

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

**July 09, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>E. Bough Martin, D. Daley, L. Hradil, M. Jennings, V. Mangan, B. Page, D. Quackenbush, B. Sekarire</b>
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	<b>J. Driscoll, C. Dunham, G. Popps, A. Rodriguez, B. Stacer, J. Wood</b>
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, D. Haas, T. Palmer, K. Lawton</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	

The July 09, 2025, Board meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

The Board minutes from June were moved by L. Hradil seconded by E. Bough Martin

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director’s report.

- OCRRA continues to monitor operations at the WTE facility.
- OCRRA is negotiating with Reworld on an agreement to protect the Agency during an upcoming turbine maintenance outage.

**Engineering:**

- C. Alburnio continues to spend time resolving the issues with the operation of the WTE facility.
- The final design on Ley Creek have begun.
- C. Alburnio has met with consultants on the landfill feasibility project at the waste beds and all the stakeholders to give updates on the progress being made.

**Transfer and Compost:**

- Transfer has done well maintaining the two main building at the RCR site during the month of June and began to move transfer waste to the WTE facility for the first time since March.
- RCR continues to experience increased inbound tonnage.
- D. Haas and his staff have begun moving the first test loads of MRF glass to the Madison County Landfill.
- Nature Cycle has utilized approximately 5, 500 cubic yards of compost for their latest project in Onondaga County.

**Recycling:**

- L. Piering continues to coordinate with municipalities looking to switch from blue bins to carts.
- B. Height is working to cross-train one of our Amboy Gatekeepers, Ziggy Maxwell, to do battery collection.
- The Recycling Department is currently operating with a Purchasing/Data Clerk. Job postings for this position have been placed.

**Public Information:**

- T. Palmer has finished oversight needed for a second and final media contest in June.
- T. Palmer has also been working closely with the Recycling Department to pave the way for a major renovation to the household battery guidance page on the website.
- The Agency would ideally like to have the renovated battery page ready for a direct mailing campaign in the coming weeks.

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

- This report reflects May results.
- Tipping revenues for May were extremely high.
- The electricity rate was 2.3c/kWh in May.
- Bypass and landfill costs were significant.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.8M in cash reserves.
- At the end of May, the Agency had \$13M of operating cash and \$5.1M of Board designated cash. For a total of \$18.1M.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$322,579.
- The Agency has billed the haulers for residential recycling approximately \$347,000.

B. Page motioned and V. Mangan seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted.

There was a brief discussion on the increase of C&D being brought through RCR.

The **LEY CREEK AD-HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley.

- The committee was given an update on the demolition and restoration project at Ley Creey by Cornerstone who attended the meeting via ZOOM.
- C. Albunio updated the committee on comments received from the DEC regarding the solid waste permit renewal/modification.
- The committee discussed a timeline for the final design and how it is integrated into takes associated with the demolition/restoration construction project.
- The committee discussed the completion of the Conceptual Design & Preliminary Feasibility Report for the proposed Ley Creek North property development.
- The committee discussed the upcoming SEQR review.
- The committee reviewed traffic patterns, the placement of roll-offs for residential services and permit requirements.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by L. Hradil.

- The committee discussed a resolution for the repair of the electric Tana shredder.
- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing additional private hauling services.
- The committee discussed MRF glass.
- The committee discussed the EPR for packing bill that did not follow through the Senate.

**Resolution #2508 – Resolution Authorizing the Repair of the Electric Tana Shredder at Rock Cut Road** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

D. Haas gave a explanation as to why this repair is crucial to operations at RCR.

There was a brief discussion on mattress shredding and how the materials are collected after they are shredded.

There will be an anemdment to the language in the Resolved clause of the resolution.

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

The resolution numbers were given out of order at the time of this meeting. The corrected resolution numbers are recorded in these minutes and are listed correctly below.

**Resolution #2509 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Additional Private Hauling Services** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by B. Sekarore.

K. Spillane asked that an amendment be made to the proposed resolution regarding the amount requested.

K. Spillane and D. Haas gave an explanation as to why this is necessary.

There was a discussion regarding how much additional funding is needed for this resolution.

There will be an amendment to the amount requested in the resolution.

B. Page motioned and B. Sekarore seconded to amend the resolution.

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

D. Daley asked if any staff members ahd anything new to report.

There was nothing to report from any staff members.

Kevin closed with a reminder that OCRRA will be having their annual Appreciation BBQ in August. OCRRA Board members and family as well as OCRRA staff are welcome to attend!

V. Mangan moved, and L. Hradil seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous 'aye' voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak