

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
MCCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL  
November 21, 2019**

**Also Present: Leslie Orzetti of Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA) and Lonnie O’Bryan of Casella Waste Systems**

**SOLID WASTE- KAREN SULLIVAN and SHANE DIGAN**

Representative Farwell moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201. Ayes: 1,853. Absent: 348-Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin entered during the above discussion.

The Committee, Karen Sullivan, Lonnie O’Bryan, and those present discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- the increased cost of garbage and recycling, including projected 2020 tonnage and costs
- the County’s contract with Casella for waste management
- increasing the tip fee from \$80 to \$87, and increasing the per bag unit fee from \$4 to \$4.25

Representative Kennedy moved to set the tip fee and pricing schedule for the Southern and Northern Transfer Stations for 2020 as presented, listed below:

Tip Fee- In County Waste	\$87/ton
Scale Minimum Fee – (up to 460 lbs.)	\$20/ton
Recycling-Commercial Haulers	\$75/ton
Per Bag Fee-Up to 30 gallon bag/container	\$4.25/bag
Freon Removal	\$28
Bulk White Goods	\$28
Auto Tires	\$6/tire
Truck Tires	\$15/tire
Tires mixed in MSW	\$30
Tires by the Ton	\$240
Mattress/box springs	\$25/unit
Certified Weight Charge	\$5
Returned Check Charge	\$30
Electronics, TV’s, Monitors and commercial grade units	\$12/unit

Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201. Ayes: 1,698. Noes: 503- Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative McCarty moved to set the solid waste user fee unit price for 2020 and the rate schedule for billing units as presented, listed below:

-Twenty-dollars (\$20) per unit and the rate schedule is set as follows:

-Units (individual, fractional or multiple) shall be charged to all parcels of improved real property in the County. The charge for a parcel may be individual assignment to a parcel on the Roll.

A) Residential Properties

- #200, 210, 240, 250, 260, 270 – Single Family Residence 1 Unit
- Single Family Residence with Real Property Senior Citizen Exemption (codes 41800-41807, or 41890-41891) ½ Unit
- #220 – Two Family Residence 2 Units
- #230 – Three Family Residence 3 Units
- #417 – Camps/Cottages – per residence located upon each separately assessed parcel 1 Unit
- #271, 280,410,411,412,416,620 and 100 series – Other Residential Units per residence located upon each separately assessed parcel 1 Unit

B) Non-Residential Properties

- See Individual Parcel on Solid Waste User Fee Roll  
(The minimum charge per parcel shall be 1.00 unit)

C) Exemptions

- Houses of Worship 0 Units
- Vacant Land 0 Units

Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201. Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested the following budget transfer:

-Transfer from:	Heat & Lights	8160-4150-A	\$300
-Transfer to:	Other	8160-4800-A	\$300

Representative Koutnik moved to approve the budget transfer.  
Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201. Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to amend the User Fee Local Law #1 of 2014 to dissolve the Appeal Board and assign the appeals process to the County Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee. Representative Farwell moved to amend the Local Law #1 of 2014 and assign the appeals process to the Solid Waste Committee. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201. Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

### **OTSEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (OCSWCD)- JORDAN CLEMENTS**

Jordan Clements, District Manager, gave the following program updates, including but not limited to:

- the next round of Ag Non-Point Source Grants (Round 26) will be available for applications beginning in January 2020
- the Ag Non-Point Source grant funded project Calhoun Creek Manure Storage & Fuel Storage in Morris, NY has begun construction
- the work on buffer maintenance projects that was completed this summer has ended for the season
- Mr. Clements presented information about the buffer maintenance work at a water quality symposium at Hartwick College
- a cover crop and soil health presentation has been scheduled for April 16, 2020 at SUNY Oneonta
- the District is looking to purchase an interseeder highboy to help farmers plant cover crops
- a new Forester has been hired and is continuing work on forest management planning and inventory
- OCSWCD is continuing work on entering data totals into the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) model

The Committee discussed using brine in combination with salt on the roads for the removal of snow and ice to reduce the amount of salt entering the watershed, and the possibility of pursuing grant funds for this.

### **SOLID WASTE (cont'd)- KAREN SULLIVAN and SHANE DIGAN**

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the solid waste reports:

-Solid Waste Totals—3,911.96 tons of solid waste collected in October (down 53.68 tons from last year), \$1,832.71 credit to the County

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—340.17 tons collected in October at an average of \$158.89 per ton (down 57.34 tons from last October), total costs of recycling including labor for October is \$54,048.11

Karen Sullivan and the Committee discussed the following program updates, including but not limited to: beginning in October, non-waxy cardboard is being separated from the single stream recycling at the Northern Transfer Station and being transported to a less expensive recycler, \$12 fee for electronics, TVs, monitors and commercial grade units began November 1, 2019 (residential copiers not charged), and the Southern Transfer Station has begun voluntary food waste collection.

The Committee viewed the County Connection: Top 3 Take-Aways from NYSAC's Testimony on Recycling, a brief video recapping testimony recently submitted to the NYS Senate & Assembly Standing Committees on Environmental Conservation regarding changes to the recycling industry.

The Committee and those present discussed the 5¢ paper bag user fee, the vote on which was tabled at the October Board of Representatives meeting. Representative Lapin requested Ms. Sullivan compile the Committee's concerns and draft a letter to the NYS legislature regarding the option for counties to implement a 5¢ user fee on paper bags for review at the December Solid Waste & Environmental Concerns Committee meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting date for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:00am at the Meadows, and adjourned.