

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors	Tessier	William Remington, Superintendent, DPW
	Belden	Judy Johnson, Fiscal Manager
	Stec	William Lamy, Deputy Superintendent, DPW
	Merlino	Pat Beland, Director, Parks, Recreation & Railroad
		Supervisor Haskell

Committee Members Absent:

Supervisors	Monroe	Supervisor Gabriels
	Champagne	Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk
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In the absence of Mr. Monroe, Committee Chairman, Mr. Tessier, Committee Vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the clerk.

Copies of Mr. Remington's agenda for the meeting and copies of the Solid Waste Management Division's proposed 2007 budget package (Budget Code CL8160) were distributed to the Committee members and copies of same are on file with the minutes. The 2007 proposed budget showed a request of \$2,908,500, the same as the 2006 appropriation.

Mr. Remington proceeded with review of the proposed budget. (New Business Agenda Item). He advised the 200-S Equipment line item of \$60,000 was for new containers. The request was unchanged from the 2006 appropriations. Mr. Remington noted there was not a request for the 100-S Personal Services line item because there are no employees in this division.

Mr. Remington pointed out the 400-S Contractual proposed request was \$2,848,500, unchanged from the 2006 appropriations. He stated the items in the request were for the Burn Plant contract, for the mechanic that repairs and maintains the containers, water, sewer, taxes, disposal costs of non-processible waste and some municipal solid waste for DPW. A breakout of the items was provided on Pages 56 and 56b of the proposed budget package. Mr. Remington apprised there was some reimbursement from the (State) Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He stated the reimbursement had increased and it was put in the revenues.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ms. Johnson, and she advised the statements for the monthly tip fees from the Burn Plant were included in the budget package. The statements were on Pages 57 - 62 and were for the months of January - June 2006. Dialogue ensued between Mr. Belden, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Remington on the status of the tip fees. Ms. Johnson

confirmed for Mr. Belden that there was a credit in January for electric revenues of \$1.9 million. However, she said she did not know whether or not that was something that was received every January or if it was a one-time thing. Ms. Johnson stated Mr. Monroe, the Committee Chairman, would probably have that information. Mr. Tessier stated there was a true up of the tip fees once a year. He apprised at this time the estimated monthly revenues were up. Mr. Tessier stated the amount of in-county garbage going to the Burn Plant was down about 6%. However, he said because the price of the out-of-county garbage going to the Plant was increased that was taking care of some of the Plant's shortfall. He noted the amount of garbage burned to date was way ahead.

Mr. Haskell recalled the idea of establishing garbage districts had been discussed at one time. He asked what the status of the idea was. Mr. Tessier replied through the Committee there had been very little support for the idea. Mr. Stec advised the Town of Queensbury Town Board also did not favor the idea. Mr. Tessier noted the Committee members had waited to see what direction Queensbury took on the concept.

Mr. Haskell commented as the in-county tonnage was down at the Plant it appeared only the Towns of Lake Luzerne, Johnsburg and Thurman were taking their garbage there. Mr. Tessier responded all the Towns in the County were supposed to send their waste to the Plant. He stated everything was down this year. Mr. Tessier advised the plant was running very well and there had been very little down time and the tonnage and revenues were far ahead of last year. The electric revenue automatically increased when the burn increased, he added.

Mr. Remington stated Page 56 of the budget package provided details on the contract for the Burn Plant. He explained when they prepared the budget they did not have any better numbers for the waste-to-energy service fee so they used what they thought was a comfortable number. However, Mr. Remington said once Mr. Monroe and Steve Lynch, the Inter-County Solid Waste Coordinator, had put together a better number for the fees the proposed 2007 budget could be adjusted to reflect that number. Mr. Tessier concurred. He said he did not have the monthly report with him or he would have a better number for the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve the 2007 Solid Waste Management budget, as presented, and to authorize the Committee chairman to sign it and submit it to the Budget Officer.

Mr. Remington referred the Committee members to Page 2 of the agenda packet which he noted was a list of referrals from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office. (Old Business Item No. 2.) He suggested perhaps they would want to wait for another meeting when Mr. Monroe would be present or they could review them now. Mr. Remington said he had not been involved with working on the items, but Mr. Monroe had been. Mr. Tessier advised none of the items on the list had been completed yet and Mr. Lynch was working on them. He noted one of the items concerned a joint meeting between Warren and Washington Counties' Solid Waste Committees relative to the Town of Hartford Landfill project. Mr. Tessier said that meeting would take place

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in the next couple of weeks due to a recent change in the Town of Hartford Supervisor position.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Stec and seconded by Mr. Belden, Mr. Tessier adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk