

Solid Waste and Recycling
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
Chambers / Zoom

MINUTES

9:00 AM Call Meeting to Order

Chairman James Goldstein called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM via a hybrid Zoom video and in-person conference.

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, County Chairman John Becker, County Administrator Mark Scimone, City of Oneida Supervisor Matt Roberts, City of Oneida Supervisor Mary Cavanagh, City of Oneida Supervisor Joseph Magliocca, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney Intern Noah Devaney, Public Information Officer Samantha Field and Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Approve the May 25, 2021 Solid Waste & Committee Meeting Minutes. Second by T.J. Stokes. The motion was Passed.

- May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Solid Waste and Recycling:

1. Leachate Discussion

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Enter into Executive Session at 9:04 AM for Advice of Counsel on Negotiation of a Contract. Second by T.J. Stokes. The motion was Passed.

Motion by Chairman Becker to Come Out of Executive Session at 9:52 AM. Second by T.J. Stokes. The motion was Passed.

The Solid Waste Department will move forward with sending a press release and notifying the newspapers of the landfill's position on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upset.

2. Staffing / Hiring Update

A. Miller updated the committee on the current department openings. The department has filled two out of three Heavy Equipment Operator positions and the Auto Mechanic position. The Head Mechanic position has not yet been filled.

3. Office Building

The Madison County Children's Advocacy Center will be moving into a new location, leaving their old building, located down the road from the landfill, open. A. Miller advised the committee that due to

current building conditions at the main office, the Solid Waste Department hoped to move into the old CAC building. This will be a good option for the department who would not need to spend funds on a new building or scatter their staff. The department is exploring this option over the next few months.

4. Hauler Safety Rules

Building off of a previous discussion at the last committee meeting, A. Miller presented the idea of instating hauler safety rules as a policy, which would need Board approval. A. Miller will work on drafting the policy and suggested a hauler appreciation and training event that would help distribute the new rules. There was committee consensus to move forward with this event and use some funds to pay for the appreciation event to get the new rules out there.

Resolutions:

No resolutions were presented at this committee meeting.

Other Committee Business

The committee discussed recycling laws that will be important to note moving forward. In particular, A. Miller mentioned the NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Law which goes into effect January 1, 2022. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation posted a list of Designated Food Scrap Generators who would be included under the law. A. Miller tried to get clarification from the NYSDEC about Green Empire Farms. Specifically, farms are excluded under the law but Green Empire is still being considered a generator. A. Miller mentioned that the crop changeovers at Green Empire bring in a large amount of mixed waste to the landfill, requiring constant oversight so as to not exceed the landfill's daily permit limit during those times. In the future, A. Miller recommends submitting a permit modification moving forward to move away from a daily limit to a quarterly one.

The committee asked about a static composting pile to help divert some of the food scraps. A. Miller said this type of program would require more resources than the department currently has and would not be feasible at this time. The committee understood the current challenges.

T.J. Stokes inquired about the status of the SUNY Morrisville Waste Disposal Agreement. A. Miller has not heard back from Melissa Felton with an update.

Preferred Agenda

There were no resolutions to put on the preferred agenda at this time.

Next Meeting:

1. July 27, 2021 at 9am - Chambers / Zoom

Adjourn

Motion by Eve Ann Shwartz to Adjourn at 10:18 AM. Second by T.J. Stokes.
The motion was Passed.

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Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
ZOOM meeting

MINUTES

9:00 AM Call Meeting to Order

Chairman James Goldstein called the meeting to order at 9:01 via Zoom video conference.

Those attending were Chairman James Goldstein, Solid Waste Committee Members Yvonne Nirelli, Eve Ann Schwartz and Jim Cunningham, Solid Waste Director Amy Miller, County Administrator Mark Scimone, City of Oneida Supervisor Joseph Magliocca, Solid Waste Deputy Director Greg Gelewski, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton, County Attorney Intern Noah Devaney, Recycling Coordinator Kristin Welch and Madison-Oneida New Visions Intern Cole DeKing.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to approve the April 27, 2021 Solid Waste & Committee Meeting Minutes. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

- April 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Solid Waste and Recycling:

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to enter into executive session at 9:43 AM for advice of counsel. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to come out of executive session at 10:09 AM. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

1. Educational Videos Created by BOCES New Visions Intern

The Solid Waste Department worked with Cole DeKing, an intern from the Madison-Oneida BOCES New Visions program to create educational videos about special recycling programs. The three videos created cover the department's electronic waste program, household hazardous waste program and special transfer station recycling programs for items such as bulbs, batteries and sharps. The videos will be shared on the department's website and social media.

2. SUNY Morrisville - Requesting Changes to Standard Waste Disposal Agreement

SUNY Morrisville requested some changes to the Standard Waste Disposal Agreement. Melissa Felton advised the committee of the requested changes and will work with SUNY Morrisville to finalize the proposed changes. The committee requested to see the draft

agreement prior to approval. M. Felton will provide an update at the next committee meeting on the status of the agreement.

3. Mechanic Position(s)

Amy Miller updated the committee on the current open mechanic positions. The regular automotive position and the newly created head mechanic position was advertised with 5 applications approved and 3 applicants interviewed. The Department is moving forward with a regular auto mechanic but the head mechanic position has not been filled yet. A. Miller recommends continuing to look for a qualified head mechanic in order to keep up on the maintenance of equipment and manage the workload. The committee agrees to move forward with continuing the search for a head mechanic and A. Miller will work with Personnel to start advertising the position again.

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing Modification of the Adopted 2021 County Budget (Solid Waste - Leachate & Repairs)

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Approve the Modification of the Adopted 2021 County Budget for Leachate and Repairs. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

2. Authorizing Modification of the Adopted 2021 County Budget (Solid Waste - D6 Dozer)

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Approve the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget for the D6 Dozer. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

3. Designating Disposal of Obsolete and/or Surplus County Personal Property

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Approve the Designation of Surplus County Personal Property for the Terminator. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

4. Authorizing the Chairman to an Agreement with the Madison Cortland Chapter NYSARC, INC. for the Operation of Madison County's Recycling Facility

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to Approve the Extension Agreement with the Madison Cortland NYSARC, Inc. for the Operation of Madison County's Recycling Facility. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

5. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Mid-Country Machinery, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Approve the Agreement with Mid-Country Machinery, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

6. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Southworth-Milton, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs

Motion by Eve Ann Shwartz to Approve the Agreement with Southworth-Milton, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.
7. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Five Star Equipment, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs

Motion by Eve Ann Shwartz to Approve the Agreement with Five Star Equipment, Inc. for Emergency Equipment Repairs. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

Other Committee Business

1. Shredding Event Update

The Spring shred event was very successful with a record attendance. Unfortunately, the lack of shred events put on by other local organizations in the area, such as Community Bank, brought in a lot of traffic and the shred truck was completely filled before the end of the event. The department had to turn some cars away. For the Fall shred event, the Department is looking into a few options to ensure a smoother process as the need for shredding in the area is evident. The Department is looking into bringing a second truck to the Fall Hamilton event or adding a second Fall date at the Buyea Road location to offset the traffic.
2. Hauler Safety / Hauler Rules

A. Miller advised the committee on implementing better hauler safety and rules in an effort to keep safety at the forefront of haulers minds and prevent any potential accidents. A. Miller recommended a safety education event that would also serve as an appreciation event for the work they have done to create a safe workzone so far. The committee agreed that a joint appreciation and education event would be a good way to engage the local haulers.
3. Green Empire Farms - Crop Changeover

Green Empire Farms is starting the crop changeover for their tomatoes. During these changeover times, Green Empire Farms brings in several loads of organics mixed with other waste each day. It's important for the department to monitor the daily tonnage during these changeovers so that they do not exceed the 375 daily tonnage maximum as part of the NYSDEC landfill permit. A. Miller is working with Green Empire Farms to coordinate these loads and identify potential daily limits so as to not exceed the 375 tons. If Green Empire Farms gets close to the daily maximum, the department makes the call to cut off any other loads that day from their facility.

Preferred Agenda

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to have the above resolutions put on the preferred agenda. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.

Next Meeting:

1. June 22, 2021 at 9am via Zoom

Adjourn

Motion by Yvonne Nirelli to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Second by Jim Cunningham. The motion was Passed.