

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 12, 2013

Committee Members Present: Angelo, Huber, Sheppard, and Singer
BAKER (NA), Evangelista (NA)

Attendees: Tom Harvey, Linda Frasca, Darlys McDonough, Andrea Schoeneman, Nellie Puma
Carla Jordan and Bob Walls (**Casella Waste Management**); Kevin Voorhees (**Barton & Loguidice**);
David Shaw (**Finger Lakes Times**)

Vice Chairman Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and declared Supervisors Baker and Evangelista necessarily absent.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion was made by Supervisor Huber, seconded by Supervisor Angelo to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

360 Expansion Permit

Carla Jordan reported that she had sent a one-page document on the 360 Permit Application Components to the committee for clarification as to the steps followed in order to complete and submit a permit application. Ms. Jordan did point out that most noteworthy is the Operations and Maintenance manual which states how the landfill is operated on a day-to-day basis, the contingency plan which states what will be done in case of a state of emergency (i.e. fire, severe weather, etc.), as well as the Odor Management Plan (previously reviewed/revised by the committee). Casella is looking to have all the documents needed to complete the report to the committee for review before or by the next scheduled meeting.

Solid Waste Management Plan:

Barton & Loguidice –SWMP Update: Vice Chair Sheppard turned the floor over to Mr. Voorhees with Barton & Loguidice for a SWMP update. Mr. Voorhees reported that the draft SWMP has been reviewed by all Board of Supervisors members, and at this point, is ready to be sent to the DEC. In response to the committee's question, Darlys McDonough noted that she had not received any questions or further comments. It is possible that the DEC will have additional comments; therefore, the revised draft should be sent as soon as the committee is ready for B&L to do so. When the DEC returns the plan with a letter stating it is acceptable, the EQC Committee would forward it to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Motion to resubmit the SWMP to the DEC for additional review/comments was made by Supervisor Huber, seconded by Supervisor Singer. Motion carried.

Landfill Operational Update:

Ms. Jordan introduced the new General Manager at Casella, Robert Walls. Mr. Walls stated he was pleased to be working at Casella Waste Management, and was looking forward to working with the EQC on making the landfill run smoothly and eliminating any issues that may arise. Committee members welcomed Mr. Walls aboard.

Supervisor Sheppard inquired with regard to a “bubble” that had been noticed at the landfill and questioned the possible cause. Mr. Walls stated it could have been due to all the rain that the area had received lately, and that the bubble is now gone, and there are no concerns or worries in regards to the matter.

DEC Response to Zero Waste Request for Air Testing at Ontario County Landfill:

EQC members have all received the complete DEC response to Zero Waste’s request. At the request of Supervisor Baker, Carla Jordan presented backup information related to the report. Ms. Jordan commented that the initial air sample test took place in September 2012 near the Bennett-Roll home. The air test sample was analyzed for 43 compounds with 14 detected, all with the results below the short term concentration value and are not considered a public health concern. Some of the results found were similar to concentration found in the DEC’s ambient air monitoring network. Using a map of NYS, Ms. Jordan showed where the DEC’s ambient air monitoring points are located throughout the state. The DEC information noted that methane and hydrogen sulfide were not tested as part of this analysis, and no additional testing is warranted based on the results of this air test.

Supervisor Singer requested that, due to the many times the full Board has reviewed the landfill odor issue, the information be sent to the entire Board of Supervisors to keep the members up-to-date as we go forward with the permits, etc. at the landfill. Darlys McDonough will send all Board members a copy of the letter and inform them that a copy of the entire report will be on file with the Clerk of the Board.

OTHER:

Hydrofracking Use of Brine on Ontario County roads: Darlys McDonough reported that the matter had been brought up at Public Works Committee meeting on Monday (6/10/12), and that a resolution had been put forth stating that Ontario County is not interested in using hydrofracking backwater on public roadways within Ontario County for dust and ice control. Supervisor Huber stated she would also be taking this back to her Town Board to adopt as well. The resolution will go before the BOS at the scheduled 6/20/13 meeting. ***Motion was made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Huber to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution as described above. Motion carried.***

Dave Shaw with the Finger Lakes Times requested a copy of the draft SWMP. He was informed that because the SWMP is still a draft document, and not fully approved/adopted, it is not ready to be released to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca

Sr. Clerk
Ontario County Planning