

Public Works Committee Minutes

August 13, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Collyer, Lewza, A. Johnson, Wright, Sausville, and Grattidge; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; League of Women Voters.

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lewza, the minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Dorsey said the landfill lies within Consolidated Agricultural District #1 and as such is considered farm land. There are provisions in the Agriculture Markets Law that require where there is a request to construct facilities on farm land property, that the Commissioner of Agriculture be put on notice. This was triggered by the application of Finch Paper to the IDA for financial assistance to expand the landfill. There is a provision in the Agricultural Markets Law which provides that notice to the Commissioner of Agriculture can be waived by the owner of the property, and the County has the authority to waive that notice. The notice requires that the Commissioner be advised of the description of the proposed action, a summary of anticipated adverse impacts on farm operations and agriculture resources, and the agricultural impact of the proposed acts, including short and long term effects, etc. Mr. Dorsey said, given that this is not active farm land, there are no effects that need to be put on notice to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

**A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve a resolution to authorize Saratoga County, as owner of the Landfill property, to waive the requirement that the IDA file a notice of intent with the Commissioner of Agriculture. Unanimous.**

Mr. Manz requested approval of an additional \$18,500 to Mark Schachner's contract to finalize contract negotiations for the property transfer of the landfill.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution to recommend approval of a contract extension for Mark Schachner to finalize contract negotiations for the property transfer of the landfill. Unanimous.**

Mr. Manz said that his department has received notice from the State Comptroller's office that they have one of the highest ratings for bridges in the State. Ms. Raymond commended Mr. Manz and his staff.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lewza the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom