



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: WebEx

June 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Brian Young, Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisor Vedora, County Attorney Holly Adams, Finance Public Health Director Mary Beer, Finance Director Mary Gates, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Vice President of Landfill Mark Johnson, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Maria Ruzinski, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Outside Counsel J. Stravin, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Finger Lakes Visitor Connections President Valerie Knoblauch, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, reporter Julie Sherwood, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Venuti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on May 18, 2020. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Director, Mary Beer, gave an update of the COVID-19 Pandemic, noting the following:

- 219 Positive cases
- 3 new cases
- 10 hospitalized
- 2 new death
- They have had challenges with the new State system, but it is getting better

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnston presented the following updates:

- All but the last horizontal well is installed, they hope to have that installed this week
- 75 dewatering vertical wells have been installed
- 4 pocket wells have been installed and they are actively under vacuum

- Drone data shows all, but one area has been cleared up, but it has identified a new area on the west side that need attention
- Exceedances are down
- 8 new vertical wells were drilled this week
- An 18-inch header needs to be relocated on the west side for better drainage

They have another call with DEC on the June 15, 2020.

Ms. Jordan asked if it is anticipated the gas will need to be shut down to relocate the header or if the pipeline will have to be redirected. Mr. Johnson anticipates being able to keep the gas flowing during the relocation of the header.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

♦ *Strategic Plan*

Causewave is still processing data from over 1300 responses to the Strategic plan survey. They anticipate draft results late next week. The next step is to perform a SWAT analysis. They are asking individuals to complete questions and then bring them together for a WebEx meeting. She believes that they are still on course for have a plan in the fall.

♦ *June 20th HHW event*

212 people have signed up for household hazardous waste event being held on June 20th. They are working with all companies to make sure all safety protocols are followed.

♦ *Backyard Composting Program*

Ms. Sousa let the committee know that the website for residents to purchase backyard composting tools is completed. They are hoping to launch it after the July 4th holiday. Causewave is also creating a video for the website. Cornell Cooperative Extension has past along a grant opportunity to the department to offset the costs of this program. They will apply for these funds with an application that is due on June 26th.

♦ *Municipal Funding – East Bloomfield*

East Bloomfield submitted reimbursement for recycling bins in Town hall for their project for the year. Chair Singer feels that this should be more for programs for residents in the town. Supervisors Wickham and Bateman agreed. Ms. Jordan was directed to go back to the Town to see if there is a program, they can request money for that is more encompassing of the residents. It was decided that this will be held to the next meeting.

Ms. Jordan informed the committee that she continues to perform site visits to the landfill. The new drone data from Casella is showing that there was significant change from the beginning of the year to now. She will be sending this drone data to committee. They will be flying the drone again at the end of July or early August. Exceedances were down from 100's of hits a day to now about 10-20 hits a day.

Supervisor Wickham also noted that his residents have been telling him that smells have been better lately with the progress that has been made.

TOURISM

- ◆ *Updates*

Ms. Knoblauch talked about their sanitation and resource bank for the reopening of businesses. Information regarding this bank is on their reopen page. They are buying sanitation products in bulk to be able to provide supplies to local business. This will allow them to buy products from them without having to order mass quantities. Items that are going to be available are masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, etc. they are working on how and when they are going to sell these items to local business. These items will be sold at cost to the businesses. They have been holding industry segment webinars and plan on continuing them.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ◆ **Resolution:** *No Cost Time Extension to Complete Projects to Implement the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Plan*

Ms. Rudzinski presented a resolution for a no cost time extension to complete projects in the Agricultural Enhancement Plan.

Supervisor Wickham motion to approve the not cost extension to allow for completion of projects. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution to Provide Notice of the Eight-Year Review of Agricultural District 1 and the Intent to Consolidate Agricultural Districts 6, 8, and 9 Into Consolidated Agricultural District 1*

Ms. Rudzinski presented two resolutions for the agricultural district consolidation and review.

Supervisor Bateman motion to approve these two agricultural district resolutions. Supervisor Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution to Establish the Annual Thirty Day Period for 2020 to Accept Requests for Inclusion in Ontario County Agricultural Districts*

- ◆ *Census Update*

FINANCE

- ◆ *Budget Adjustments*
 - ◆ *Economic Development*
 - ◆ *Planning*
 - ◆ *Sustainability and Solid Waste Management*

Ms. Gates presented the 5% budget reduction amendments to committee. These amendments are part of the 1.5 million dollar budget amendments that are being made County wide.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Updates*

Interim County Administrator, Brian Young, gave the following updates:

- We are currently watching state reimbursements that are being

withheld at the moment, trying to find out how much the Governor will be reducing them

- Reopening Phase 3 will begin on Friday hopefully
- Most Executive Orders have been extended through July 6th
- We are hoping to get the DMV open by appointment only in Phase 3
- County government in not under 50% staff reduction criteria two weeks after Phase 2 opened.
- All departments have face coverings and sanitizing products
- Food link food distributions will continue on Mondays through the summer months
- Students eligible for free/reduced lunches will get SNAP benefits for summer meals
- Board of Elections is in need of election inspectors

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mr. Davis talked about webinars that they have coming up for barn safety plans and managing field crews during COVID – 19. Also, the 4-H program is looking at holding County fair events later in the summer if allowed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:03 PM, Supervisor Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Hicks, 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 2:22 PM, Supervisor Wickham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Venuti, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Venuti seconded by Supervisor Bateman, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board