

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**  
**October 09, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>E. Bough Martin, C. Dunham (Chair), M. Jennings, V. Mangan, G. Pops, L. Rhadil, A. Rodriguez, N. Zaccaria, R. Raman, D. Lawless</b>
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	<b>D. Daley, J. Driscoll, N. Jankowski, B. Page</b>
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, J. Gascon, C. Albuio, D. Haas, M. Ballard Fortin, T. Palmer</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	

The October 09, 2024, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

G. Pops motioned and N. Zaccaria seconded to move the September 11, 2024, Board meeting minutes.

There was on correction made to the minutes.

Roll was called and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director report.

**Engineering:**

- Throughput issues continue. OCRRA has worked with Reworld, but the haulers are very frustrated with the long wait times and impact on their finances due to overtime.
- C. Albuio has been working closely with Arcadis to close out the work with the contractor related to the modification of the wastewater conveyance system at Amboy.

**Transfer and Compost:**

- D, Haas has been developing a plan to order new equipment for the 2025 once the budget is adopted by the Board.
- Clean out of scrap metal and tires continues at Ley Creek.
- The Ley Creek facility is being cleared out in anticipation of the building demolition.

**Recycling:**

- Recycling team members have attended the Westcott Street Cultural Fair. OCRRA shared recycling and reduction information with attendees.
- The Recycling Team and Public Information Officer are working closely with the Town of Geddes and their hauler Dependable Disposal, as they also make the switch from blue bins to recycling carts.
- At the end of September, OCRRA responded to the DEC’s feedback/suggestions on our recent LSWMP extension request.

Public Information:

- T. Palmer wrapped up the promotion of the Mercury and Vape Collection event and began work to support promotion of the Costume Closet at Onondaga County Libraries and the pumpkin drop-off at OCRRA's compost sites.
- T. Palmer spent several days attending a handful of public events, including WEP Fest, Sportsmen's Day, OCRRA Mercury and Vape collection and the meeting of the Eastwood Rotary (as a default speaker).

Engagement, Outreach and New Opportunities:

- K. Spillane recently met with the Director of Solid Waste for Madison County. Madison County may be interested in expanding out current ash intermunicipal agreement to include some bypass C&D waste.

The **TREASURER REPORT** was presented by M. Mokrzycki.

- This report reflects data from August 2024.
- August tipping volumes dipped slightly.
- The electricity rate was 2.5c/kWh.
- Landfilling costs remain variable and elevated from expectations.
- The Agency had \$14.5M of operating cash.
- The Agency had \$5.1M of Board designated cash.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$323,946.
- The Agency has billed haulers \$632,000 in residential recycling fees.

There was no further discussion.

D. Lawless motioned and L. Rhadil seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted.

The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** report in J. Driscoll's absence was presented by N. Zaccaria.

- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing a contract for Agency Audits for calendar years 2004,2025,2026.

V. Magnan asked if it was common to have a contract for multiple years.

M. Mokrzycki responded that companies will often reduce their contract price if multiple years are considered. This company is very familiar with OCRRA.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report in D. Daley absence was presented by L. Rhadil.

**Resolution #2462 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract with NLR, Inc for Household Alkaline Battery Recycling for 2025** was moved by L. Rhadil and seconded by N. Zaccaria.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2455 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract for Existing Ley Creek Transfer Station Demolition and Site Restoration** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by G. Poppo.

There was a brief discussion regarding the bids that had been submitted.

The resolution was adopted 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report in B. Page's absence was presented by M. Jennings.

- The committee discussed a resolution adopting the Agency budget for 2025.
- The committee discussed a resolution adopting Agency tipping fees for 2025.
- The Agency was given an update on OCRRA's credit card policy.
- The Agency discussed a proposed Hughes Energy proposed Organics Recycling Facility.

**Resolution #2463 – Resolution Adopting Tipping Fees and Related Charges for Fiscal Year 2025 –** was moved by M. Jennings and seconded by G. Poppo.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2464 – Resolution Adopting an Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2025** was moved by M. Jennings and seconded by G. Poppo.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

R. Raman chose to abstain because he was not present during the committee discussion.

D. Haas:

- OCRRA continues to work on efficiency and building our equipment fleet.

C. Albunio:

- As previously shared with the Recycling and Operations committee, contingency funds have been used for two ongoing projects. One was for paving at RCR. One was for the Wastewater conveyance system at Amboy.

K. Lawton:

- The department continues working on finalizing past events like the mercury and vape event.

N. Zaccaria asked where the vapes were sent after they were collected.

K. Lawton responded that OCRRA is working with Miller Environmental on properly disposing of these items.

V. Magnan asked if OCRRA has looked into an app that residents can download and use to scan items to see if they are recallable or not.

T. Palmer responded that she has looked into this technology and discovered that not only is it very expensive, but this app has been tested in another county and has not been successful. There is however an alternative that involves Amazon Alexa. OCRRA would share our database of recyclable items and residents could 'ask Alexa' if 'insert item' is recyclable in Onondaga County. This option would be far more cost-effective.

T. Palmer:

- Syracuse is having great success with the new recycling carts.
- The recycling rules are being developed as door-hangers and will be delivered door to door.
- The Board member website page has been updated.

M. Ballard-Fortin:

- There are two requirements coming up. Both employees have been with OCRRA for 30 years.

M. Cirino:

- ABO training for Board members continues.

D. Lawless thanked the Board and OCRRA staff for their condolences after his wife's passing.

R. Raman asked that the new Board members introduced themselves.

After adjournment the Board will have a meeting with counsel.

G. Popp moved, and R. Raman seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous 'aye' voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak