

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 7, 2015

NOT APPROVED

Committee Members Present: D. Fanton, P. Curran, K. Graves. C. Crandall (Absent: A. McGraw, D. Decker, T. Hopkins)

Others Present: M. Alger, H. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Healy, H. Hollis, G. James, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Scott, N. Ungermann

Media Present: K. Boudin, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of September 2, 2015.

Highway

Permission to Fill Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I

Superintendent Guy James requested to fill one Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I (AFSCME, Grade13) due to the death of Jeff Zenoski, and all subsequent positions including from the outside. This person is responsible for the maintenance and operation of specialized heavy motor equipment necessary to the daily operation of the County's Highway Department. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Solid Waste

Permission to Fill Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I

Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes requested to fill one Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I (AFSCME, Grade13) in the Solid Waste Department due to a dismissal, and all subsequent positions including from the outside. This person is responsible for the maintenance and operation of specialized heavy motor equipment necessary to the daily operation of the County's Solid Waste/Recycling Programs and Properties. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Budget Transfer

Mr. Scholes requested a resolution for a budget transfer to cover the purchase of recycling containers as follows:

From:		
A8160.422 Solid Waste - Gasoline/Oil		\$10,000
To:		
A8160.204 Solid Waste - Motor Vehicles/Equipment		\$10,000

Mr. Scholes stated they would like to purchase (2) 40-yard, open top recycling containers primarily used for glass. He noted the current containers have been in-service since the landfill opened, and they are beyond repair. Legislator Graves asked if this transfer would hurt the Department's gasoline budget. Mr. Scholes replied no. Legislator Curran asked what happens to the old containers. Mr. Scholes stated they are cut up and scrapped. Legislator Curran also asked if an individual can recycle flat window glass. Mr. Scholes said no, they are put in the regular garbage. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Household Hazardous Waste Day Update

Mr. Scholes gave an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 12, 2015. It was a successful event serving 144 households. The hazardous material removed from the waste stream included 924 gallons of liquid material and 670 pounds of solid material. The total cost is estimated at \$7,683. Mr. Scholes noted the County may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of that cost. Chairman Crandall asked what would be included in the liquid material. Mr. Scholes noted it may be paint, solvents, etcetera. Legislator Graves asked how it compared to last year. Mr. Scholes responded he thinks it is about the same as last year. Mr. Scholes also wanted to thank Recycling Coordinator Tim Palmer, Landfill Supervisor Kurtis George, and other staff for coordinating the event.

Revise Solid Waste Fee Schedule

Mr. Scholes spoke about revising the solid waste fees. In particular, Mr. James and Mr. Scholes wanted to address the minimum scale fee. Currently the fee is \$5, and they would like to increase that fee. Mr. James stated a person can dispose of (8) 30 pound bags for a \$5 fee. However, if they had to pay \$3 per bag it would be \$24. Legislator Graves asked what their recommendations were. Mr. James stated Steuben County's fee is \$10, and Cattaraugus County's fee is \$15. Mr. James recommended a \$20 fee. Legislator Ungermann thought it was a good idea, and it would get the public to understand they are going to have to pay more to dispose their garbage.

There was much discussion about what the fee structure would look like next year since the landfill may close. Mr. James stated the 2016 Budget included using the hang tag for 1 more year. He noted this would give the Department an idea of who the true users are going to be once the big haulers are eliminated. It would also give them 1 year to implement the change from hang tags to pay-per-bag. County Treasurer Terri Ross noted the residents using hang tags are paying a higher price per ton. She also noted that it would give the County a history, which then can be used to calculate future Budgets. Legislator Fanton stated in 2017, the Department may go to pay-per-bag, and not sell hang tags. Legislator Burt suggested having an incentive to use a punch card instead of hang tags. He proposed having a set fee with extra punches included. He thought this may decrease the amount of residents sharing the hang tags. Legislator Fanton stated this would only work for 2016 because the hang tags would not be used in 2017.

There was further discussion on other solid waste fees. Legislator Burt asked about residents who wanted to just get their trailer weighed. Mr. James stated it is its own line item, and costs \$5 for a weight ticket for DMV registration would remain. Mr. James also clarified the fee to dispose of large items such as couches only apply to residents using the punch card. Legislator Fanton noted there should be no trailers at the transfer stations. Mr. James clarified it is for trailers larger than pick-up trucks. Mr. James stated they have had to speak to people because they are only allowed to come once a day with a full pick up if they are using a hang

tag. Legislator Graves asked how the Department was going to implement the new fee structure. Mr. James stated it would be listed in Trash Talk 2016, and handed out at the transfer stations and landfill. The suggested change in fees for 2016 is as follows:

Residential Permit Fees

Price Per Bag:

30 Gallon	\$3
55 Gallon	\$5
Large Items (couch, mattress, etc.)	\$5
Small Items (chair, table, sink, etc.)	\$4

Other Residential Fees

Minimum Scale Fee for Weighing In \$20

The new fees would be implemented April 1, 2016. Approval was granted to accept the new fee structure beginning on April 1, 2016, on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Mr. James spoke about the issue of recycling televisions being removed from the list of acceptable materials for electronic recycling. He stated they don't get money for them, and may have to pay to recycle them in the future. There is lead in the glass which makes them hard to recycle. Mr. Scholes added we are one of only a few counties that do not pay for the disposal of televisions. Mr. Scholes stated they think the County can renew their contract with Maven under the same terms. Chairman Crandall suggested if a television is no longer recyclable, it should be removed from the list. If the County does not take televisions, how are residents going to dispose of them?

Solid Waste RFP

Mr. James requested a motion to have County Attorney Tom Miner prepare a solid waste request for proposal and tonnage price. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Buildings & Grounds

Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he had nothing to report.

New Business

Legislator Ungermann stated he had a conversation with Tom Eastham and Mike Shawl from Empire Cheese regarding the bridge that was scheduled to be repaired in September. Legislator Ungermann reported they would prefer for the County to wait until next year to repair the bridge. Their concern is the detour is not suitable for semi-tractor trailers in bad weather. Legislator Fanton requested a letter from Empire Cheese stating their request, and stated they would do what they could to accommodate them. Legislator Fanton noted it may be a danger if the project is delayed, and the State came in and flagged them, they still might have to use the detour. Superintendent Guy James commented that if it is delayed until next year, it may increase his labor costs. If the decision is made to delay the project, Mr. James requested a rapid turnaround of a new project to take the place of this one. Legislator Fanton agreed the committee can look at a quick turnaround for another project. Mr. James also noted it is an old structure that will remain in-service with heavy truck traffic. He also stated he has spoken with Empire Cheese about having it as a planned outage, rather than an emergency closure or

posting. Chairman Crandall noted it is important to work with Empire Cheese, and agrees it needs to be in writing. Legislator Fanton stated he will call Tom Eastham, and request a letter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators