



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., Committee Room

January 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Assistant County Attorney Art James, Sr. Planner Maria Rudzinski, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.
Via WebEx: Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisor Ingalsbe, Public Health Director Mary Beer, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Sr. Planners Betsy Landre, Linda Phillips, and Regina Sousa, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Visitors Connection President Val Knoblauch, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Peter Fairweather, Jacob Fox, Kate Pellett, Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Terry Fennelly, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer. Chair Singer appointed Supervisor Lightfoote as her Vice-Chair for 2021

MINUTES

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on December 7, 2020. 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:

- 4674 Positive total tests
- 73 Cases over the weekend
- 1068 Individuals isolated
- 563 Individuals in quarantine
- 81 Total deaths
- They have start doing vaccine clinics with what the State is providing

CASELLA

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

◆ *Update*

- They drilled 5 wells in the last week of December. 4 wells have been brought online. The last one they are waiting for the weather to break to get it online.
- He talked about order that the DEC noted in their report. That was due to them having to expose an area to get to a clean area to tie in that area. This area will be filled in soon.
- They have purchased a laser methane detector; it is a handheld device. They use this to walk around the site to detect orders while walking around the landfill.
- Looking at a massive re-drilling project this year to correct well that are not functioning well and ones that need to be replaced.

Ms. Jordan recommended that they connect the new wells as they go and not just at the end. This will help keep odor down.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization for Renewal Agreement with Shred Text Inc. for On-Site Mobile Document Destruction Services*
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Amendment to Contract with Brand Builders, LLC. for Backyard Composting Program Support*
- ◆ *Presentation: Causewave - Draft Strategic Plan*
- ◆ *Department Update*
 - *Draft 2021 Events Schedule*
 - *LSWMP Municipal Funding Returns*
 - *Landfill Monitoring*

Ms. Sousa presented two resolutions. One to renew the contract with Shred Text for document destruction services and one to amend the contract with Brand Builders, Inc for the backyard composting program.

Supervisor Lightfoote motion to approve these two resolutions as presented as a block. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kate Pellet gave a presentation to the committee of the new draft strategic plan for the Sustainability and Solid Waste Department. She reviewed they information they received and how they came up with what the priorities of the department will be over the next 5 years.

Ms. Jordan noted that they will be sending out the 2021 event schedule soon once they have the last couple of dates finalized. They are planning on using Causewave more this year for advertising for these events to bring more awareness to them around the county.

The department has received funding returns from our municipalities that did not fully spend all of their funding on their local waste reduction projects. Just under 10% of the money distributed came back to the county to be place back in reserves for future projects.

The DEC will be doing sampling in the phase 1 and 2 portions of the landfill. This is the old unlined portion. This is part of their statewide inactive landfill initiative. They are sampling the ground water for emergent contaminates. They are trying to determine the environmental impact of these contaminates in older unlined landfills.

They are also still looking into the agreement that the county has with the landfill gas energy facility. They are consulting with other and

looking at amendments that can be made regarding their reporting requirements.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Ontario County Economic Development Corporation Board Appointment – Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe*
Ms. Vary presented a resolution to appoint Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe to the EDC Board.
Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the appointment of Peter Ingalsbe to the EDC Board. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Presentation:** *Draft Economic Development Strategy for Ontario County*
Peter Fairweather presented the updated 5-year strategy plan for Economic Development to committee. This presentation will also be given to the full Board prior to the January 28th meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Acceptance of 2020-2021 New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Grant in Aid Funds*
Ms. Rudzinski presented a resolution to accept the 2020-2021 snowmobile grant in aid funds
Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the acceptance of the 2020-2021 snowmobile grant. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Negative Declaration Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Eight-Year Review of Ontario County Agricultural District 1 and the Consolidation of Agricultural Districts 6, 8 and 9 into Consolidated Agricultural District 1*
Ms. Rudzinski presented two resolutions to accept the SEQR for the eight year review and consolidation of the agricultural districts and the approval resolution.
Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the SEQR and approval resolutions for the eight year review and consolidation of agricultural districts, as a block. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Approval of the Eight-Year Review and Recertification of Ontario County Agricultural District 1 and Consolidation of Ontario County Agricultural Districts 6, 8, and 9 into Consolidated Agricultural District 1*
- ◆ **Resolution:** *Approval of Contract Amendment with GEI Consultants, Inc., P.C. for the FLCC Water Quality,*
Mr. Harvey presented a resolution for a contract amendment for GEI Consultants for the FLCC water quality, flood resiliency, and habitat improvement project.

*Flood Resiliency, and
Habitat Improvement Project*

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract amendment with GEI Consultants. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Jack Starke*

Mr. Harvey four resolutions of recognitions for members of the county planning board.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve these four resolutions of recognition, as a block. Supervisor Singer seconded the motion. The motion carried

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Albert Crofton*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Thomas F. T. Lyon*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation – Tim Marks*

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization of Contract for On-Demand Security Consulting Services*

Mr. Jensen presented a resolution to contract with Business Protection Specialist for on demand security consulting services.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the contract with Business Protection Specialist. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ **Discussion:** *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and a grant opportunity*

Mr. Harvey briefly spoke about this opportunity. There will be a special committee meeting prior to the January 28th Board meeting to approve a resolution that Mr. Harvey will draft to submit an application to NYSERDA and provide more information to committee.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Reappointment of Thomas Harvey – Director of Planning*

Mr. DeBolt presented a resolution to reappoint Thomas Harvey as the Director of Planning.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the reappointment of Thomas Harvey as the Director of Planning. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Wickham seconded by Supervisor Batman, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board