

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**  
**February 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>E. Bough Martin, D. Daley (via Zoom), C. Dunham, M. Jennings, V. Mangan, B. Page, G. Popps, B. Sekarore, B. Stacer, J. Wood J. Driscoll, L. Hradil</b>
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	<b>N. Jankowski, A. Rodriguez, N. Zaccaria</b>
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, J. Gascon, D. Haas, T. Palmer, B. Cole</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>D. Lawless, W. Vanderwater – Town of VanBuren</b>

The February 12, 2025, Board meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

The Board is honoring D. Lawless for his years of service with OCRRA and Onondaga County with a resolution acknowledging him and his retirement from the OCRRA Board. D. Lawless has been a part of OCRRA since its inception.

**Resolution #2484 – Resolution in Recognition of Don Lawless for His Distinguished Public Service to Onondaga County and the Onondaga Count Resource Recovery Agency** was moved by P. Page and seconded by J. Driscoll.

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

A member of the public is present. W. Vanderwater from the Town of Van Buren.

B. Page motioned and J. Driscoll seconded to move the resolution.

B. Page motioned and V. Magnan seconded to move the January 15, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

Roll was called and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director report.

- Engineering
  - C. Alunio has been reviewing the proposed turbine maintenance deferral agreement OCRRA received from Reworld.
  - A kickoff meeting for the demolition of Ley Creek has already been conducted.
  - C. Alunio and the consultant engineer, Barton & Loguidice have completed a pre-application meeting with NYSDEC for the renewal of the solid waste permit for the Site 31 landfill location.
- Transfer and Compost
  - D. Haas has been working with his staff through the first planned maintenance outage of 2025.
  - Equipment service and maintenance are being conducted.
  - D. Haas is working to complete the Transfer Stations’ Annual Report for the NYSDEC.

- Recycling
  - L. Piering is working with multiple departments at OCRRA to amass details for our NYSDEC grant submittal for the Household Hazardous Waste program costs for 2025.
  - Earth Day is approaching and OCRRA has begun the outreach process.
  - P. Bell has reached out to over 100 hundred businesses over the past few months seeking their recycling data for the annual report.
  
- Public Information
  - T. Palmer has worked to keep our website up to date with changing prices, new Board members and our many seasonal changes and upcoming programs.
  - The Spring newsletter is in the works and should be distributed Mid-March.
  - T. Palmer is working on upcoming outreach with the ad agency to cover ways people can access our information library.
  
- Engagement, Outreach and New Opportunities
  - K. Spillane has been working to develop a new waste management organization in NYS for municipalities that utilize a Waste to Energy facility for their primary means of disposal. It is called the NYS Waste to Energy Coalition. There are more than ten municipalities and several corporate and associate members. The goal is to get the state to rethink waste disposal
  - With the exception of Florida – NYS has the highest number of Waste to Energy facilities.

There was a brief discussion on the newly formed Waste to Energy Coalition.

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

- This report reflects data from November 2024.
- Seasonal tonnages have begun their decline.
- Tipping fees were slightly under budget.
- The electricity rate was 2.4c/kWh
- At the March meeting, OCRRA’s external auditors will be presenting the full year financial statements.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.9M in cash reserves.
- At the end of November, the Agency had \$15.6M of operating cash and \$5.1M of Board Designated Cash for a total of \$20.7M.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$590,320 in recycling fees.
- The Agency has billed haulers approximately \$1,107,000 in recycling tipping fees.

There was no further discussion.

B. Page motioned and G. Pops seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted.

D. Daley is attending virtually. He will give the report from the last committee meeting but will not be allowed to introduce any resolutions or vote.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley.

- The committee discussed the completed audit of the MRF.
- The committee moved a resolution for emergency hauling services.
- The committee moved a resolution to purchase tire disposal services.
- The committee moved a resolution for an extension for disposal of ash and bypass with Waste Management.

**Resolution #2485 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Hauling Services** was moved by C. Dunham and seconded by G. Popps.

There was only one bid received.

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

**Resolution #2486 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Tire Disposal Services** was moved by C. Dunham and seconded by G. Popps.

There was a brief discussion of how this cost compared to last year's cost.

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

**Resolution #2487 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract Extension for Disposal of Ash and Bypass Waste with Waste Management** was moved by C. Dunham and seconded by B. Stacer.

A brief discussion followed.

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

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page

- The committee discussed a disposal contract with West Rock.
- The committee discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Investment Report.
- The committee met with T. Burtis, B. Petrovich and M. Primo to discuss the site 31 property.

Staff Updates :

K. Lawton

- The Home and Garden show is in March. The Agency to working to organize that.

T. Palmer

- Earth Day Clean up is live on our website. People can register there.

M. Mokrzycki

- Introduced E. Borys who was an intern last summer and has now returned to work full time with OCRRA.

M. Cirino

- Introduced herself to the new members.
- Working on the current internal audit.
- Reminded the Board that the next Audit committee meeting is 2/26/25 and 3:45 and all are welcome to attend.

E. Bough Martin moved, and B. Page 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