

***Ontario County***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2013**

**Committee Members:** *BAKER, Angelo, Huber, Evangelista, Sheppard, and Singer*

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**Attendees:** All committee members (except Supervisor Baker); John Garvey, Darlys McDonough, Andrea Schoeneman, Tom Harvey, Tim Jensen, Linda Frasca, Don Havens, Nellie Puma

**Consultants/Guests:** Carla Jordan and Bob Walls (**Casella Waste Management**); Dominick Vedora (**Geneva City Supervisor**); David Shaw (**Finger Lakes Times**); Julie Sherwood (**Messenger Post**);

Vice Chairman Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., and declared Supervisor Baker necessarily absent

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion was made by Supervisor Huber, seconded by Supervisor Singer to approve the minutes of the 9/25/13 meeting with one correction. Motion carried.*

**Solid Waste Management Plan:**

*Update:* County Administrator John Garvey reported that on Monday, 11/4/13, he had spoken with Mr. Vitale, from the State Permit Division in Albany. He will be sending the County a letter stating some things DEC would like the County to address in the plan. When the plan is revised, it can be returned to the State with a request for an “approvable letter”. Upon receipt of the “approvable letter”, the County can go forward with the SEQR process and then on to full final approval by Board of Supervisors resolution.

**360 Expansion Permit**

*Next Steps:* At the request of Mr. Garvey, Carla Jordan (Casella Waste) provided additional information. The DEC is reviewing the application at this time and it is her understanding that it is the DEC’s intent to compile the department’s comments to the application and submit them to the County and Casella in one package. If the review of the expansion permit application is completed before the SWMP is approved, it will be noted in the “Notice of Complete Application” section that the SWMP is not yet fully approved and adopted by the County.

**Landfill Operational Update:**

*Casella Waste Management:* Ms. Jordan reported that construction of the site improvements continues at this time. In order to install a larger gas header on the south and west slopes of the landfill, certain portions of the active gas collection system shutdown during the day to allow the gas pipe to be cut safely and welded to the new 18” gas header. At this time, seventy-five percent of the capping is completed; the green cap is extended around to the east corner. About seventy-five percent of the new gas collections ties-ins have been made on the west slope. Work will proceed to the older section of the cap that was installed last year.

Ms. Jordan stated that over the last year Casella and the County have received comments from residents asking for more pro-active notification of residents regarding what is going on at the landfill. To respond to that request, Casella worked with the County Property Tax department to get a comprehensive list of all property owners in the Town of Seneca and sent out a mass mailing postcard on landfill happenings. Supervisor Sheppard provided feedback stating he had been contacted by two Seneca residents who

acknowledged receipt of the postcard, and that they welcomed the pro-active steps being taken. Mr. Sheppard mentioned the construction that took place on Sunday. Ms. Jordan reported that due to the windy weather conditions earlier in the week, the liner company had requested permission to work on Sunday in order to remain on schedule; no heavy equipment was needed. Casella had secured permission from Town Supervisor Sheppard, County Administrator Garvey, and NYS DEC for the company to lay the liner on Sunday.

**Odor Control Consultant Proposal Update:** Ms. McDonough reported that three proposals had been received in response to the RFP for consultant services. A team consisting of Supervisor Sheppard, Mr. Garvey, Maria Rudzinski (Planning), Don Haven (DPW Sewer District), and herself reviewed the proposals and determined that it would be worthwhile to interview all three. Although two of the firms had vast odor control experience, these firms did not have significant experience with landfills; neither had experience with NYS regulations.

The third firm has had many prior assignments and experience with solid waste and landfills in NYS, and has an office in NYS. The review team felt that this firm understands landfill odor mitigation plans, landfill gas to energy issues, and DEC regulations related to solid waste and landfills. The review team recommended that the Environmental Quality Committee approve this firm performing a work scope of services related to the review of existing information, the odor mitigation plan, landfill drawings, gas data, perform gas modeling and field investigation to verify conditions, and provide the County with an analysis comparing the landfill operation to industry standards. The team negotiated the price for said scope of services with recommended firm, understanding that Casella will be providing \$10,000.00 towards the cost of this work. Ms. McDonough noted that on behalf of the team, Don Havens had checked references; he had confidence that the recommended firm would do a good job.

Mr. Garvey stated he had learned a tremendous amount about odor control. Each firm had much to offer on the matter but only one of them had the landfill experience needed. This firm can explain the what, the why, and how to deal with odor control. Committee discussed next steps. A resolution was presented by Ms. McDonough to recommend approval of contract with landfill odor control consultant, SCS Engineers.

***Motion to accept and recommend approval of contract with SCS Engineers for consultant services related to landfill odor control services made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Huber. Motion carried.***

**Other:**

Supervisor Evangelista raised two items discussed at previous meetings. He asked about the status of the rail spur related to Seneca Meadows landfill matter. Ms. Jordan stated that the rail spur issue related to Super Storm Sandy had been dropped. There is no partnership or agreement relative to this transfer with Seneca Meadows.

Mr. Evangelista wanted to begin planning for some waste reduction initiatives, even prior to start of construction of the next landfill cell. Mr. Garvey reported the County had met with the DEC Permit Director, and the goal of the state is to have the waste stream reduced across NYS. Mr. Harvey stated he and Associate Planner Tim Jensen have started to work on this and it is something that will evolve over time. Committee will discuss this matter further at upcoming meetings.

***Adjournment:*** There being no further business to come before the committee, ***motion was made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, to adjourn.*** The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca, Sr. Clerk  
Planning Department