

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS**

**DATE: AUGUST 20, 2020**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: CONOVER  
HOGAN  
LEGGETT  
BRAYMER  
BRUNO  
WILD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
FRANK THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
SEEBER  
SIMPSON  
WILD

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN  
MERLINO  
STROUGH

JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 20, 2020 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/works/>*

*Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members in attendance participated via video or teleconference.*

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 1:02 p.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the prior Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

A copy of the Solid Waste agenda was distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. A copy of the agendas is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, reviewed a powerpoint presentation entitled Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan in detail; *a copy of which is on file with the minutes*. He informed he planned on working with the Zero Waste Planning Committee of Warren and Washington Counties on some of the programs they had proposed which did not necessarily have to be part of the plan, as they could be addressed in the updates that occurred every two year. He said keeping this in mind, all of these programs could possibly be in place when the plan needed to be revisited in 2028. Mr. Hajos stated following the conclusion of the public comment period today, he would ensure the response summary was placed on the County website for the public to view. He provided a brief summary of the proposal submitted by the Zero Waste Planning Committee of Warren and Washington Counties, a copy of

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which is on file with the meeting minutes. He commented that he did not foresee the County being able to meet the suggestions of the Zero Waste Planning Committee to reduce waste and diversion by 50% in five years without having all of the capital investment required in place.

Don Lehman, *Public Relations Manager*, read aloud the public comments submitted via Youtube and email; copies of which are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Conover informed it was imperative for the information in the draft plan to be accurate and up-to-date, apprising what was of particular interest to him was the table that began to explore options if the burn plant was no longer operational or the County decided to discontinue use of this service. He stated in terms of the Town of Bolton, and he assumed the other town transfer stations, a significant amount of the waste derived from hotels, restaurants and the other entities that generated a substantial amount of waste, as well as many private homeowners, had their waste picked up by private companies which did not dispose of it at the town transfer stations.

A discussion ensued during which Ms. Braymer voiced her comments regarding the plan and Mr. Hajos emphasized a significant amount of work had gone into preparing the draft plan which was not just the bare minimum to meet the requirements of the NYS DEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*). In response to a question by Ms. Braymer, Mr. Hajos advised there were portions of the plan that they could begin moving forward with prior to receiving feedback from the NYS DEC which had taken seven years when the previous plan was submitted.

Mr. Lehman reviewed additional public comments that were received via Youtube, copies of which are on file with the meeting minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously, Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board