

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 27, 2013

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

Attendees: Chairman Baker, Supervisors Sheppard and Singer, John Garvey, Andrea Schoeneman, Tom Harvey, and Tim Jensen.

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

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., and declared Supervisors Angelo, Huber, and Evangelista necessarily absent

Approval of Minutes: *Motion was made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to approve the minutes of the 11/6/2013 meeting as submitted.* Motion carried unanimously by committee members present.

Solid Waste Management Plan:

Update: County Administrator John Garvey reported that on Thursday 11/21/2013, he, Mr. Harvey, and Mr. Jensen met with Mr. Vitale, from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) State Permit Division in Albany, Scott Foti from DEC Region 8, and John Brusa and Luann Meyer from Barton and Longudice. DEC staff went over details on technical corrections they feel should be made to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Garvey characterized their comments as mostly revolving around consistent terminology, consistency of figures, and consistency of details. Barton and Longudice are working on the revisions. Chairman Baker asked if staff had any additional comments to add. Mr. Harvey offered that he was encouraged that none of the implementation items were asked to be modified significantly. Mr. Jensen noted that the process of finalizing the plan should move along more quickly now that appropriate personnel at the NYSDEC will continue to work directly with Barton & Loguidice. Chairman Baker asked if there was a time frame discussed to bring the changes back to the committee. Mr. Garvey responded that it would likely be next year before the changes came back to the committee. Mr. Harvey stated that once the committee is satisfied with the changes, they will be submitted to DEC. If DEC issues what they term an 'approvable' letter, meaning the Plan is in a form DEC considers appropriate for approval, then the County will have to go through an environmental review process under SEQR before the Plan can be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Baker asked if any Committee members had any additional questions. There were none.

360 Expansion Permit

Update: Mr. Garvey stated that he had no update at this time.

Landfill Operational Update:

Casella Waste Management: Ms. Jordan reported that ongoing construction at the landfill consists of improvements to the landfill gas collection system and stormwater improvements. Ms. Jordan explained that the gas collection pipe that surrounds the landfill has a 12 inch diameter on the east and much of the south side. That has now been replaced with an 18 inch diameter pipe to improve collection capacity. There are 34 lateral pipes that need to be disconnected from the 12 inch pipe and hooked to the new 18

inch pipe. As of today 29 have been completed, with the remaining 5 expected to be completed next week. She also explained that new swales had been installed on some of the east side of the landfill to improve collection of stormwater. She reported that Casella had received one odor complaint from a party in Seneca Castle last week.

Supervisor Sheppard reported that he has received no new odor complaints, and said he thought that odors are not at the level they had been previously. He went on to note that he used to receive complaints about odors consistently at same time of day, possibly when daily cover was removed in preparation for day's activity, and he was not getting those complaints now. Supervisor Sheppard also mentioned that he noticed that there was no increase in odors during the recent high wind events. He asked Ms. Jordan to talk about the new fencing that has been installed at the landfill. Ms. Jordan explained that in addition to the existing tall fence Casella has now installed a new 6 ft. tall fence on top of landfill on the east side. It has proven very successful in catching wind-blown debris and keeping it from leaving the site. She is very pleased with how well that is working.

Supervisor Sheppard asked if there was any change to the expected construction of the next landfill cell. Ms. Jordan responded that there was no change.

Chairman Baker asked if Supervisor Singer had any questions, and she did not.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, ***motion was made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Singer, to adjourn.*** The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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