



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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goldstein at 9:02 am.

*Those attending were Chairman James Goldstein, Solid Waste Committee Members Yvonne Nirelli, Eve Ann Shwartz, T.J. Stokes and Jim Cunningham, Solid Waste Director Amy Miller, First Assistant County Attorney Jeffrey Aumell, County Administrator Mark Scimone, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Cazenovia Supervisor William Zupan and Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch.*

### Approve Minutes

**Motion** by E. Shwartz to approve the September 22, 2020 Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried.

### Oneida Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

A. Miller noted that the Department first became aware that the WWTP was experiencing a process upset condition on September 30, 2020 and that the City Engineer was focusing on the landfill's leachate as a factor in the upset. Per the direction of the City Engineer, the Solid Waste Department immediately shut off flow to the WWTP. The Solid Waste Department is investigating the claim and has put in a FOIL request for data to determine what happened.

### Executive Session

**Motion** by Y. Nirelli to enter into executive session at 9:04 am for advice of counsel, seconded by E. Shwartz and passed.

**Motion** by J. Goldstein to come out of executive session at 10:16 am, seconded by Y. Nirelli and passed.

### Resolution

**Motion** by Y. Nirelli to approve the Installation of Additional Landfill Gas Collection Wells Agreement with Recovery Drilling Services, seconded by J. Cunningham and carried.

### Status Update for Local Solid Waste Management Plan

A. Miller informed the committee that the draft of the Local Solid Waste Management Plan was submitted on September 30 to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The NYSDEC did a preliminary completeness review of the plan and notified the Solid Waste Department that the plan generally contains the elements needed as outlined in the NYS Environmental Conservation Law. The NYSDEC will continue the review to make sure the Local Solid Waste Management Plan sufficiently address all required elements and will notify the Solid Waste Department of any further changes or recommendations. Once the final comments are provided, the Department will get a letter of approval from the NYSDEC and then the plan will be brought to the Board for final approval.

### Department of Solid Waste Fall Events Summary

K. Welch provided a summary of the Fall electronic waste and document shredding events. October 3 was the last Saturday electronic waste drop-off event at LOJO Technology. They

had a great turnout and collected over 10 pallets of material, which is consistent with previous Saturday collections. In addition, the Department held two document shredding events for residents, one in the Southern part of the County and one at the Buyea Road Residential Station. The events were very successful with over 340 cars attending and collecting over 14,500 pounds of paper for shredding. Residents were very appreciative of these events, especially given many local cancellations of other shred events due to COVID-19.

#### Revised 2021 Budget Discussion

A. Miller recommended revisions to the 2021 budget including using \$100,000 from the Department's reserves to fund the design of a new landfill cell, increasing legal funds, updating the fringe benefit costs of employees, and using money from the capital equipment reserve to purchase a new small loader. The committee gave their consensus to move forward with the 2021 budget request.

#### Submitting NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Grant Application

A. Miller notified the committee of an upcoming grant application deadline for the NYSDEC MWRR grant. The grant funds part of the 2021 Recycling Coordinator's salary along with a portion of recycling program expenses. The committee approved submitting the grant application, which will be submitted at the end of the month.

#### Miscellaneous Update

Per a request from the Purchasing Office, A. Miller reviewed the Host Community Benefit agreement that was modified last year. The Town of Lincoln receives \$50,000 annually through this 25 year agreement. The committee did not have any further comment.

#### Financial Outlook and Transfer Station Cost Analysis

A. Miller will provide the committee with a financial outlook and transfer station cost analysis at the next meeting to allow ample time to review the information.

#### Next Meeting Date

9:00 am Thursday, December 3, 2020 in the Chambers, County Office Building or via Zoom.

#### Adjourn

**Motion** to adjourn made by Y. Nirelli, seconded by T.J. Stokes and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

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