

Statement to clarify information regarding changes to the Montross Transfer Station:

It has come to our attention that some information is circulating in the community regarding changes at the Montross Transfer Station. Therefore, we would like to provide additional information about these changes. We would also like to emphasize the current practices taking place at the Transfer Station have cost the County tax payers approximately \$3 Million per year over the last 2-3 years, which is equivalent to .08 of our current .68 tax rate.

OLD PROCESS:

All commercial trash haulers (anyone that collects money from citizens to transport trash) should have submitted an application to the County and paid \$250.00 annually, per truck, for a Transfer Station Permit which allowed that hauler to dump trash at the Montross Transfer Station. All commercial trash haulers would go over scales and tonnage should have been charged to their individual trash accounts.

WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING:

Commercial trash haulers (anyone that collects money from citizens to transport trash) pay \$250.00, per truck, for their Transfer Station Permit, which allows them to dump at the Transfer Station. These haulers go over the scales and the tonnage is charged to the County account and the trash haulers pay zero to dispose of the trash collected (the County pays the bill). Both the County and Republic rates currently are \$63.09 per ton (disposal \$39.76; transportation rate \$23.30). Again, this has cost the tax payers approximately \$3 Million per year over the last 2-3 years.

NEW PROCESS:

All commercial trash haulers (anyone that collects money from citizens to transport trash) will prepare and submit an application to the County and pay \$250.00 annually, per truck, for a Transfer Station Permit. This will allow that hauler to dump trash at the Montross Transfer Station. The County account will be secured to only include contracts with the County. All commercial trash haulers will complete an application with Republic and set up a 3rd party account with Republic. The haulers will go over scales and the tonnage will be charged to their 3rd party account. Republic's rate, beginning August 15th, will be \$77.50 per ton (which will include disposal and transportation) and in November the rate will increase to \$80.00 per ton.

Please contact Westmoreland County Administrative Offices to answer any additional questions.