

# ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## November 9, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>B. Page, A. Bianchetti, L. Colon-Torres, D. Daley, C. Dunham, E. Gilligan, L. Klosowski, S. Pasquale, J. Copanas, J. Driscoll, D. Lawless, R. Zaccaria</b>
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	<b>R. Raman</b>
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>M. Cirino, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albunio, J. Gascon Esq., M. Mokrzycki, J. Connery, K. Lawton, P. Pastella, T. Palmer, M. Bianchetti</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	

The November 9, 2022, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

A. Bianchetti is viewing the meeting via ZOOM but will not participate due to current policy.

J. Copanas moved and L. Klosowski seconded the approval of the minutes from the September Board meeting.

Roll was called and the minutes were approved as submitted.

K. Spillane presented his Executive Director report.

- Office renovations will begin soon.
- The Ad-hoc committee has reviewed a “work in-progress” site plan for the feasibility study of the new transfer facility at Ley Creek.
- The County Legislature plans to consider the purchase of the property at Ley Creek beginning in December.
- OCRRA has completed a SEQRA process regarding acquisition of the property and this review is before the Board for consideration.
- Demolition of the decommissioned transformers at Ley Creek is expected to begin before the end of the year.
- All contracts for the Building 2 optimization work have been approved. Work will begin in January and is scheduled to be complete by March 2023.
- Floor improvements will begin this month.
- Noted that all of these infrastructure improvements and repairs are an important part of ensuring that all of OCRRA’s facilities are maintained in order to provide sustainable solid waste management and thanked the Board for their continued support of these efforts.
- Stormwater monitoring results for 2022 have been received. All stormwater runoff, from both transfer stations, met the requirements of the Agency’s stormwater discharge permits which has been the first time since 2008 and is mainly due to the improvements at Rock Cut and cease of operations at Ley Creek.
- OCRRA continues discussion with local municipalities regarding the transition from blue-bins to carts and the Town of Salina is the latest to make the move.
- The pilot non-deposit glass return program with TOMRA has ended. The volunteer drop-off program collected more than 30,000 pounds of glass within six months. The program was

so successful that the local glass collection vendors were overwhelmed with returns and didn't have enough space.

- OCRRA will continue its efforts to get the Bottle Bill expanded in lieu of the drop off program.

E. Gilligan asked how restaurant and bar owners currently dispose of their glass products.

K. Spillane responded that glass items are separated and delivered to the MRF as commercial materials, but this glass unfortunately ends up being used as daily cover for landfills instead of made into new glass products because of the contamination.

The **TREASURER'S** report was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed.

This report reflects September 2022 data.

- Tonnage volume remained strong.
- Year to date tipping revenues is within approximately 2% of expected.
- September electricity rate was 4.7c/kWh.
- The Agency cash balance at the end of September was \$20.2M (\$11.3M prior year).
- The Agency began the year with \$14.2 in cash reserves.
- Recycling tip fees charged to haulers through September was \$632,345.

E. Gilligan asked for clarification on compost sales.

M. Mokrzycki responded that the revenue is comprised from compost sales and yard waste drop off fees.

J. Copanas moved and E. Gilligan seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll was called and the report was unanimously approved.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by S. Pasquale. Copies of the report from the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed and discussed.

S. Pasquale asked if anyone had any questions regarding the minutes that were submitted.

There was no further discussion.

**Resolution # 2358 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter Into a Contract for Repairs and Improvements to Building 3 Floor at the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station** was moved by S. Pasquale and seconded by L. Klosowski.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nay, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2359 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Newsletter Printing** – was moved by S. Pasquale and seconded by D. Daley.

J. Copanas asked if this was printed locally.

K. Lawton responded that Eagle prints their papers in Elizabethtown, NY (Plattsburgh area) at Denton Publishers.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2360 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract With the Eagle and Post-Standard Newspapers for Distribution of the Agency’s Quarterly Printed Newsletter** was moved by S. Pasquale and seconded by L. Colon-Torres.

E. Gilligan asked why the length of the printing and distributing contracts were not the same.

K. Lawton responded that OCRRA requested a distribution term matching the 3-year printing term, but the vendors were only willing to guarantee the same pricing for one year.

D. Daley asked is OCRRA had an agreement for digital distribution.

K. Lawton responded that the Post-Standard did include digital distribution in their pricing.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2361 – Resolution Extending Contract to Conduct Household Hazardous Waste Collection** – was moved by S. Pasquale and seconded by

A brief discussion followed.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by J. Copanas. This meeting was held on October 12<sup>th</sup>, just prior to the Board meeting. These are the official minutes that have already been covered.

There are no resolutions to be reviewed today but was considered at the last Board meeting.

J. Copanas reminded the Board that the search committee has been selected and will meet before the December Board meeting for officers for the 2023 Board.

The **LEY CREEK PLANNING AD-HOC COMMITTEE** update was presented by D. Lawless. This meeting was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The official minutes will be distributed with the December Board packet.

- The committee discussed the Ley Creek parcel purchase.
- Cornerstone gave a site update via ZOOM.
- The committee discussed the Environmental Assessment Form and the SEQR review request made by the county for the purchase of the additional land at Ley Creek.
- A resolution will be presented today acknowledging no significant adverse environmental impact from the purchase of the property.

J. Gascon reviewed the Assessment forms that are to be submitted to New York State with the Board.

Edits will be made to the final documents before submittal.

**Resolution #2362 – Resolution Declaring That the Proposed Purchase of Land by the Agency Shall Have no Significant Adverse Environmental Impacts** – was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Copanas.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

B. Page asked Agency staff if they had any updates for the Board.

Each staff member gave an update.

S. Pasquale moved and J. Driscoll seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak