



Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting September 22, 2020 – Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goldstein at 9:04 am.

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the August 25, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Resolutions

Motion by E. Schwartz to approve the Solid Waste Disposal Business Convenience Agreement with James Bray Paving, LLC, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the 2020 Budget Modification for Purchase of CAT D5 Dozer, seconded by E. Schwartz and carried.

Motion by Y. Nirelli to approve the 2021 Commercial Fee Schedule, seconded by E. Schwartz and carried.

Motion by E. Schwartz to approve the 2021 Punch Card Fees, seconded by Y. Nirelli and carried.

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

Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan Follow-Up

A. Miller updated the committee on the result of the Public Information Meeting on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan, which allowed the Dept. of Solid Waste to receive public input before submitting the draft plan to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The meeting was held at the end of August and had two participants. One participant commented on the lack of availability of clear plastic bags in grocery stores as per the local law. Clear plastic bags are preferred to help identify any hazardous or dangerous materials or an excessive amount of recyclables but the committee agreed that clear bags could be harder to find in stores and that enforcement is extremely difficult. The second participant did not have any comments at the time but asked a few clarifying questions. No other public comments were received outside of the meeting. Comments received will be added to the appendix of the draft plan and addressed if needed. The NYSDEC also provided a few notes on the current draft, such as elaborating on alternative waste disposal technology, which will be worked into the plan. The Dept. of Solid Waste will submit the draft plan at the end of September. Board approval is not needed until the draft is reviewed and deemed “approvable” by NYSDEC.

Follow-Up 2021 Budget Discussion

A. Miller continued the 2021 budget discussion from the last meeting. The Department has \$7.7 million total in reserves, which is important to the long-term planning of future cells. A. Miller highlighted that despite these reserves, there are still long term challenges. Per the request of a committee member, the long term outlook identifying these challenges will be generated and presented at an upcoming committee meeting.

Transfer Station Cost Analysis

A. Miller moved the transfer station cost analysis to the next meeting to allow ample time to review the information.

Personnel Updates

A. Miller updated the committee on the on-call agreement. The agreement was approved by the Board but it did not pass on the union side.

Executive Session

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

Motion by E. Shwartz to come out of executive session at 10:27 am, seconded by Y. Nirelli and passed.

Upcoming Solid Waste Department Events

A. Miller updated the committee on upcoming events. The first fall document shredding event is Saturday, September 26 from 9 am to 12 pm at Parry's in Hamilton. A flyer was shared with the committee to pass onto their residents. In addition, the last Saturday electronic waste collection event of the year will be at LOJO Technology on October 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Tuesday, October 27, 2020 in the Chambers, County Office Building or via Zoom.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Y. Nirelli, seconded by E, Shwartz and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

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