



**Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting
February 25, 2020 – Supervisors Conference Room,
County Office Building**

The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Nirelli at 9:05 am.

Those attending were 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, Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton, and Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch.

Approve Minutes

Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the January 21, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Biosolids Discussion – Tonnage & Revenue Analysis

A. Miller provided an analysis of biosolids intake from previous years. A. Miller informed the committee that the sludge tonnage should not exceed 10% of the total tonnage and recommends focusing on in-County sludge only, since the in-County sludge tonnage has increased over the past five years. Although out-of-county sludge brings in revenue, it is difficult to justify significantly impacting operations for the revenue, especially given the relatively small working cells. The Committee agreed to provide ample notice to the City of Oneonta that Madison County would discontinue accepting out-of-County sludge at the end of 2020.

2019 Tonnage and Budget Summary

A. Miller reported that the total tonnage landfilled, excluding Oneida debris and biosolids, has been relatively consistent over the past three years at around 51,000 to 52,000 tons. A. Miller plans to roll over money to the 2020 budget to fund the unfinished projects of 2019. Overall, 2019 was a break-even year for the department.

Resolutions

Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the 2019 Budget Modification to Clean-Up the Severance Budget Line, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

Motion by T.J. Stokes to approve the 2020 Budget Modification for Project Fund Roll-Overs from 2019, seconded by E. Shwartz and carried.

Motion by E. Shwartz to approve an Agreement with General Security, Inc for Site Security Systems at the Madison County Department of Solid Waste, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Motion by J. Cunningham to approve an Agreement to Enter into an Access Agreement with OCWA, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

Motion by E. Shwartz to approve an Agreement to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Approximately 103 Acres of County Owned Land in the Town of Lincoln, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried. *Note: there were no bids received, so this resolution did not proceed. The land lease will be re-bid, and results presented to the Committee.*

Motion by E. Shwartz to have the above resolutions put on the preferred agenda, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

2020 Solid Waste Department Schedule of Events

A. Miller provided the committee with a handout that lists the upcoming events in the department. The events include the 30 Years of Recycling Celebration, the deadline to enter the student competition, upcoming shred events and more.

Miscellaneous Landfill Updates

A. Miller informed the committee that yard waste grinding was starting at the Cazenovia Transfer Station. Currently, the yard waste collected at Cazenovia Transfer Station is managed on the Town of Cazenovia's property. A. Miller raised concerns about handling material on the Town's property and noted that the Department of Solid Waste does not control access to the yard waste area on the Town's property. The Dept. of Solid Waste will work with the Town of Cazenovia to clean up the current yard waste pile but a new plan of action will be needed moving forward to ensure that the Cazenovia Transfer Station manages yard waste on the County-owned property with access controls and oversight. Municipal and commercial yard waste, as well as branches larger than 6 inches in diameter, must be brought to Buyea Road.

Executive Session

Motion by T.J. Stokes to enter into executive session at 10:25 am for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, seconded by E. Shwartz and passed.

Motion by T.J. Stokes to come out of executive session at 10:30 am, seconded by E. Shwartz and passed.

Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in the Supervisors Conference Room, County Office Building. *Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Committee meetings were temporarily suspended until further notice.*

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by J. Cunningham, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

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