



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: WebEx and 3019 County Complex Dr., Room 204

July 20, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Bateman, Lightfoote and Wickham.
Via WebEx: Supervisors Guard, Hicks, Singer, and Venuti.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Interim County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Assistant County Attorney Art James, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller
Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisor Vedora, Finance Director Mary Gates, First Assistant County Attorney Lea Nacca, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Vice President of Landfill Mark Johnson, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Outside Counsel J. Stravino, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, and Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Katelin Pellett from Causewave.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on June 29, 2020. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:05 PM, Supervisor Hicks made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Bateman, 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 1:15 PM, Supervisor Wickham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Bateman, to leave executive session; motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

- 324 Positive total cases
- 4 new cases
- 3 hospitalized

- 0 new deaths
- 34 total deaths
- Out of the past 20 individuals that tested positive 5 were asymptomatic
- Our numbers are staying low, and we still have a less than 1% positive rate

CASELLA

- ♦ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnston presented the following updates:

- The planned work is now complete
- They have been odor free for the past week
- Some work is still on going at the pond site
- All the horizontals are working, and functioning better as they turn the vacuum up
- The new design of wells is performing better than expected
- The fix to the 18" header is complete and working well
- They are working on getting cover work completed
- They have 75 fully function dewatering pumps
- They are still looking for a new engineer
- A new operations manager stated at the beginning of the month

They have flown the drone again and while flying the drone there were no hits. The manual scan picked up one hit. They dug were the hit showed and nothing was there. It was found that the MCC scanner malfunctioned. Ms. Jordan will send data and images to committee. There has also been a hit by the pond, but they are currently working on that.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ **Resolution:** *Amendment to Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for Administrative Event Services*

Ms. Jordan presented a resolution to amend the contract with Ontario County Soil and Water for administrative event services.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the resolution to amend the contract with Ontario County Soil and Water. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ♦ *Backyard Composting Program*

They backyard composting program launch last week. Most of the advertising for this program is going to be done through social media. They have purchased about 170 kits to have available for residents to order. They are hoping to launch a second event later this year.

Two events are coming up. A tire recycling event will be held this weekend and an e-waste event will be held on August 1st. There is still space available for this.

♦ *Strategic Plan Community Survey*

Katelin Pellett from Causewave presented a PowerPoint to committee of the results from the latest community survey. It highlighted the changes from the 2017 survey and areas that the department should focus.

Ms. Jordan noted that she is on thing virtually with the strategic planning groups. They are trying to stay flexible while getting people to work on things during the summer.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

♦ *Resolution: Fixing Date and Notice for Local Law No. 4 (Intro.) of 2020*

First Assistant County Attorney Lea Nacca presented Local Law No. 4 (Intro.) of 2020 and the fixing date and notice resolution for this Local Law renewing our occupancy tax for another 3 years.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve Local Law No. 4 (Intro.) of 2020 and the resolution fixing the date and notice for the public hearing on Local Law No. 4 (Intro.) of 2020. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ *Updates*

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

- Ontario County is lagging that State and national response in the census coming in at 56%
- 74 Ontario Street renovations were scheduled to hit substantial completion last week.
- They are hoping to move staff in by September
- They are still working on site work around the building
- They are working on setting up a date for the Board to tour the renovations
- We might be able to have a ribbon cutting at September 10th Board meeting
- They are working on renaming Court Street to Susan B. Anthony Lane

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mr. Davis shared a newsletter that was put out about draught alert. The lack of rain and heat stress has caused problems with crop, animals, and staff health. It is not about the amount of rain but how we get the rain. The draught effects pollination and is also causing an increase pest infestation to the crops.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Manikowski noted that they provided another \$25,000 towards the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection resource bank. They are proud to partner with the them and provide these needed items to county businesses.

SOIL AND WATER

Ms. Webster let the committee know that they are now receiving money from the State. They have a few different events coming up and their July newsletter is now out.

PLANNING

Mr. Harvey showed a map on how all parts of the County are doing on completing the Census. They are going to be doing more promotion of

getting people to respond to the census especially in the cities and vacation home locations.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Wickham seconded by Supervisor Bateman, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED