

**AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 18, 2023**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Ken Long, Vice Chairman Vincent Bono, Neil Angell, Steven Boucher, James D’Onofrio, James Franco, Nancy Novak [video conference], and James Williams

**Absent:** Treasurer Richard Redmond and Barbara Freeman

**Authority Staff Present:** William Rabbia, Jodi Tuttle, Joshua Olbrys, Joseph Artessa, Emily Albright, Eileen Brinck, Pat Lisandrelli and Andrew Opperman

**Others Present:** Authority Counsel Kevin Martin

Chairman Long called the September 18, 2023, Authority Board meeting to order at 4:31 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Williams, and passed to approve the June 12, 2023, Authority Minutes.

Chairman Long stated that there were no comments received for public comment period.

Executive Director William Rabbia said that Resolution No. 18 would designate additional unrestricted Authority funds toward established Authority capital reserves based on recent regulatory changes increasing the cost of landfill equipment and cell construction, and prospective regulations related to changes in leachate management. Mr. Rabbia recommended that the Board designate an additional \$1,000,000 to the Regional Landfill Liner Extension Reserve Fund and \$10,000,000 to the System-Wide Capital Reserve Fund. Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. 18 was introduced by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mr. Franco, and passed designating unrestricted funds [as noted above] toward established Authority Capital Reserve Funds. [8 Ayes; 0 Nays; Absent: Mr. Redmond and Ms. Freeman]

Mr. Rabbia said that the Authority entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Oswego County on December 19, 2013 through December 31, 2018 and an Extension of the original agreement that will expire on December 31, 2023 for the processing and marketing of recyclables. Oswego County is interested in entering into a new five-year agreement with the Authority for the processing and marketing of recyclable material collected and delivered by Oswego County to the Authority.

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Mr. Rabbia said that Resolution No. 19 would authorize the Authority to enter into another intergovernmental agreement with Oswego County. Mr. Rabbia noted that Oswego County has already authorized the agreement.

Resolution No. 19 was introduced by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and passed approving a new five-year intergovernmental agreement with Oswego County for the processing and marketing of recyclables and directing the Executive Director and Authority Counsel to take all necessary actions to finalize the agreement. [8 Ayes; 0 Nays; Absent: Mr. Redmond and Ms. Freeman]

Deputy Executive Director Josh Olbrys updated the Board on the Regional Landfill Phase 2 Closure project through a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Olbrys said that Powis Excavating & Contracting was awarded the project. He reported that the project is moving a bit slower than anticipated related to manpower issues and the weather. Thus far, 3 acres have been graded and are ready for liner installation and 15,000 cubic yards of barrier protection and 3,000 cubic yards of topsoil have been screened. Moving forward, membrane installation, 18" of barrier protection and 6" of topsoil will be added. Mr. Olbrys said that as much work as possible will be completed before winter.

For the 17<sup>th</sup> year, Mr. Olbrys said that the Authority is continuing its regional demolition program offered to all municipalities in the two-County region. Annually, the Authority sends correspondence to all legislators and city, village and town mayors and supervisors inviting them to participate in the program. Under the program, the Authority makes available a demolition crew and equipment, during the slower winter season, to demolish fully abated structures owned by a municipality. The Authority provides for transportation and demolition at no charge. The municipality(ies) is required to pay for the disposal of the demolition debris to be landfilled. This year, the Village of Dolgeville applied for assistance that includes 20 homes on North Main Street that were affected by the 2019 Halloween Storm. FEMA has been working with some of the owners and the Village is still working on ownership matters and surveying for asbestos. As some of the structures contain asbestos, the Authority will only be able to assist with those structures that are asbestos-free.

Mr. Rabbia reported that the Authority began preliminary budget discussions with management staff in July and provided 2024 tonnage estimates to the Finance Committee in August. The Finance Committee was given the first draft of the 2024 budget and updated five-year financial plan at the Committee meeting preceding this meeting. Mr. Rabbia said that the Authority is proposing no tipping fee increases for 2024. The proposed 2024 budget will be released before the required date of November 1<sup>st</sup> and a public briefing and public hearing will be scheduled preceding the November Board meeting, followed by Board approval at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Angell, and passed to schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2024 Authority budget for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

Mr. Rabbia reported that there was a small fire at the Eastern Transfer Station on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 AM. He stated that the sensors detected it and that the sprinkler system put it out. Fortunately, there was no damage and operations were not affected.

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Mr. Rabbia reported that on September 16<sup>th</sup>, Senator Griffo and the Authority sponsored a recycling event in which electronics, paper shredding and unused medication/pharmaceuticals were accepted for proper recycling and disposal. Approximately 700 vehicles delivered 12.5 tons of E-Waste, 10.8 tons of paper and .75 tons of pharmaceuticals to the Authority's EcoDrop Facility in Utica.

At 4:56 PM a motion was made by Mr. D'Onofrio, seconded by Mr. Bono, and passed to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

At 5:43 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Franco, and passed to come out of executive session.

With no further business, at 5:43 PM a motion was made by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jodi M. Tuttle  
Authority Secretary