



Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting August 25, 2020 – Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goldstein at 9:06 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, County Treasurer Cindy Edick, and Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the July 28, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by E. Shwartz and carried.

Resolutions

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the Standard Waste Disposal Agreements for the term 2021-2023, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

Motion by Y. Nirelli to have the above resolution put on the preferred agenda, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

2021 Preliminary Budget Proposal

A. Miller presented a proposed budget for 2021 that outlined expenses and revenues for the upcoming year. A. Miller reported that stagnant tonnage, increasing equipment/labor costs and a loss of revenue in recyclables due to depressed markets have left a deficit in the budget. A. Miller proposed a 2.5% increase in tipping fees and an increase in the punch card fee from \$15 (2020) to \$16 (proposed 2021) to help cover landfill and equipment costs. A. Miller's goal is to avoid using reserves for debt service payments and hopes that recycling markets will start to bounce back after a few years to increase revenue.

Solid Waste Department Open Positions

A. Miller provided an overview of current open positions in the department. The Operations Supervisor position has been open for the past several months with very little interest. A. Miller does not anticipate finding someone for this position in the near future and it will be left open for now. In addition, the department had an Office Assistant II position that had been open since earlier this year. A. Miller suggested considering a different title for someone who can help provide oversight of billing, payroll, punch card sales, and accounts payable; provide additional mid-day office coverage; and help with writing resolutions, contracts, and other higher level tasks. A. Miller suggested this as a part-time position but the committee recommended looking into full-time if this would be a large benefit to the department. A. Miller will get the paperwork in order and will bring back the information to the committee next month.

Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Dept. of Solid Waste completed 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. The draft of the plan was released to the public on August 6th through Facebook, the department website, advertisements and a press release. The department is

holding a Public Information Meeting on August 27th to accept comments from the public. 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 past and future events. Town clean-up days have been going well and will continue into the Fall. The department also had two tentative shredding dates scheduled but the shredding company confirmed that they had cancelled their Fall events due to COVID-19. The committee recommends looking into other shredding companies to provide this valuable service to residents. A. Miller will look into other options and report back to the committee. *Note: Following the meeting, the Committee was informed that Confidata would be willing to provide shredding services for the Fall events. The Committee was emailed the proposal and draft resolution, and Chairman Goldstein, E. Shwartz, and J. Cunningham voted yes to move the resolution to the full Board of Supervisors for the September Board meeting.*

Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the Chambers, County Office Building or via Zoom.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by E. Shwartz, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

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