



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Room 213

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January 17, 2023

### MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors David Phillips, Fred Lightfoote, Jack Marren, William Namestnik, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, and Andrew Wickham.

### OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: BOS Chairman Todd Campbell, Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Alissa Bub, County Attorney Holly Adams, Economic Developer Ryan Davis, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sustainability Assistant Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sr. Planner Julie Barry, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Visitors Connection Director of Operations Steve Laros, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Abigail Marion, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Grant Coordinators Sharon Decker and Holly Smith, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, and Soil and Water Director Megan Webster.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Phillips. Chairman Phillips selected Supervisor Wickham to be the Vice-Chair of the PEQ committee for 2023.

### MINUTES

Supervisor Wickham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on December 12, 2022. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### TEAM AGENCIES

#### ◆ *Cornell Cooperative*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Director, Tim Davis, let the committee know that they just finished up the annual Corn Congress that drew almost 400 producers. The Soybean Congress is coming up soon. These Congresses provide current research on crop production and weed and pest control. They also just held the second series of their young farmers program. They had 40 children attend the diary section with their parents. They will be holding a farm marketing workshop on January

23<sup>rd</sup>. The annual agricultural appreciate banquet will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Club 86 in Geneva.

◆ *Soil & Water*

Soil and Water Director, Megan Webster, let the committee know that they will be hosting two workshops. The first is a realtor workshop on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The second will be a soil health workshop on March 1<sup>st</sup>. They also hope to have their annual report out soon.

**CASELLA**

◆ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are continuing to work through the wet weather
- They are moving leachate out to make sure that freeboard levels stay low
- Work continues on the leachate storage tank site
- The tank should be delivered next month
- They did a prebid meeting for cell construction. The bids will be due back in February with a construction start date in April
- They will have to relocate some waste with construction of the new cell
- They are planning on placing final cap on 9.7 acres this year
- They will continue gas and dewatering efforts during construction

Supervisor Lightfoote asked why they had to move some of the waste. Mr. Sanders said that they have to move it per DEC regulations to remove the vertical leachate riser that it is covering. This riser needs to be replaced with a new leachate pass thru drain to the new cell. It would be dangerous for workers if the waste wasn't removed since it is about 30 feet deep.

**SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE**

◆ *Department update*

Sustainability Director, Carla Jordan, showed committee the new every sip counts graphic that will be disturbed to restaurants other locations by February 24<sup>th</sup>, which is national "skip the straw day". This is part of the department's straw education campaign. The restaurants will be receiving table tents and logos for their doors. The department is also working on the Local Law, a tentative events schedule, new legislation regarding carpet vendor producer responsibility, ERP packaging, and Board workshops regarding the landfill. The department is also draft an RFP for assistance on a market analysis for the landfill.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

◆ *Resolution*

Clerk, Kristin Mueller, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution Approving the Official Undertaking of Public Employees Fidelity (Blanket) Bond for Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council".

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the annual bond payment to Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### ◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Re-Appointment of Ruth Cahn to Ontario County Planning Board”.

Supervisor Marren motioned to approve the reappointment of Ruth Cahn. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Associate Planner, Tim Jensen, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization of Contract Amendment for On Demand Security Consultant Services BPS – No Cost Time Extension 2”.

Supervisor Marren motioned to approve an additional no cost time extension with BPS. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Julie Barry, presented the following two resolutions:

- Declaration of Lead Agency and Determination of Significance for the New York State Community Development Block Grant – Ontario County Farmworker Safety and Housing Program
- Authorizing Subrecipient Agreement for Ontario County Farmworker Safety and Housing Program

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve both Farmworker Safety and Hosing Program resolutions as a block. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **TOURISM**

### ◆ *Resolution*

Visitors Connection Director of Operations, Steve Laros, presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment to the Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation”.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the appointment of Todd Plouffe. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### ◆ *Update*

Economic Developer, Ryan Davis, provided the following updates:

- Sue Vary and he provided a tour of the County with the new Empire State Development Regional Director and her deputy.
- The IDA agreed to be the applicant for FAST NY infrastructure funding for Akoustis

- They are continuing to develop an agenda for our Western Ontario County infrastructure roundtable
- He was asked to serve on a steering committee for a possible traffic study on the Route 96/14 cloverleaf intersection in Phelps
- The airport economic impact study requested by the IDA is in the final stages and should be ready for publication in February
- Alissa and he spoke with a few municipal partners and local press about the Ontario County housing study

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- The housing study link is live. Please distribute the survey information to your residents
- The Governor has till February 1<sup>st</sup> to get her executive summary out
- Please approve any outstanding dog control contracts

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board