



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Sessions Room 218

November 29, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Kris Singer, Ted Bateman, Lou Guard, Fred Lightfoote, Mark Venuti, and Drew Wickham.

Supervisor David Phillips was declared necessarily absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: Chairman Marren, County Administrator Chris DeBolt, County Attorney Holly Adams, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Matt Clinker from Casella, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Planners Betsy Landre, Maria Rudzinski, and Regina Sousa, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection President Valerie Knoblauch, and Nichola Ostrander.

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 November 8, 2021. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CASELLA

♦ Update

Mr. Clinker addressed the committee regarding the recent happenings at the landfill. When they started putting the cap on there were indications that things were starting to go backwards. To properly place the cap, they had to disassemble a considerable amount of the gas infrastructure. This also shut down the watering system. With having to do this they underestimated the impact that this was going to have. Once the construction started issues became more complex and the time frame the system was down became much longer than original anticipated. This resulted in all the gas, H₂S hits, leachate outbreaks, and the ponds to overflow. This has shown the site that they have to have the dewatering system running continuously. Currently 40 out of the 70 dewatering pumps are now back online and the others are being brought

back online this week. They are also adding some more horizontal wells at the site. They are working on ways to not have to fully take the system completely offline again during construction. The lagoons are designed with an aerator system that requires four feet of liquid in order to run efficiently and this system has work with no issues until we had the major rain event that brought almost 4 inches of rain into a new cell that didn't have the rain flaps tied in completely yet. This flooded the system and made the lagoons out of compliance with their freeboard space. They were pumping the lagoons as quickly as they could but had problems finding places to take the leachate. They are now looking at onsite leachate storage to help prevent this issue from happening again. The next four to six weeks will be critical as the whole system gets turned on slowly in order to not get any solids in the lines. Mr. Clunker then answered questions from the committee.

Mr. Sanders let the committee know that as of this morning the East lagoon is at 48 inches and the West lagoon is at 56 inches. They are pumping water from the West lagoon to the East lagoon to balance them out. More dewatering pumps will be brought back online on the east side tomorrow. They were able to move 560,000 gallons of leachate in 2 days. They are also looking into a rail site to take leachate to when they can get to a PTW site.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ♦ *Department Update*

Ms. Jordan spoke with the DEC inspector that is on site at the landfill at least four days a week. She asked him if Casella is doing things wrong or is it that they can't catch a break. The inspector said that they are doing things correctly they just can't catch a break.

Sue Vary from Economic Development got a company in touch with the department to work with them on finding a location to open a facility in the United States. They are looking to work with large amounts of recycled plastics. They took representatives from the company on a tour of the recycling facility at the landfill and talked about how Casella has many facilities to be able to provide materials to them.

Ms. Sousa has been working on getting information together regarding the paint cares program. This program will go into effect in the spring of next year. The program will bring a fee that will now be applied to all cans of paint that are purchased. This fee will allow you to bring used paint back to locations where paint is sold at any time. This will be a relief to our household hazardous waste programs. They will do a presentation on this program next cycle.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

♦ *Resolution*

Sr. Fiscal Manager, Michael Wojcik, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorization to Complete a Budget Amendment Relating to CARES Act Grant Approval from the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Block Grant Funding”

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve the budget amendment for CARES block grant funding. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

♦ *Resolutions*

Sr. Planner, Betsy Landre, presented a resolution entitled, “Authorizing Contract with Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for Upgrade to Onsite Wastewater Treatment Inspection Tracking System”

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the contract with Soil and Water for tracking system upgrades. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a resolution entitled, “Acceptance of 2021-2022 New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Grant Aid Funds”

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the acceptance of snowmobile trail grant funds. Supervisor Guard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Planner, Maria Rudzinski, presented a short form contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for a slow-moving vehicle safety campaign.

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the contract with CCE for the slow-moving vehicle safety campaign. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried

Sr. Planner, Linda Phillips, presented the following two resolutions:

- Appointment of Marion Mueller to the Ontario County Planning Board
- Appointment of Douglas Dello Stritto to the Ontario County Planning Board

Supervisor Guard motioned to approve the two appointments to the Planning Board as a block. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

♦ Update

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- There has been an increase in COVID cases in the workforce so Mr. DeBolt has asked staff to start utilizing remote work more to decrease staff in the office
- Hospitalizations and deaths in the region are up, hospitals are having capacity issues
- Public Health is working with several clusters
- The rapid tests for the schools are now in short supply, they are working with Monroe County to get similar test to what we have had in the past
- Walgreens is now doing free drive thru COVID testing
- The region is working with marketing companies to provide outreach regarding correct information on COVID, testing, and the vaccine

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tim Jensen introduced Nichola Ostrander. She is the consultant that the County hired to aid businesses with the implementation of the small business assistance program. Ms. Ostrander provide a report on what they have been able to provide to the County so far. They have mailed 1,113 post card to Ontario County business, they have conducted 275 call following up on those post cards. They have also gone to 25 business in the Canandaigua and Geneva area. The four programs that they are helping businesses with are:

- NY State Small Business Recovery Grant Program
- EIDL-Targeted/Supplemental Grant and Loan Program
- Employee Retention Tax Credit Program
- Restaurant Employee Tax Credit

They have helped with 8 applications for funding and 1 EDIL application that was approved for \$137,000. They are now starting to work with the local chambers of commerce and are setting up office in the Towns of Canandaigua, Geneva, and Victor.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

♦ Update

Mr. Davis gave the following updates:

- They have tax schools coming up on December 2nd and January 18th. These classes are geared towards new farms or as a refresher class.
- They will also be providing a farm tax code specific benefits class on January 25th

VISITORS CONNECTION

Ms. Valerie Knoblauch noted that they are working with Economic Development to get information out about the CARES act funding. They will be holding five information meeting regarding this funding. On December 6th they will be in Victor in the morning and Naples in the

afternoon. On December 13th they will be hosting a meeting in the morning in Geneva and in Phelps in the afternoon. The Canandaigua date so still pending. Ostrander Consulting will also be part of these presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Mueller, Clerk to the Board

Approved