



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

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

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March 21, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Fred Lightfoote, William Namestnik, David Phillips, and Mark Venuti.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Andrew Wickham, Lou Guard and Christopher Vastola.

### OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Reporter Dave Shaw, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

Via WebEx: Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Maria Rudzinski, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Reporter Julie Coleman, and AJ Magnan.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Phillips.

### MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on February 28, 2022. Supervisor Namestnik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### CASELLA

#### ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They have received authorization from DEC to start filling the new cell and they started filling the cell on Wednesday
- They did divert some tippers and walking floors last week as they were conserving space in the temp cap before they were able to start filling the new cell
- They will be back to full operations next week and out of the temp cap completely
- They are fine tuning the gas system now that everything is permanently connected
- They have installed a new treatment system in pond 1B
- They are taking advantage of the weather and doing spring clean

up and litter removal around the site

- They are still working on resolving the leachate NOV
- Leachate disposal is still being limited to a few facilities
- They are doing metric sampling of the leachate to show how the leachate is changing
- They are in the design process still of the onsite leachate storage tank system

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE**

### ♦ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Regina Sousa, presented the following three resolutions:

- Authorization to Contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for E-Waste collection Event Assistance
- Authorization to Contract with EWASTE+ for E-Waste Collection Event
- Authorization to Contract with Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District for Administrative Event Services

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the three contracts as presented as a block. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Solid Waste Local Law*

Ms. Adams talked about the history of all the local laws. They are broken down into the solid waste management department and solid waste regulation. They would like to clean everything up and consolidate it into one law. This would take out things that are no longer relevant and add in all the things that have change and ways to help better regulate the haulers, recycling, and enforcement of the law.

Ms. Jordan explained that she would like to see the County mandate hauler licensing. This would be tied to hauler reporting which per our local law should be done quarterly. This is not currently being done by any of the haulers. To ensure that this start happening if it were tied to a hauler license, they would have to start providing this information. If they did not provide their reports then their hauler license could be suspended. Other Counties and the State already have this requirement on their haulers. They are also looking to provide better access to recycling and education about recycling; especially providing recycling curbside. If there is a public trash bin, there should also be a recycling bin provided. They are also looking into how to enforcement the new local law once it is enacted. They will be providing a timeline for this local law and objectives next cycle.

### ♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that the department has two RFP's out to vendors. One is for the backyard composting program and one for waste stream characterization. They hope to bring resolutions for

contract from these RFP's during the April cycle.

The 2021 landfill annual report has been received. She reported the tonnage received at the site last year was significantly below what they are permitted to take in. This is associated with days that the landfill has been closed and being more selective with the waste they are accepting. A lot of leachate was treated last year and was taken to eight different treatment plants. They had approximately 88 million kilowatt hours of energy that was produced through the 1 engine at the gas to energy facility. The post closure bond for the site is now at \$49 million.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### ♦ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution to Declare Lead Agency Status and Establish a Public Hearing for the 2021 Annual Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Ontario County Consolidated Agricultural District one".

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve declaring lead agency status and setting a public hearing for the annual inclusion of viable agricultural land into agricultural district one. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment of Duane LaPlant to Ontario County Planning Board".

Supervisor Namestnik motioned to approve the appointment of Duane LaPlant to the Ontario County Planning Board. Supervisor Vastola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Meeting the Goal of NYS Climate Act*

Mr. Harvey highlighted some of the things being talked about by the State and how they are going to meet their climate action goals to meet the climate act requirements. We have until the 10<sup>th</sup> of June if we want to make comments on the State's scoping plan. Mr. Harvey then reviewed their ambitious goals in the scoping plan. A lot of their plan is to change things in new home construction. They also want to spend between 35-40% of funding in disadvantaged communities. This is only in the City of Geneva for Ontario County.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### ♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- We have lots of rapid COVID test kits available

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:56 PM, Supervisor Lightfoote made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, to go into executive session regarding discussion on proposed, pending or current litigation; motion carried.

At 3:03 PM, Supervisor Lightfoote made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Namestnik, to leave executive session; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Namestnik seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved