

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members T. Daviau and E. Schwartz, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Public Information Officer S. Field, County Vice Chairman P. Walrod, Lenox Supervisor J. Pinard, Oneida Supervisor M. Cavanagh, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Treasurer C. Edick, Finance Assistant Director Keith Lummis and Mower Vice President Gary Holmes.

Approval of Minutes

1. July 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Schwartz, seconded by Supervisor Daviau, the motion was made to approve the 7.23.24 meeting minutes. The motion was Passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. Tip Fee and Punch Card Discussion

G. Gelewski provided a 2024 budget review showing anticipated revenues and expenses for the year. Although the 2024 mid-year tip fee increase helped stabilize the budget and cover some deficits, the department is still not fully covering costs or adding to the closure and post-closure reserves. G. Gelewski reviewed the 2025 proposed fee schedule, keeping the landfill tip fees the same and raising the punch card fee to cover transfer station operation deficits.

2. Proposed 2025 Budget

G. Gelewski briefly went over the 2025 budget proposal along with a 5 year capital equipment plan to give the committee insight into where the department needs to be next year to cover costs. The budget will be further discussed at the September meeting.

3. Capital Equipment Plan Overview

G. Gelewski reviewed the 5 year capital equipment plan. Even with additional revenues brought in, it can easily be consumed by equipment needs and needs to be considered for future planning.

4. Proposed Staffing and Personnel Adjustments

The Deputy Director position has been filled and the new Deputy Director will start in the beginning of September. The department is also looking to add 2 Laborers positions and the reclassification of an HEO position to a Solid Waste Crew Leader position, which will be going to Government Operations Committee.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Accept a Grant Award from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Madison County Department of Solid Waste

Motion by Supervisor Daviau to approve the resolution. Second by Supervisor Shwartz. The motion was passed.

Other Committee Business

1. Solid Waste Communication Plan

S. Field reviewed the communication plan with the committee to provide the community with information on where the department has been, where the department is currently and what needs to be looked at moving forward. The committee discussed supervisor office hours at transfer stations, how the County will provide updates from the Technical Working Committee and overall, dispersing information to both supervisors and the community. The department still has decisions to make moving forward and the County is committed to supporting these vital community services with the resident in mind.

2. Madison County Waste Management Technical Committee Update

Supervisor Shwartz said that the Technical Working Committee has met twice and has toured the landfill and operations. The committee brings diverse knowledge and experience and will be digging into landfill gas capture projects and PFAS treatments with more updates to come as the group plans to meet bi-weekly.

3. Review Committee Description & Discuss Any Proposed Changes or Corrections

Government Operations committee is reviewing the Board rules and looking at committee descriptions. The Solid Waste committee provided feedback on their description and changes will go to Government Operations.

4. Shred Event in Hamilton

Recycling Coordinator K. Welch mentioned that the department will be hosting the Fall document shred event in September and encouraged Supervisors to let their residents know. The event will be on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Hamilton.

Preferred Agenda

It is the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution to be added to the preferred agenda.

Next Meeting September 24, 2024 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Daviau to adjourn at 9:59 AM. Second by Supervisor Shwartz. The motion was passed.