



# Solid Waste Committee

## Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.  
Cortland, NY 13045  
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

### ~ Agenda ~

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

11:00 AM

Room 304

### CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Vice-Chair John R Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 3 Thomas P. Hartnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 10 Gordon Wheelock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 15 George Wagner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 6 Mary Ann Discenza	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chair Charles Sudbrink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 11 Christopher Newell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### MINUTES

1. Solid Waste Committee - Committee Meeting - Aug 8, 2017 10:00 AM

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Landfill/Solid Waste

#### ON MOTION OF SUDBRINK

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

#### Award Metal Object Removal Agreement - Highway Department/Landfill

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee advertised for bids for Metal Object Removal at the Highway Department and the Landfill Facilities, AND

WHEREAS, the County Highway Department received bids for Metal Object Removal as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Metal Object Removal</u>	<u>BID</u>	
		<u>Long Ton</u>	<u>Short Ton</u>
Upstate Shredding 1 Recycle Drive Owego, NY 13827	Tin	\$171.00	\$152.68
	Short Steel	\$216.00	\$192.86
	Long Steel	\$191.00	\$170.36
Contento's PO Box 588 Cortland, NY 13045	Tin		\$120.00
	Short Steel		\$140.00
	Long Steel		\$130.00

, AND

WHEREAS, the highest responsible bid received for the sale of Metal Object Removal was from Upstate Shredding, 1 Recycle Drive, Owego, NY 13827, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature, upon review and approval as to form by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Upstate Shredding, for Metal Object Removal at the Highway Department and Landfill Facilities, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the revenue received from the Metal Object removal shall be deposited in Account # E513042.42650 for the Highway Department and Account # EL816042.42650 for the Landfill.

**Recycling**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

**Action Items**

**Discussion Items**

1. September 2017 Solid Waste Department Report



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10:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Charles Sudbrink

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John R Troy	Vice-Chair	Present	
Thomas P. Hartnett	District 3 - Committee Member	Excused	
Gordon Wheelock	District 10 - Committee Member	Present	
George Wagner	District 15 - Committee Member	Present	
Mary Ann Discenza	District 6 - Committee Member	Present	
Charles Sudbrink	Chair	Present	
Christopher Newell	District 11 - Committee Member	Present	
Donnell Boyden	Legislative District 8	Present	
Richard Bushnell	District 4	Present	
Luke Snyder	District 5	Present	10:49 AM
Eric Mulvihill	Clerk, County Legislature	Present	
Greg Ernst	Landfill Manager	Present	
Philip Krey	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Wendy Franklin	Assistant County Attorney	Present	
Bob Haight	Cortland County Chamber of Commerce	Present	10:39 AM
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	
Greg Leach	Leach's Custom Trash	Present	
Barb Leach	Leach's Custom Trash	Present	

### MINUTES

1. Solid Waste Committee - Committee Meeting - Jul 11, 2017 11:00 AM

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Landfill/Solid Waste

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Local Law No. 4 of 2017 – a Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 4 of 2012 to Introduce the Flow Control - **Approved**

#### Recycling

### OLD BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION/REPORTS

#### Discussion Items

1. Local Law Flow Control

Mr. Leach expressed his thoughts regarding flow control. He suggested the

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County consider offering volume discounts to attract waste to the landfill. Mr. Leach asked if flow control is adopted how it will be enforced. He said he currently crosses County lines to pick up residential trash, the law as proposed would hinder that practice. He asked if the law would also include recycling and if he would be required to bring his collected recycling to the County owned recycling center. Mr. Leach asked how flow control will impact future tipping fee increases. Mr. Leach said Cortland County may simply not be large enough to support a landfill.

Mr. Newell asked Mr. Leach for input on recycling operations. Mr. Leach said the County should be charging at the recycling center.

Mr. Sudbrink said he is frustrated; his number one priority has been and continues to be bringing outside revenue into the County. He acknowledged that flow control will likely cost residents more money for waste disposal. He said the County has discussed numerous alternatives including tiered pricing, recycling fees, purchasing a grinder; and none of these ideas among others have gained any traction. Mr. Sudbrink said 30% of the County's debt burden is debt related to solid waste operations. He said he remains opposed to Flow Control but he has to do what's best for the County. Mr. Troy shared many of Mr. Sudbrink's same frustrations, he said multiple alternative proposals have been considered and nothing has been approved. Mr. Troy said he still supports the ash for waste proposal with Onondaga County. Mr. Boyden suggested re-negotiating with Onondaga County on the ash to waste proposal. Mr. Sudbrink said he had supported the recycling unit fee, but he understands some municipalities with curbside trash collection are already taxing for the service. Mr. Newell said the unit fee would lessen the need to increase property taxes. Mr. Sudbrink said if Flow Control we could still have a private operator at the recycling center. Mr. Boyden said the various Towns could help us solve this problem by contracting with waste haulers and requiring all trash go to the county landfill but they refuse to get involved in this issue. Ms. Discenza asked how much money the county stands to save if Flow Control is implemented. Mr. Sudbrink said estimates suggest that Flow Control would cover the landfill debt as well as provide for operational expenses. He believes the revenue generated from flow control would also cover the costs associated with the operation of the recycling center. Mr. Ernst said the current tipping fee and waste volume covers half of the annual landfill debt payments but do not come close to covering the recycling center debt payments. Mr. Sudbrink said he is hopeful that if Flow control is implemented the County could look at reducing tipping fees in the future once it is determined how much waste is actually coming to the facility.

