

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY
DECEMBER 8, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative McCarty- present, via Zoom
Representative Lapin- present, via Zoom
Representative Farwell- present, via Zoom
Representative Kennedy- present, via Zoom
Representative Brockway- present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Lonnie O'Bryan from Casella's and Jordan Clements from Soil and Water

SOLID WASTE - ERIK SCRIVENER and SHANE DIGAN via Zoom

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the minutes of the October 13th meeting. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan requested approval of the Townsquare Media 2021 contract (Trash Talk) for the amount of \$8,480. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan requested approval of 2020 Holiday Social Media Advertising for the amount of \$2,000. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan gave the following recycling and MSW reports for November:

- Net rebate for trash (MSW) \$13,107.54
- Trash down 2.79 tons from same period last year
- Recycling total cost \$127.95/ton
- 214 mattresses
- \$1,764 revenue from electronics
- \$173.55 spent on cardboard (\$110.54/ton)
- \$175 spent on glass (\$55.38/ton)

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD) – JORDAN CLEMENTS via Zoom

Jordan Clements gave the updates but not limited to the following:

- Staff at half capacity due to federal partners going down to one person to office
- Tree program beginning for next year
- Training for contractors
- Still doing site visits and moving forward as there is no word on the grants that were applied for this year
- Year-end reporting
- Two projects finishing up by the end of the month and asked for an extension on a few others
- Commended his immediate board for allowing them to operate this way; giving them the ability with technology needed so staff can effectively work from home and still be productive
- Asked if the committee needs to pass a resolution in support of their allocation as the 2021 budget has passed

Jordan Clements requested approval of the annual contract with Soil and Water at a cost of \$155,925. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Representative McCarty asked about the recycling of Christmas trees.

SOLID WASTE CON'T - ERIK SCRIVENER via Zoom

Erik Scrivener discussed the haulers meeting that took place on November 17th and had better than anticipated turn out; discussed the recycling law, rate increases and received some good feedback. Erik Scrivener and Shane Digan met with Ellen Coccoma discussing questions that they could not answer on the legal side of things; Ms. Coccoma provided guidance and Mr. Digan made revisions and are moving forward. Mr. Scrivener will be requesting an additional meeting specifically for the law with a poll to SWEC at a time that works for a meeting.

Shane Digan mentioned that the haulers is a tough crowd. Mr. Digan has received another complaint from a large hauler company with a video that shows they are not recycling and they still denied it even after talking with them.

Lonnie O'Bryan mentioned that the haulers expect the County to be able to educate the residents. Ms. O'Bryan thinks the County is doing a great job of educating through Facebook and by providing stickers. Mr. Digan mentioned that residents are doing well recycling and putting out garbage but the two bins are being mixed into one.

Erik Scrivener gave a brief update on SGS/Buffalo Fuel stating that it is not cost effective and not going to work out.

Representative Farwell thanked Erik Scrivener, Shane Digan and Lonnie O'Bryan for helping the Town of Pittsfield.

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Erik Scrivener mentioned a call he received from Bob Wood from the Town of Oneonta that has a FEMA structure they are taking down asking about options for disposal. Lonnie O'Bryan mentioned in other counties that they have set a trailer at the site location to collect the hazardous waste and gave the county a host community fee of \$3.50/ton. The city/town pays the transportation and tonnage fees to the landfill.

Representative McCarty thanked everyone and extended his appreciation for all they have done and wished all a happy and safe holiday.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned.