



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Municipal Building

2nd Floor, Room 200

20 Ontario Street

Canandaigua, NY 14424

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Singer, Supervisors Bateman, Guard, Lightfoote, and Venuti. Supervisors Hicks and Wickham were declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Assistant County Attorney Art James, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Planners Regina Sousa and Maria Rudzinski, Soil & Water Director Megan Webster, Casella Manager Mark Clinker, Casella General Counsel Shelley Sayward, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Supervisor Vedora, John Colella from Towpath Investigation Services, Jacob Fox, John Hicks, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meetings held on February 4, 2019. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ *Update*

Ms. Sayward handed out a notice of violation that was received February 12, 2019. The notice of violation was received due to not enough horizontal well collectors being installed. Only eight out the sixteen were installed. Also, they had an increase in bio-solids (sludge) in 2018 and DEC is asking for more information on a going forward basis on how they are going to be managing the bio-solids being brought in. To correct this violation they are installing nine vertical wells that will be completed by the end of the week. Vertical well are more reliable and last longer than horizontal wells. The horizontal wells tend to fill up more with water and the water causes them to become ineffective. The landfill has a lot of water at the moment, which is why the horizontal wells weren't installed. John Casella has committed to not bringing on new bio-solids contracts until all current bio-solids customers have committed to the new restrictions being put into place and to receive no

more than 15% bio-solids on a monthly average.

Ms. Sayward then talked about Casella current working timeline, as follows:

- Phase 1 vertical wells installation will be wrapping up by the end of the week
- A gas master plan will be submitted to DEC by March 1st
- On site odor training will be conducted OS&E on March 19th
- Assessments of odor studies will be available by the third week in March
- Updating the O&M manual for the sludge management plan
- In May phase two of vertical wells will be installed

Mr. Clinker walked through the installation of vertical wells. These wells allow you to pull gas almost immediately. Pictures of vertical wells and drainage (gabion) cubes were shown to help the committee understand how big they are and the placement of them in the cell.

Supervisor Lightfoote asked do the horizontal lines tie into the gabion cubes? Mr. Clinker said they are not currently design to be tied into them. The horizontal wells lay on the drainage stone on the bottom of the floor. Horizontal lines will then be added every thirty feet as the cell fills.

Ms. Sayward talked about a website link that they are working on to allow people to access a from their phone or PC. This form will ask you the same question as the hotline.

Mr. Colella said that he has been busy over the last three weeks. What he has noticed is the odor plume is narrow and shifts quickly. They are addressing complaints and entering the data into electronic forms. They try to call any one back who is not at the site when they respond. Mr. Colella also talked about the butanol scale, which is the ASTM standard for investigating odors. They use this in their research and investigation. When they go to an odor complaint they use their liquid scales to gage what level on this scale the odors are at. These reference liquid solutions are changed every 30 days. He also stated that they are documenting odors on the way to complaints and the start and end of daily operations.

Supervisor Venuti noted that this violation is disturbing. Too much sludge is being accepted and it is not only a violation to the permit, but also the agreement with Ontario County.

Supervisor Guard asked why did you only build half the wells that you were slated to build? Mr. Clinker said they hadn't put some of the wells in due to too much water being on site. Ms. Sayward let the committee know that they are submitting their corrective plan for this to DEC and will be sticking to it. Mr. Clinker said that they will be putting wells in no matter what from now.

Chair Singer also talked about the reason they didn't put some of the wells in was because there was too much water and the horizontal wells wouldn't have worked if they put them in because the water would have filled them. They also tried to address this by putting some vertical wells in place of the horizontals, which are more effective.

Mr. Clinker also noted that they closed today and didn't take any waste due to winds. They lost about 800 feet of wind fence today and will get that fixed as soon as possible.

SUSTAINABILITY & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

♦ *Update*

Ms. Jordan talked about the DEC stakeholder meeting was canceled this evening. This meeting was to talk about the beyond waste state plan. They will plan on attending another one of their scheduled meetings.

Ms. Jordan also informed the committee her and Ms. Krause are still in conversations with potential facilitators for the departments strategic plan.

♦ **Resolution:** *Award of Contract for On-Demand Consulting Services Related to Ongoing Construction and Operation of the Ontario County Landfill – SCS Engineers*

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the on-demand contract with SCS Engineers. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ **Resolution:** *Resolution with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for Agricultural Tire Recycling*

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the contract with Soil and Water for the agricultural tire recycling. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

♦ *Events Update*

Ms. Sousa let the committee know about the following 2019 events:

- March 30th - E-waste Collection
- April 26th - Paper Shredding
- April 27th - Household Hazardous Waste
- September 21st - - Household Hazardous Waste
- October 18th - Paper Shredding
- November 9th – Pumpkin Collection

A junk mail campaign kicked off. This will lead people to the place on the website to show you how to reduce and get rid of all the junk mail you are receiving. They will also be doing a campaign for the videos shown at committee last month.

PLANNING

♦ **Resolution:** *Adopting Local Law No. 1(Intro.) of 2019 After*

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the resolution to adopt Local Law No. 1(Intro.) of 2019. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion.

Public Hearing

The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing a Contract with the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for Transfer of SFY 2018-2019 State Grant Funding under the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance*

Supervisor Guard motioned to approve contract with the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution to Establish a Public Hearing for the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Ontario County Proposed During the 2018 Annual Review Period*

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the setting of a Public Hearing and declaring lead agency resolutions as a block. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Rudzinski showed a map with the nine new parcels being requested for inclusion.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Declaring Lead Agency Status for the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural land in Ontario County Proposed During the 2018 Annual Review Period*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution Supporting Efforts to Allocate New York State Resources and Funding to Regions or Counties Establishing “Full Count” Committees*

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve this resolution as presented. Supervisor Guard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Guard seconded by Supervisor Bateman the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin Mueller
Clerk to the Board