Mr. Troy said he is voting no on Flow Control, he said he has not read the law in a while and has questions. He would like to see Mr. Leach's concern addressed regarding the collection of trash from contiguous counties. Mr. Newell asked how much outside waste Mr. Leach collects. Mr. Leach declined to share that information. Mr. Troy said if the county adopts Flow Control haulers that service residential accounts on the county borders will be impacted.

2. August 2017 Solid Waste Department Report

Mr. Ernst reviewed his monthly report; he said he continues to look for alternative daily cover for the landfill to cut operational costs. Mr. Ernst said leachate hauling continues, due to the heavy rains the hauling is being done six days a week. His crews have been repairing roads around the landfill. Mr. Ernst said the wheels on the landfill packers need to be reconditioned. He said flood debris has been coming in from the impacted municipalities he is not charging for those loads and the material is not being placed in the cells. Mr. Krey said he may be able to seek reimbursement for costs related to the flooding but only for expenses related to equipment and personnel not for

the actual loss of tipping fees.

Mr. Ernst reported an increase in the number of electronic items brought into the recycling center. Mr. Ernst said the county has received a \$14,000 rebate on recycled commodities from Casella Waste Services.

Mr. Sudbrink said he has been reviewing figures related to the cost of filling up landfill cells. He said he has looked at the cost of building cells versus what the County is charging in tipping fees. He said we are close to charging the correct tipping fees based on actual costs. Mr. Ernst said based on current operational costs and cell closure expenses the tipping fee should be \$100 per ton. Mr. Sudbrink asked if Mr. Ernst felt that the County is coming closer to covering its costs at the landfill with the \$65 per ton tipping fee. Mr. Ernst said if you include the cost of daily operations the fee should be closer to \$75 per ton.

Mr. Ernst said he has been looking into a program to recycle mattresses. He said there is a company in Buffalo that charges \$14 per mattress, not including trucking costs. He said mattresses take up a lot of room in the landfill but don't produce substantial tipping fees due to the lack of weight. Mr. Ernst said he would like to see consideration be given to a mattress disposal fee separate from the tipping fees. Mr. Newell asked how many mattresses the landfill receives, Mr. Ernst said it can vary but he expects a spike with the return of college students. Mr. Ernst says based on current costs he recommends charging \$20 per mattress. Mr. Sudbrink said we've talked about adding fees in the past but mattresses are all part of the waste stream.

Mr. Ernst said he has solicited quotes for used grinders and used packers; he would like to replace the current equipment in 2018.

## SEPTEMBER 2017 SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT REPORT

### Landfill

#### Administration

Procuring competitive bids to replace leachate trailer;  
2018 Budget preparation;  
Scrap metal removal bid request;  
Household Hazardous Waste day has been scheduled for September 30, 2017;  
Continued search for acceptable BUD material for use as Alternative Daily Cover.

#### Operations

**Leachate Hauling** – Continued transport of leachate to the City’s WWTP, current reading at 8.8' total tank.

**Site Maintenance** – Replace pressure transducer on secondary leachate pump for Cell 1B, clear and repair litter fencing, stockpile shale, prepare to open second half of Cell 2A.

**Equipment** – Repair both packers (Units 199 and 204), excavator (Unit 213), and hook truck (Unit 34); routine service of vehicles.

### Recycling

- E-waste Recycling from July 2017 was approximately 26.88 tons at a cost to the County of \$9,294.77. The NYSDEC grant program to reimburse 50% of e-waste recycling has been extended from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of 2017. Applications are due in January 2018. Total reimbursement for through the end of 2017 to be requested from NYSDEC is estimated to be \$26,000.
- Single-stream recycling for January through July 2017 received approximately 1,679 tons of materials at a cost of \$107,290.09. This total reflects the value of the commodities of \$19,443.50 paid to the County.
- Environmental Improvement Committee did not meet in August 2017. The committee has scheduled its next meeting for September 2017.