



# Solid Waste Committee

## Committee Meeting

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

Charles Sudbrink

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

11:00 AM

Room 304

### CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John R Troy	Vice-Chair	Present	
Thomas P. Hartnett	District 3 - Committee Member	Present	
Gordon Wheelock	District 10 - Committee Member	Present	
George Wagner	District 15 - Committee Member	Present	
Mary Ann Discenza	District 6 - Committee Member	Late	11:26 AM
Charles Sudbrink	Chair	Present	
Christopher Newell	District 11 - Committee Member	Present	
Eric Mulvihill	Clerk, County Legislature	Present	
Wendy Franklin	Assistantt County Attorney	Present	
Peggy Mousaw	Budget and Finance Director	Present	
Philip Krey	Highway Superintendent	Present	
James Morse	Deputy Highway Superintendent	Present	
Greg Ernst	Landfill Manager	Present	
John Gale	Casella Waste Services	Present	
Gary VanGorder	Executive Director Cortland County Industrial Deve	Present	
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	

### MINUTES

1. Tuesday, August 11, 2015
2. Tuesday, July 12, 2016
3. Tuesday, May 09, 2017

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Landfill/Solid Waste**

#### **Recycling**

Mr. Gale said 249 tons of recycled material was processed in May. His employees have been turning away some non-covered electronics to reduce the cost to the county. Mr. Gale discussed the e-waste program; he said a third of his worker's time is spent processing e-waste. The committee discussed the pricing and reimbursements for e-waste. Last year invoices from React carried an average charge of \$6.50 per unit for disposal. Mr. Newell discussed trying to develop a charge for e-waste; he would like to see a charge for commercial haulers who bring in traditional recycled material to the recycling center. Mr. Ernst said if we could eliminate some of the appliances being brought in it would reduce the County costs. The committee discussed creating a voucher system for e-waste. Mr. Hartnett suggested a \$5.00

residential permit for use of the recycling center; he is concerned about how residents will access the vouchers and where they will be able to pay for them. Mr. Krey said any proceeds from e-waste recycling fees collected would be deducted from the state reimbursement the County receives. Mr. Gale said some of the towns brought in several loads of electronics to the recycling center during amnesty week. The committee discussed the rationale, benefits, and rules for the County Amnesty week. Mr. Sudbrink said the Amnesty program helps support tourism by keeping the County clean.

Mr. Ernst suggested the Amnesty program needs to be revised in order to cut down on what he feels are abuses in the program. He suggested working with the Towns directly so that only material collected by the town Highway departments is brought in for free.

#### 4. Resolution 232-17

Approve NYSDEC Contract for Electronic Waste Assistance- Highway Department/Solid Waste  
Account #'s needed from Budget and Finance

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 6/15/2017 10:00 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John R Troy, Vice-Chair	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christopher Newell, District 11 - Committee Member	
<b>AYES:</b>	Troy, Hartnett, Wheelock, Wagner, Discenza, Sudbrink, Newell	

#### 5. Resolution (ID # 4536)

Authorizing Disposal Fee for Electronics - Solid Waste

##### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Sudbrink said there are three options to cover the cost of recycling flow control, taxes, or user fees. Mr. Ernst said tipping fees do not allow for predictable budgeting a household fee would provide more predictable budgeting. Mr. Wheelock suggested forcing the towns and Village to handle trash collection. Mr. Sudbrink said he believes a per unit recycling fee is more equitable than placing the cost on the property tax levy. Mr. Hartnett said a per unit fee coupled with any potential tax increase will be a burden on property owners. Mr. Sudbrink said he is starting to re-examine his position on flow control. Mr. Whitney said he supports the concepts discussed by the committee, he said there is a movement to look at how other counties operate but when we see practices that work that the Legislature doesn't like we look the other way.

Mr. Sudbrink made a motion to implement a \$25 per household recycling fee beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Mr. Troy seconded the motion. Mr. Wagner suggested the fee should be \$50.00 per household. Troy, Hartnett, Discenza, Newell, Sudbrink voted aye; Wagner and Wheelock voting nay. Motion carries.

##### ATTACHMENTS:

- REACT fee schedule (PDF)
- Eligible Electronic Materials (PDF)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 7/11/2017 11:00 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Charles Sudbrink, Chair	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John R Troy, Vice-Chair	
<b>AYES:</b>	Troy, Hartnett, Wheelock, Wagner, Discenza, Sudbrink, Newell	

## OLD BUSINESS

## DISCUSSION/REPORTS

### I. Discussion Items

#### 1. Discussion Item (ID # 4594)

Solid Waste Department Report-June 2017

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Solid Waste Department Activities Report - June 2017 (DOCX)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
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#### 2. Discussion Item (ID # 4595)

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**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

The discussion was tabled until July.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
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