



## Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting January 26, 2021 – Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goldstein at 9:03 am.

*Those attending were Chairman James Goldstein, Solid Waste Committee Members Yvonne Nirelli, T.J. Stokes, Eve Ann Shwartz and Jim Cunningham, Solid Waste Director Amy Miller, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, County Administrator Mark Scimone, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch and Solid Waste Deputy Director Greg Gelewski.*

### Approve Minutes

**Motion** by T.J. Stokes to approve the December 3, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

### Resolution

**Motion** by E. Shwartz to approve the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

**Motion** by Y. Nirelli to approve the Agreement for the Collection and Recycling of Fluorescent Bulbs and Batteries with NLR, Inc, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

**Motion** by E. Shwartz to approve the Purchase of a 2021 930M Wheel Loader for the Department of Solid Waste, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried.

**Motion** by Y. Nirelli to approve the New Commercial Solid Waste Permittees to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreements for the term 2021 - 2023, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

**Motion** by E. Shwartz to approve the Agreement for Selling Solid Waste Punch Cards with The Country Peddler, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried.

**Motion** by Y. Nirelli to approve the Agreement for Alternative Landfill Cover Material with Ciotti Enterprises, Inc. and Egan seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

**Motion** by E. Shwartz to have the above resolutions put on the preferred agenda, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried.

### Environmental Compliance Coordinator Position Update

A. Miller announced that the new Environmental Compliance Coordinator will be starting on February 10, 2021. The new coordinator has a strong technical background and will be helping with daily landfill reporting along with gas and storm water monitoring. A. Miller interviewed around 10 people overall for the position and the team is excited for the new coordinator to start.

### Local Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Dept. of Solid Waste submitted a draft plan at the end of September 2020. Since then, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has reviewed the plan and provided a few items that need clarification before final approval. The items mentioned included expense and revenue information, a more detailed implementation schedule and further information on large-scale generators of organic waste in the area. Once DEC

deems the plan to be “approvable,” A. Miller will bring the updated plan to the committee and then it will go to the Board for final approval.

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

A. Miller apprised the committee of the current standing with the wastewater treatment plant. The Dept. of Solid Waste has received little communication. Currently, the Dept. of Solid Waste is paying Eggan to haul the leachate to a facility in Rome, which has created significant unanticipated costs for the department that were not originally budgeted for. A. Miller mentioned that the City’s outside counsel reached out to the County’s outside counsel and that the City’s outside counsel wanted to meet with the new City engineer before sending the requested FOIL information (dating back to October 2020).

#### HHW DEC Grant Application

A. Miller asked for Committee consent to move forward on the DEC grant application for household hazardous waste. The committee members supported the submission of this grant, which provides up to 50% reimbursement for the household hazardous waste program.

#### Transfer Station Cost Analysis

The committee recommended reviewing the potential costs of the punch cards needed in order to break even back in 2020. A. Miller will compile that information for further review of the efficiency of the transfer stations once the 2020 numbers are finalized. An update will be provided in February or March of 2021.

#### Miscellaneous Updates

The Materials Recovery Facility agreement with The Madison Cortland ARC expires in June and is on the Dept. of Solid Waste’s radar. A. Miller said that with recycling markets where they are, there are still not many other options for recycling. The Dept. of Solid Waste did see a slight increase last year in revenue.

On the State level, there is an Extended Producer Responsibility bill for packaging, which would require manufacturers to fund recycling programs for their packaging materials but it is a heavy lift and may take a while.

#### Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom.

#### Adjourn

**Motion** to adjourn made by Y. Nirelli, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

*Respectfully submitted by Amy Miller, Director of Solid Waste Management.*