



Solid Waste Committee

Committee Meeting

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

~ Agenda ~

Tuesday, October 10, 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

Solid Waste Committee - Committee Meeting - Sep 12, 2017 11:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

Landfill/Solid Waste

Recycling

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

Discussion Items

1. Solid Waste Department Report-October 2017
2. Landfill Holiday Schedule
3. Solid Waste Equipment Purchase



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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 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	Excused	
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	
Philip Krey	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Greg Ernst	Landfill Manager	Present	
Eric Mulvihill	Clerk, County Legislature	Present	
Wendy Franklin	Assistant County Attorney	Present	
Ralph Canfield	Treasurer	Present	
Pam Jenkins	Cortlandville Resident	Present	
John Gale	Casella Waste Services	Present	
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTIONS

Landfill/Solid Waste

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Award Metal Object Removal Agreement - Highway Department/Landfill -
Approved

Recycling

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 12, 2017 11:00 AM (MINUTES)

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

Action Items

Discussion Items

1. September 2017 Solid Waste Department Report

Mr. Ernst said the sign-up for the household hazardous waste disposal event continues. He expects nearly 140 households to participate in the collection event. Mr. Ernst said leachate hauling continues currently tank levels are at 8.5 feet. Recently repairs to the leachate pumps were necessary. He said the leachate tank is within two years of reaching the end of its useful life, he raised the concern that the tank may rupture due to corrosion.

Mr. Ernst said he continues to have the landfill packers serviced, one unit is 20 years old the other is 14 years old. The older model has 20,000 hours on it the newer has 16,000 hours on it. The wheels need to be replaced. Mr. Newell asked about quotes for grinders and packers. Mr. Ernst said a new packer runs around \$500,000 and a small grinder runs around \$600,000. He said packer wheelers cost between \$50,000-\$70,000 depending on selection of spike styles. Mr. Ernst said he would like to replace the newer packer which is experiencing greater mechanical failures in 2018. He would like to replace the wheels on the older model, which he says does have some radiator issues but was recently rebuilt.

Mr. Ernst discussed replacing the tip trailer, he said a new one would cost \$70,000 he would like to purchase the new trailer this year. Mr. Sudbrink asked how much money was in the equipment reserve, Mr. Ernst said \$750,000

Mr. Ernst said e-waste volumes continue to be high, he reported 18 tons of e-waste were disposed of in August. He said the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed that the County will be paid \$31,000 toward the cost of e-waste disposal.

Mr. Sudbrink discussed staffing at the landfill, he said he initially wanted to hold off on filling a scale operator there. Now that the Legislature has approved flow control has been approved he believes there is a need to fill the position. Mr. Ernst would like to fill the position in order to get the individual up to speed on the landfill accounting software. He said once the account clerk position becomes vacant he would look at making that position part time or send the work elsewhere. Mr. Sudbrink pointed out the scale attendant is not a new position, it is currently in the budget.

Mr. Newell moved to fill the scale house operator, Mr. Troy seconded the motion. Troy, Discenza, Sudbrink, and Newell voting aye with Wagner voting nay; motion carries.

Mr. Troy said he is pleased the Legislature has passed Flow Control but he believes the County should continue to pursue other options for the landfill to cut costs and improve revenues. He suggested the tipping fee be raised to \$75 per ton to fund cell capping and development of new cells with any additional revenues placed into reserves. Mr. Troy suggested the committee take another look at accepting waste from contiguous counties as many local haulers pick up trash from neighboring counties. Lastly, he suggested the County take another look at ash for trash proposal with Onondaga County. Mr. Troy said the ash could cut the costs associated with daily cover at the landfill, he believes it would cut operational costs by up to \$150,000 annually.

Executive Session

OCTOBER 2017 SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Landfill

Administration

2018 Budget preparation;
 Stormwater sampling and analysis as per permit requirements;
 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 7.7' total tank.

Site Maintenance – Repair roof on shop building, modify leachate tank piping, repair litter fencing, placement of clay on exterior slope of landfill, prepare to open second half of Cell 2A.

Equipment – Repairs to packer (Unit 199), excavator (Unit 213), and haul truck (Unit 209); routine service of equipment and vehicles.

Recycling

- E-waste Recycling from August 2017 was approximately 18.18 tons at a cost to the County of \$6,435.61. The NYSDEC grant program to reimburse 50% of e-waste recycling has been extended from April 1st 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 August 2017 received approximately 1,945 tons of materials at a cost of \$121,716.97. This total reflects the value of the commodities of \$23,749.99 paid to the County.
- Environmental Improvement Committee did not meet in September 2017. The committee intends to schedule its next meeting for October 2017.