extend the meetings so the newly elected city board would vote on it. That was not true, the meetings ended in their allotted time. There were a lot of people that didn't even get a chance to read their commentary because time ran out.

I attended almost all of the council meetings and Landfill hearings. The only sign of anger I heard was by one irrational man who was not a member or had any connections to F.O.G.Y. (Friends of Greater Yorkville). As you know there is always one in a crowd. His behavior was not directed to the newly elected city council. He was angry with Mayor Prochaska and the deceitful and secret way he was trying to get the Landfill approved. There was no sign of intimidation or people being out of control or unruly. Mr. Clark, the hearing officer, was totally in control of the hearings.

I just pray that you, also, will consider all of the evidence concerning the criteria and make the right decision.

Respectfully,

Thelma R. Miller, age 77