



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx and 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Committee Room 213

July 26, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Lightfoote, Phillips, Venuti, and Wickham.

Necessarily Absent: Supervisor Lou Guard

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person: County Administrator Chris DeBolt, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, County Attorney Holly Adams, Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Finance Director Mary Gates, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Sr. Planner Linda Phillips, County Planning Board Members Jack Dailey, Paul Passavant, and Steve High, and Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller.

Via WebEx: Chairman Marren, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Regina Sousa, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Soil and Water Director Megan Webster, Visitors Connection President Valerie Knoblauch, County Planning Board Member AJ Magnan, Jacob Fox, and Outside Counsel Jeff Stravino.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on July 6, 2021. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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♦ *Update*

Mr. Brian Sanders presented the following updates:

- They are continuing with cell construction
- They have lost about nine days of work on the cap due to weather
- The gas drillers have drilled 12 wells and have two more to complete today

Turnaround times have been consistent, and they have been able to keep the traffic running smoothly.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ◆ *Budget*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan presented budgets AA8160 and AA8189. All salary expenses in the AA8160 budget is reimbursable by Casella. The only thing to note is that the decrease in tonnage that will create less revenue. This will continue to decrease over the next few years as we get closer to closing. The AA8189 budget is the department budget. The main change for this year is a new position for a sustainability assistant. This position will focus on education efforts and materials. This position will be paid for through the Casella lease payments.

Discussion ensued about the Casella 2-million-dollar lease payments and directing it towards projects to handle our waste after 2028.

Supervisor Wickham motioned to approve budgets AA8160 and AA8189 as presented. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ *Resolution*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan presented a resolution entitled, "Ontario County Landfill Financial Plan for Permit Success Payments for 2022-2028"

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve the success payments for 2022-2028. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ *Department Update*

Sustainability and Solid Waste Director Carla Jordan let the committee know that the meeting that they had last week for the transfer station consolidation and program study went well. They have a couple of towns that have already reached out to the Department for assistance and they are working on another survey for signage.

Supervisor Phillips thought that it was a great meeting and that the best idea that was discussed is to have consistent messaging across all the transfer stations.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ◆ *Informational: Proclaiming Support for an "Age-Friendly Ontario" Initiative to Support the Well-Being of community Members Across the Lifespan*

Sr. Planner Linda Phillips let the committee know that the grant was to do education and endorse policies to make the County more age friendly. The ad hoc committee that was created with this grant has come up with our changes in demographics, 8 domains of livability, and changes that can be implemented to better our community. The committee feels it should continue and monitor items that have been implemented and some items that still need to be completed to make the

County more age friendly.

- ◆ *Recommendations: County Planning Board – Making Our Region An Even Better Place to Live/Work*

Mr. Daily from the County Planning Board talked about the ad hoc committee that they created to review current and long-term development concerns. Their list of recommendations was provided to the committee to review. Chair Singer requested the information be sent to the full board for their comments and then have the committee members back to committee after the comments are received and reviewed from the full Board.

- ◆ *Resolution:*

The committee was informed of the recent passing of David Wink. A long serving member of the County Planning Board. It was requested a resolution to sympathy be drafted.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve a resolution of sympathy for David Wink. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ◆ *Discussion: Update on PACE*

Planning Director Tom Harvey is working with County Attorney Holly Adams on drafting a Local Law for the PACE program. This will be brought next cycle to committee. Once the Local Law is in place the county can sign the master agreement with PACE.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- ◆ *Resolution*

Clerk Kristin Mueller presented a resolution entitled, “Appointment to the Economic Developer Search Committee”.

Supervisor Venuti motioned to approve the appointments to the Economic Developer search committee. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ *Update*

County Administrator, Chris DeBolt, gave the following updates:

- COVID case are increasing again
- Schools are still waiting for re-opening guidance from the State
- A Board retreat with Soil and Water will be coming up in September
- A shared services panel meeting has been scheduled for August 11th

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Lightfoote seconded by Supervisor Phillips the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristin A. Mueller,
Clerk to the Board

Approved