

***Ontario County***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2014**

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

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**Attendees:**

Committee Members: All present except Supervisor Evangelista, whom was necessarily absent.

Staff: Tom Harvey, Linda Frasca, John Garvey, Darlys McDonough, Andrea Schoeneman, and Nellie Puma.

Consultants/Guests: Jerry Leone and Bob Walls from Casella Waste Management, Dave Shaw - FLT

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Baker thanked Vice Chair J. Sheppard for standing in for him at the February and March meetings.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Chair Baker opened Privilege of Floor for those present. Dave Shaw (Finger Lakes Times) requested a copy of the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan. Chair Baker informed Mr. Shaw the draft plan could be viewed on the county website, and stated that he would bring a copy to Mr. Shaw at the scheduled Landfill Summit to be held in Geneva that evening. Mr. Shaw thanked Chair Baker.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion was made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to approve the minutes of the 3/19/2014 meeting with one correction (change the start time of meeting to accurately reflect the hour of 4:00 p.m.) Motion carried.*

**360 Expansion Permit:**

Jerry Leone briefly updated the EQC on the status of the 360 Expansion Permit process. Casella has been very busy, and much to Bob Walls and Randy Jensen's credit, Casella has been able to acquire a few outstanding noise easements for parcels adjoining the proposed expansion area. Mr. Leone stated that Casella is moving in a positive direction and requested that Bob Walls, Casella General Manager, step in and report on the acquisition of noise easements on the remaining 3 or 4 parcels. Mr. Walls reported things look promising and they are hoping to finalize signatures on the remaining parcels in the next fifteen (15) days.

Mr. Leone shared that Casella and Barton & Loguidice have been addressing the requests/comments received from the NYSDEC. Everything continues to go forward, and in short order we will be in good position to respond to the DEC with a final draft.

**Solid Waste Management Plan:** Tom Harvey stated there was not much to report on at this time. Letters have been sent to the NYSDEC and municipalities, and we remain on the initial schedule. The public hearing on the environmental review is scheduled for April 17 before the Board of Supervisors.

**Landfill Operational Update:**

Bob Walls stated that good weather permitting, expansion work on the south side of the landfill should be completed within the next few days. Jerry Leone reported that there would be a large truck rig on site at the landfill for 10-12 days delivering infrastructure and installing it in vertical and horizontal wells in the within the current landfill foot print which is devoid of collection at this time, and will further ensure odor control. This will also provide enough gas for the new power plant that has an engine that has been sitting idle due to not enough methane gas to run it to date. They are anticipating the work to be started soon and completed in the month of May.

**Authorizing Resolution to Apply for 10 Year Renewal for existing Part 360 Permit:** Tom Harvey reviewed the resolution for EQC members. There are no proposed changes to the current operations and current Part 360 permit, so this renewal application does not require a public hearing and is considered a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. This means that the renewal permit is not subject to a new environmental review. *Motion to approve the Authorizing Resolution to Apply for 10 Year Renewal for existing Part 360 Permit as presented made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Angelo. Motion carried unanimously.*

**2013 Casella Annual Report:** Mr. Leone reported that the 2013 Annual Report has been submitted to the County and the DEC. The DEC has reviewed the report and responded with comments and modifications which have been addressed by Casella. A copy of the revised report is available upon request. Casella has filled the 2013 requirements.

**Odor Consultant Report:** Tom Harvey reported that a draft report has been received from the odor consultant, SCS Engineers. Planning staff is reviewing at this time. Mr. Harvey stated he thinks there will be few revisions needed and expects to provide a copy of the report to the committee at the next meeting. The consultant will be available via conference call at the next meeting as well.

**Informational – Wasting Trash Article:** John Garvey spoke about a number of tactics for waste reduction within the County that could be done but needs community assistance/support. A meeting is scheduled for 4/23/14 at 10:00 a.m. with Abbie Webb, Casella's Sustainability Manager, to discuss strategies on the matter.

Chair Baker reminded everyone of the Landfill Summit being held that evening (4/9/14) in Geneva, and informed all that Supervisor Venuti and Supervisor Evangelista will be presenting at the summit.

**At 4:18 p.m. a motion made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Singer to enter into executive session to confer with council on contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously.**

**At 4: 38 p.m. a motion made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Singer to exit from Executive Session. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Supervisor Sheppard and seconded by Supervisor Angelo, to adjourn at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda R. Frasca*

Sr. Clerk