

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members T. Daviau, M. Roberts, E. Shwartz and T.J. Stokes, 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, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Treasurer C. Edick, Finance Assistant Director Keith Lummis and a member of the public.

Approval of Minutes

1. August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Daviau, the motion was made to approve the 8.27.24 meeting minutes. The motion was Passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. Proposed 2025 Fee Schedule

Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski reviewed the proposed 2025 fee schedule, highlighting that the garbage tip fees stayed the same after the 2024 mid-year increase. The department is still looking for revenue opportunities and will be exploring their compost program to offer residents more quality compost and mulch for a small fee, which will be newly initiated.

G. Gelewski recommended increasing the punch card fee to \$25 per card in order to bring the transfer stations in line with the 2024 landfill tip fee increase this past July. These tip fees and punch card revenues will directly support the department's budget.

2. Solid Waste Communication Plan Update

S. Field and M. During discussed potential dates for supervisors to visit the transfer stations and speak to the public about updates. S. Field will send around the potential schedule for October Saturdays and is working with Mower to provide materials for the supervisors. More information will be shared with the committee and supervisors as it rolls out.

Resolutions

1. Establishing a Fee for 2025 Solid Waste Punch Cards for Residential Solid Waste Disposal in Madison County

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

2. Amending Fees for Participating in Madison County's Solid Waste Management Program, as Required by Local Law #3 of 2004

Motion by Supervisor Stokes to approve the resolution. Second by Supervisor Roberts. The motion was passed.

Other Committee Business

1. Madison County Waste Management Technical Committee Update

Supervisor Shwartz said the technical committee has been meeting bi-weekly and has utilized the previous Cornerstone reports as a basis for understanding. The committee brings diverse knowledge and is exploring the option of increasing landfill waste under county operations and what that would entail. The committee is also exploring PFAS treatment technologies and potential grant funding. The technical committee will continue to explore technologies and examples of them being used to recommend to the committee at a later date.

Motion by Supervisor Shwartz to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of financial credit or employment history of a particular corporation at 9:41 AM. Second by Supervisor Roberts. The motion was passed. Motion by Supervisor Roberts to exit executive session at 10:01 AM. Second by Supervisor Daviau. The motion was passed.

Solar Panel Extended Producer Responsibility

Members of the committee were interested in engaging Dawn Timm from Niagara County to discuss solar panel EPR. G. Gelewski will reach out to Dawn Timm to set up a time to present in front of supervisors.

Preferred Agenda

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

Next Meeting October 22, 2024 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Roberts to adjourn at 10:05 AM. Second by Supervisor Daviau. The motion was passed.