



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Committee Room 213

September 7, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Kris Singer, Ted Bateman, Fred Lightfoote, and Drew Wickham.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Lou Guard

Necessarily Absent: Supervisors David Phillips and Mark Venuti

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Supervisor Dan Marshall, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Brain Young, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Economic Developer Mike Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, and Visitors Connection secretary Julie Maslyn.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on August 16, 2021. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- 36 wells have been brought online, 20+ wells still need to be hooked up
- The wells should all be hooked up with in the next month
- Cell construction is moving along well and they are starting to place liner is being installed
- The cap just has the southeast corner to finish
- The site did receive an NOV for 2 leachate issues, these were due to an excess of rain of one day and one force main that was compromised. The pond has been pumped and sampled

- The corrected everything immediately and self-reported to the DEC
- They had a tanker truck leak. They contacted the DEC and cleaned everything up. No NOV was received from the DEC.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Landfill Discussion*

Ms. Jordan informed the committee that Casella has still been monitoring hydro sulfide at site during the time the gas collectors were taken offline due to construction. There were some exceedances in the monitoring system and the DEC recommended going back to the handheld monitoring of the site three times a day. Over the last month there were only two days with the handheld monitoring that need to be reported to the DEC within 24 hours. They are working at pinpointing the spot in the new cell that is causing the exceedances so they can get cover on it.

♦ *2020 Impact Flyer*

Ms. Jordan showed the committee the impact flyer and reviewed the numbers.

♦ *Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Grant Application*

The department is working on this grant application to fund the new position in the department and other expenses. While working on it they realized that they could include Regina's salary and some other items. They will be submitting this application shortly.

♦ *Department Update*

The hazardous household waste event will be held this Saturday in the Town of Farmington

TOURISM

♦ *Resolution*

A resolution entitled, "Ontario County Four Seasons Local Development Corporation, dba A Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, Ontario County, NY – Designation Tourist Promotion Agency and Authorization New York State Tourism Grant Programs" was presented.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the designation. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution to Declare Lead Agency Status for 2020-2021 NYS Snowmobile Grant Application"

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve declaring lead agency on the snowmobile grant application. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing Amendment to Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Related to the Healthy Soils Initiative”

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract amendment with Soil and Water. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 4 (Intro.) of 2021”

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the adoption of Local Law No. 4(Intro.) of 2021. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented a resolution entitled, “Approval of C-PACE Municipal Agreement with the Energy Improvement Corporation”

Supervisor Guard motioned to approve the agreement for C-Pace with the Energy Improvement Corporation. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented the following two resolutions:

- Appointment of Joe McHale to the Ontario County Planning Board
- Appointment of Douglas Dello Stritto as an Alternate Member to the Ontario County Planning Board

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the appointments to the Planning Board as a block. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

◆ *Budget Update*

Planning Director, Tom Harvey, presented updates to his budget that he presented at the last committee meeting. This is for an additional Code Enforcement position that was approved at MCP committee and an anticipated retirement.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the Planning Department budget changes. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CORNELL COOPERATION
EXTENSION**

Cornell Cooperation Extension Director, Tim Davis, reported that they have filled the bilingual dairy specialist position. They are in the

process of filling their open field crops specialist position. They are finishing up their research project on a weed zapper. This product seems to be working well for the test sites. The electronic scarecrow research project they have been working on isn't going as well. They have been having issues with the laser and are working to correct those issues. They are also running their parenting program again.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Developer, Mike Manikowski, let the committee know that it has been a record year for the economic development department. They just closed two projects. One was expanding the corporate headquarters for Coopervision. The seconded is a project on Cabbage Lane for the new logistics center for Leonards Express. The County airport has also recorded record fuel sales this year.

SOIL AND WATER

Soil and Water Director, Megan Webster, would like to come to a Board meeting and do a presentation on the projects that would have been on the Board retreat. Committee would like this and invited her to the October 28th meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Resolution*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, presented a resolution entitled, "Award of Contract for Small Business Assistance Consulting Services"

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve a contract for small business assistance consulting services. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:20 PM, Supervisor Lightfoote made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Wickham, to go into executive session regarding discussion on the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and to confer with counsel; motion carried.

At 2:25 PM, Supervisor Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board