



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Sessions Room 218

January 18, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, William Namestnik, David Phillips, and Christopher Vastola.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Lou Guard, Fred Lightfoote, and Mark Venuti.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Sr. Planners Maria Rudzinski and Regina Sousa, Economic Specialist Sue Vary, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Casella Representative Mark Johnson, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, AJ Magnan and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Wickham. Chairman Wickham appointed Supervisor David Phillips to be his Vice-Chair.

MINUTES

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on December 13 & 23, 2021. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnson reported that they currently have six wells offline due to filling in the area those wells are in; that includes the 28 new redrills. All old wells are back online and they are working at getting them back up to full performance. There is currently 5 different types of flares on site. They are looking at installing a new flare to allow the site to manage all the gas from the wells with two flares and the gas plant.

Supervisors Lightfoote and Venuti asked questions regarding the flare and gas plant. Mr. Johnson answered their questions and noted that they are forging a new relation with the company that runs the gas plant, as they are completely separate from Casella. Ms. Jordan noted that the gas

plant is currently built out to capacity. This is due to restraints of the utilities that are coming and going from the plant.

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- 28 new redrilled wells have been completed
- They were shut down a few days due to weather and high winds
- They have started the new storm water pond treatment and sent the 1st round of samples to the DEC
- Leachate is now well below acceptable levels
- They received DEC approval to remove the aerators in the ponds
- A gasket on a 3” flange failed and produced a violation; they decided that they won’t be using flanges anymore that the landfill

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented a resolution entitled, “Award of Contract for Ontario County Landfill Report Review, Monitoring and On-Demand Services”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the contract with Trinity Consultants. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan reported that the NOV issued to the landfill for the failed flange had no offsite impact. They are filling in the Southeast corner that had a temporary cap. This space has settled so they will recap this once it has been filled. The Styrofoam container ban went into effect on January 1st. There is a hardship application on the DEC website that will determine if an entity is eligible for the hardship waiver. There is also a complaint area on their website for this law. The department is looking to hire a new person next week to help move their strategic plan forward.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

♦ *Resolutions*

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 Phillips motioned to approve the blanket bond for Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Economic Specialist, Sue Vary, presented the following three resolutions:

- Reappointment to the Ontario County Economic Development Corporation – Supervisor Frederick Lightfoote
- Reappointment to the Ontario County Economic Development Corporation – Supervisor Frederick Wille
- Reappointment to the Ontario County Economic Development Corporation – Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the reappointment Supervisors Lightfoote, Wille, and Ingalsbe as a block. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Economic Specialist, Sue Vary, presented the following two resolutions:

- Reappointment to the Ontario County Local Development Corporation – Supervisor Daniel Marshall
- Reappointment to the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency – Supervisor Daniel Marshall

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the reappointment Supervisor Daniel Marshall to these Boards as a block. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

◆ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization of Contract Amendment for On Demand Security Consultant Services – Business Protection Specialist – No Cost Time Extension”.

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the no cost time extension for with Business Protection Specialist. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Contract with the Town of Richmond to Prepare A Town Comprehensive Plan”.

Supervisor Vastola motioned to approve the contract with the Town of Richmond. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Patti Wirth”.

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve the resolution of recognition and appreciation for Patti Wirth. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, "Authorization to Accept the NYS Empire State Development Incentive Proposal to Prepare the Manchester Yard Master Site Plan Redevelopment Strategy – Phase III with an Empire State Development Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program Grant".

Supervisor Phillips motioned to approve the acceptance of a grant from Empire State Development for the Manchester Yard Master Site Plan project. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

♦ *Update*

Mr. Davis let the committee know that they are working through their large Congresses and have moved them virtual. The Bev NY conference is being looked at right now with having one day in person and the rest virtual. They are still planning on holding their pesticide training and recertification program and the youth tractor safety program in person if possible.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- Schools are working on tracing COVID clusters and outbreaks
- They have started to distribute KN95 masks to the schools
- More of KN95 masks will also be available to the Towns
- A State of Emergency was issued in order to purchase more KN95 masks and home test kits for residents
- ARAPA funding will be used to cover the cost of the test kits; other funding has also been applied for to help with the costs of the masks and test kits
- A 11 County letter was sent to the Governor regarding healthcare worker booster mandate
- The County-wide fire and EMS and 9-11 taskforce studies are underway

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Vastola seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board