



Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting July 28, 2020 – Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goldstein at 9:30 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, Executive Director of the Madison County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Kipp Hicks, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, and Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the April 27, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

Resolutions

Motion by J. Cunningham to approve an Agreement with Eggan Excavating and Equipment Company for Vacuum Truck Services, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried.

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve an Agreement with Kime Hardware, Inc. to Sell Solid Waste Punch Cards, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Motion by E. Shwartz to approve a Merger Agreement with Miller Environmental Group, Inc. for Household Hazardous Waste Program, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

Motion by T.J. Stokes to approve Designated Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus County Personal Property, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Motion by J. Goldstein to approve the Rejection of Plastics-to-Energy Bids, seconded by E. Shwartz and carried. Note: *This was done in the event a resolution was necessary.*

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

Waste Disposal Agreements

Waste Disposal Agreements are in their 5th year and expire at the end of 2020. Haulers who enter this agreement are contractually required to bring both garbage and recycling to the Madison County facilities. There is an economic incentive of saving \$25/ton by bringing both garbage and recycling as opposed to only bringing in garbage through the flow control law. This system ensures a steady flow of recyclables at the County MRF. Currently, there are approximately 120 haulers who have signed Waste Disposal Agreements and 20 who have not. By not having flow control over recyclables, it allows the community to be served by different haulers as some haulers choose not to enter into these agreements due to the cost savings of collecting single stream. A. Miller wanted to discuss the term length of the new Waste Disposal Agreements and recommended between 3-5 years while keeping the current \$25/ton incentive in place. The committee agreed to adjust the term length to 3 years to see where recycling markets are in a couple of years. A. Miller reviewed the penalty fee for breaching this agreement and will look into potential adjustments for the next meeting. The Committee plans to approve the new Waste Disposal Agreement at the next meeting with the goal of getting signed Waste Disposal Agreements from haulers in mid-November.

Local Solid Waste Management Plan

The Dept. of Solid Waste is completing the first draft of the new Local Solid Waste Management Plan, which lays out the department's goals and implementation schedule for 2021 to 2030. A. Miller highlighted some of the upcoming goals to include a bigger push into schools for education and providing backyard composting classes to the community. The draft of the plan will be released to the public on August 6th through Facebook, the department website, advertisements and a press release. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the plan until September 20th. There will also be a Public Information Meeting held on August 27th at 7 pm. After the public comment period, the Dept. of Solid Waste will adjust the plan accordingly and then submit the draft to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for further comments and review.

Upcoming Solid Waste Department Events

A. Miller updated the committee on upcoming events. This includes 4 town clean-ups happening over the next several weeks, 2 Fall document shredding events and the last Saturday electronic waste collection event for 2020.

Miscellaneous Updates

A. Miller commented on the two part-time scale house attendant positions, which have been filled. The new attendants have been in training and it is going well. In addition, A. Miller is hopeful to fill the Operations Supervisor position soon and will keep the committee apprised.

On July 24th, the Department of Solid Waste welcomed Senator May in a small ceremony recognizing 30 years of recycling in Madison County and the hard work of The Arc of Madison Cortland, who operates the recycling facility. The event went well and was recorded on the County YouTube page and the Dept. of Solid Waste's Facebook page.

A. Miller and K. Hicks summarized the current standing with the Plastics-to-Energy RFPs and recommended that the committee approve to reject current bids due to limitations in viable technology. A. Miller stated that they will continue to look for new technology and opportunities to pursue this but there are currently no feasible options available. The committee agreed to move forward with rejecting the current RFP bids.

Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in the Chambers, County Office Building or via Zoom.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by T.J. Stokes, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

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