

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 24, 2013

Committee Members Present: Baker, Angelo, Sheppard, Huber, and Singer
Supervisor Evangelista,
(NA)

Attendees: John Garvey, Darlys McDonough, Tom Harvey, Linda Frasca, Nellie Puma, Supervisor Vedora

Guests: Zack Davis (County Admin. Intern); Carla Jordan, Bob Walls (Casella Waste Management); Management); Dave Shaw (Finger Lakes Times); Chris Costello (Resident); Dick Eaton (Resident); and Katie Bennett-Roll (Resident)

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m., and declared Supervisors Evangelista necessarily absent.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion was made by Supervisor Sheppard, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2013 meeting with revision to page 1, 360 Permit section, 2nd paragraph, seconded by Supervisor Singer. Motion carried.*

Solid Waste Management Plan:

Barton & Loguidice –SWMP Update: Darlys McDonough reported that the plan has been received by the DEC office in both the Albany and Avon offices, and that DEC staff indicated they will give the matter some priority. As of today, she has not yet heard anything back from either office. Mr. Garvey shared that he had received a personal email from Mr. Vitale stating that DEC staff would give the matter a high priority.

Part 360 Permit Update:

Chair Baker welcomed Bob Walls and Carla Jordan from Casella Waste Management to the meeting, and turned the floor over to Ms. Jordan for a report on the Part 360 Permit status. Ms. Jordan that an entire hard copy of the permit application has been delivered to Ms. McDonough and a copy of it is available for committee member review in the County Administrator's office. Ms. Jordan stated that the document is a draft and not for public review at this time. If any committee member would like certain pieces electronically let Ms. McDonough know and she pass the request on to Ms. Jordan. Any questions, comments, or concerns should be sent to Ms. McDonough who will forward them on as well to Ms. Jordan. Ms. Jordan shared that several people (Ms. McDonough, Ms. Schoeneman, and herself) had met and reviewed all the comments, questions, and concerns previously submitted by the County; felt that had worked great and would like to receive the committees' comments by the next scheduled meeting and then meet again with review group for a final review of the permit application before sending it on. Supervisor Huber stated she felt obligated to review the documents that had been received and questioned where remaining documents where or could be obtained.

Landfill Operations Update: Ms. Jordan reported that a call had been sent out and the website board updated that on Saturday (7/20) that Casella had been notified by Innovative Energy, who runs the gas plant, that they had experienced a utility trip due to thunder storms in the area which must have caused lines to come down; therefore, this then caused the entire gas plant to be kicked off line that day as well. Innovative Energy had the engines back up and running by noon. One of the new engines has not been running full bore as of yet so there was no impact. County residents in attendances shared their concerns and complaints with committee members. Odor was noticed Friday night yet Casella did not put out a call until Saturday morning. Ms. Jordan explained that a call had gone out as soon as Casella had been notified which was not until Saturday morning. Ms. Jordan stated that Casella will follow up with Innovative Energy regarding more timely notices being given when there is a problem. Mr. Garvey or Ms. McDonough will also touch base with IES on the matter as well.

Seneca Resident, Katie Bennett-Roll shared her displeasure that there was significant odor issues on 7/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; the odor was so strong she could not even work outside her home, and again at 11:00 p.m. the same night the odor was extremely strong. Ms. Bennett-Roll questioned why the system had failed. Chair Baker stated the entire matter will be looked into. He further stated that area residents should know that it will never be a completely odor free area but it will get better. Bob Walls (Casella) stated that they (Casella) will continue to look in to the matter to make things better.

Ms. McDonough reported the County continues to work on the odor consultant RFP, final pieces are being pulled together and the RFP will be sent out in the near future.

OTHER:

Ms. McDonough stated that the draft 2014-2015 budget will be sent out in the next agenda packet for committee review and discussion at the 8/14/13 scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, **Supervisor Huber made motion to adjourn the 7/24/13 EQC meeting, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard. Motion unanimously carried.** The 7/24/13 EQC meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca

Sr. Clerk
Ontario County Planning