



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Room 213

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**May 3, 2021**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

In Person: Supervisors Bateman and Phillips.

Via WebEx: Supervisors Singer, Lightfoote, Venuti, and Wickham.  
Supervisor Guard was declared necessarily absent.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Jim DeMay, Frank Shutter, Steve Cowley, Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe and Dan Marshall, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Suzanne Vary, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Visitors Connection President Val Knoblauch, Karen DeMay, 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 Chair Singer.

### **MINUTES**

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on April 12, 2021. Supervisor Lightfoote 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:

- 13 New cases
- 10 Currently hospitalized
- 0 New deaths
- We need to be under 100 cases in seven days to get out a the

CDC's red zone

- Ontario County continues to be the highest in the region with vaccinated residents
- They are starting to do small pop up pods at the colleges, schools, and large employers in the County

## CASELLA

### ♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They have started the final cap on the east side
- They are screening the clay currently
- They started road construction that will be the new permanent road to the top of the landfill
- They have submitted gas plans for the first phase this year to the DEC for approval
- They added more horizontal gas well at the top of the landfill
- Closed landfill on Friday due to wind, they spend this day hauling cover soils
- Cell construction should start the beginning of the month
- The six-month trail of foam usage is over and the DEC granted Casella permanent approve of ongoing usage of this cover.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

### ♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan let the committee know that the first event of the year didn't go as smoothly as they had hoped. The paper shredding event that was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and the vendor only sent one truck instead of two. Then towards the end of the event the truck broke down and they left without anyone knowing. They have rescheduled an additional event in June due to the vendor leaving. She is also working on having an additional full event to make up for the vendor leaving and not providing the second truck. They will also be onsite for all future events. This was not practice in the past for the paper shredding events.

Doug Chesley has retired as an equipment operator at the landfill with 25 years of service for the County. Congrats Doug!

Ms. Sousa noted that they had a successful household hazardous waste collection event. 435 residents participates from all most all our municipalities.

The department sold all 300 composting units they had available this round. They plan on opening the second round the first week of June.

Tire recycling and E-waste are the next two events coming up.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### ♦ *Resolution*

Economic Developer Mike Manikowski presented a resolution entitled, “Fixing Date and Notice for a Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Application”.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the fixing date and notice for a CDBG cares act application. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### ♦ *Resolutions*

Planning Director Tom Harvey presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Contract with the Village of Victor to Provide Code Enforcement Technical Assistance”.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract with the Village of Victor. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski presented the following two resolutions:

- Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board Appointment – Kristin Hanggi
- Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board Appointment – Lisa Fitzgerald

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the two appointments as presented as a block. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Approval*

Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski asked for the committee’s approval for a no-cost time extension with Fishers Associates to complete work at the Manchester Yard Site.

The committee approved the no cost time extension for Fishers Associates unanimously.

### ♦ *Informational*

Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski informed the committee that she will be sending in the snowmobile trail system application again soon with a few changes to the trail system.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the submission of the snowmobile trail system application for the upcoming year. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ♦ *Resolution*

Planning Director Tom Harvey presented a resolution entitled, “Resolution of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors Supporting the Designation of the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area”.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the designation of the Finger Lakes Nation Heritage Area. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- ♦ *Discussion: Youth Big Game Hunting*

Mr. DeMay a County representative of the Fish and Wildlife Board addressed the Committee regarding newly passed legislation that will allow youth big game hunting. These youths currently are allowed to hunt big game with bow. They are the safest category of hunters because they have just recently taken their hunter safety courses and must be occupied by a licensed adult to hunt big game. It is being requested that the County opt into allowing youth to hunt big game. The DEC wants to know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if a County has opted in in order to publish it in their manual. It will still be allowed even if the County doesn't decide by June 1<sup>st</sup> the DEC will list if Ontario has opted in or out on their website by September.

Supervisor Phillips asked how many hours is a hunter safety course?

Mr. DeMay replied that for in person is requires 8 hours in a classroom and 6 hours of homework. Online the course is 12-14 hours.

The Committee was in agree to start have the County Attorney's office start the local law process.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- ♦ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- No county staff COVID cases or quarantines in the past three weeks
- More departments have more staff back in person
- They are working with school superintendent on guidance with proms, balls, and graduations
- The County still hasn't received guidance on how the Federal funding will be able to be spent

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Bateman seconded by Supervisor Venuti, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kristin A. Mueller,  
Clerk to the Board