

**Ontario County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**October 19, 2016**

**Committee Members:** *RUSSELL*, Baker, Evangelista, Singer, Venuti, and Wickham

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**Attendees:** Supervisors Russell, Singer, Venuti, Baker, and Wickham. Supervisor Evangelista declared necessarily absent.

**Staff:** Tom Harvey, Mary Krause, Brian Young, Carla Jordan, Tim Jensen, Regina Sousa, Holly Adams, Kristin Haremza

**Consultants/Guests:** Larry Shilling - Casella

**Call to Order:** Chair Russell, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., and declared all members present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Russell requested a motion to approve the September 28, 2016 minutes. *Motion was made by Supervisor Singer and seconded by Supervisor Wickham to accept the minutes as written; motion carried unanimously.*

**Solid Waste Management Plan:**

2A. SWMP 2016 Implementation Strategy Update – Carla Jordan gave an update on what they will be focusing on for the rest of the year. Carla and Regina Sousa recently met with Causewave, the branding/outreach/education consultant. They are excited that they have a person solely dedicated to helping Ontario County on this project. They are going to start assistance with the website and an outreach effort to county employees and residents to gauge the level of awareness and topic knowledge that exists in order to tailor the education and outreach strategies. They will be looking into how effective our new eco-hero's committee has been. Causewave is working on a rough yearly schedule that will be incorporated into the implementation strategy. Supervisor Venuti asked how municipalities can apply for money to assist them with their recycling efforts. Carla and Tom Harvey noted that this will be added to the schedule and they hope to have a process in place by the summer of 2017. Supervisor Wickham is concerned that the website is so big, that it needs to be broken down more to make it easier for people to understand and navigate. Supervisor Wickham also suggests working on some simpler tasks that will provide us more impact than working towards a tougher task that gives us no results. Carla also stated that the results from the residential outreach that Causewave will be doing will give them the information to know how to better reach people and find out what they know and what they need to be educated on. Then they can build programs to meet the actual current needs for the residents. Causewave will be asked to come to a meeting to report to the committee after they have their schedule set. County Administrator Krause stated that CMAC is in negotiations with an artist that insists on having a sustainable concert event. CMAC is now working on incorporating sustainability throughout the season as best they can. For example, they are considering moving their bottled water to 'Just Water,' which uses a container that is mostly made from renewable materials. Regina is working on setting up the County's first e-waste collection event and working with the Geneva City School District to hold the event at the Geneva High School in January.

Resolution: Authorization to Apply for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Electronics Waste Assistance Grant. *Motion was made by Supervisor Singer and seconded by Supervisor Venuti to approve the aforementioned Resolution; motion carried unanimously.*

### **Landfill – Operations and Expansion:**

3A. Operations and Expansion Update – Larry Shillings reported the following:

- They have been granted permission from the State to begin placing waste in newly constructed cell nine.
- Construction continues on the next new cell and they are currently placing clay on the ground water suppression system. They hope to have this cell done by the end of the year.
- The facility is running well
- They still have not had to do work on Sunday's

3B. NYSDEC Landfill Inspection Reports – Supervisor Venuti asked if there was a better way look at the NYSDEC Facility Inspection report that's on the website. There is not an easy way to go back and forth through the document. Tim Jensen said he would look into it and report back

3C. Appeal of EPA Administrator's denial to reopen or object to the Title V Air Permit for the Landfill Gas to Energy Facility – Mr. Harvey reported that the Zero Waste Coalition has petitioned for the court to overturn the EPA Administrator's decision. It is unclear if the petition is to have the court order the EPA to reconsider its decision or to have the court overturn the EPA decision. Ms. Adams reported that it is hard to predict when there will be a response from this petition.

### **Other:**

4A. Update of Part 360 Regulations – The DEC has updated their goal for finalizing new Part 360 regulations from December of 2016 to December of 2017. They received a lot of comments and have recognized that they need to put more work into the update especially in regard to the sections dealing with solid waste management plans.

4. B. Other – Supervisor Evangelista thought that the symposium was well done. There was a lot of great information and feels that we should try to set up more of them. It would help exchange the information and educate the residents and companies in the County. He suggested that maybe a series of single topic lectures during the year could be added in addition to keeping the single symposium event. Mr. Harvey thought this suggestion should be incorporated into Causewave's work to develop an integrated education and outreach program, and the best way to organize and conduct them. Supervisor Russell agreed that more public events would really help. Supervisor Venuti noted that his Code Enforcement Officer took a lot of knowledge away from the symposium. He has already requested that any new construction sites have two bins. One bin for recycling and one bin for trash.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the committee, *at 4:00 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Singer and seconded by Supervisor Wickham to adjourn; motion carried unanimously.*

Submitted by Kristin Haremza