

AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2014

Board Members Present: Chairman Neil Angell, Vice Chairman Ken Long, Vincent Bono, Alicia Dicks, James D’Onofrio, James Franco, Barbara Freeman, Treasurer Harry Hertline and Jim Williams

Absent: Robert Roberts

Authority Staff Present: Bill Rabbia, Jodi Tuttle, Joe Artessa, Jim Biamonte, Patrick Donovan, David Lupinski, Bill Schrader and Jamie Tuttle

Others Present: Kevin Martin, Esq.

Chairman Angell called the September 15, 2014 Authority Board meeting to order at 4:30 PM, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Memorial Resolution (Resolution No. 14) recognizing the life and contributions of former Board Member R. W. (Bill) Burrows, Jr. was read by Authority Secretary Jodi Tuttle and unanimously adopted. A moment of silence was held in Mr. Burrows’ memory.

A motion was made by Mr. D’Onofrio, seconded by Ms. Dicks and passed to approve the June 16, 2014 Authority Minutes.

There was no one present for public comment period.

Mr. Donovan said that Resolution No. 15 before the Board would approve budget transfers needed for unanticipated expenses to cover additional overtime costs, replacement fire detection system work, overhead door work and additional temporary labor costs at the Recycling Center; costs for the purchase of computer hardware and miscellaneous office equipment at the Administrative Office; costs associated with rental of a long-reach excavator at the Regional Landfill; and additional overtime costs at the Eastern Transfer Station.

Resolution No. 15 was introduced by Mr. Bono, seconded by Ms. Dicks and passed approving 2014 budget transfers.

Mr. D’Onofrio inquired about the additional overtime required at the Recycling Center. Mr. Rabbia stated that the overtime is primarily related to coverage for personnel currently out on workers’ compensation, disability and a recent retirement.

Mr. Donovan said that Resolution No. 16 before the Board was prepared by Authority bond counsel, Bond, Schoeneck & King, and is related to the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation (MCDC) Initiative through the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The MCDC Initiative is designed to afford favorable treatment terms to municipal issuers, including the Authority, as well as underwriters, who self-report inaccurate statements made in offering documents regarding prior continuing disclosure compliance.

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The Authority may determine that it is in the best interests of the Authority to self-report certain statements made in one or more Official Statements with respect to the Authority's compliance with the Prior Undertakings under the MCDC Initiative, either because it is concerned the SEC may view them as material misstatements, because the underwriter has elected to self-report such statements, or because of other valid business considerations. Mr. Donovan said that the Deadline for the Authority to report under the Initiative is December 1, 2014.

Resolution No. 16 was introduced by Mr. Hertline, seconded by Mr. Franco and passed authorizing the Executive Director, Chairman, Vice Chairman or Treasurer to self-report under the MCDC Initiative and to accept the settlement terms under the Initiative, if such self-reporting is determined to be in the best interests of the Authority; and to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments necessary for the Authority's participation.

Director of Recycling David Lupinski said that Resolution No. 17 is a resolution in support of a state-wide campaign to recover more textiles from the waste stream. Mr. Lupinski said that the EPA currently estimates that only about 15% of unwanted textiles are donated for reuse or recycling. The remaining 85% is disposed of as solid waste. The New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling is teaming up with the Council for Textile Recycling and the Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries to launch a state-wide recovery campaign aimed at recovering 1.4 billion pounds of textiles disposed of annually in New York State.

Resolution No. 17 was introduced by Ms. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Williams and passed to support a state-wide campaign to recover more textiles from the waste stream.

Mr. Rabbia provided an update on landfill construction of cell #6. He stated that Kubricky Construction has been on-site since June and has completed work on both the secondary liner and secondary collection system. The primary liner is currently being worked on; soil mines have been back-graded and top-soiled and are in the process of being hydro-seeded. Mr. Rabbia said that the project is within budget and on-schedule. Electro-resistivity testing will be performed. The 30-day monitoring period to test the primary liner will begin the last week in September. The substantial completion date for this project is November 15th. The engineer estimates that the Authority will begin utilizing cell #6 in 2017. Mr. Rabbia said that 15 vertical gas wells were installed over the summer and that crews are now in the process of putting in a new header and hooking up those wells. Mr. Rabbia said that landfill gas collection continues to increase and that he anticipates by the end of 2014 to be being able to show WM Renewables that there is additional gas for a third engine. Once on notice, WM Renewables would have one year to obtain the necessary permits to put in a new engine.

Mr. Rabbia provided an update on the 2015 budget timeline and financial plan. He said that the Finance Committee met earlier and was provided a copy of the first draft of the 2015 budget. Staff began working on the budget in early August by looking at tonnage and trends to make sure tonnage is in line with historicals. Tonnage estimates were given to the Finance Committee at the end of August. Mr. Rabbia said that the Authority's goal is to continue to maintain stable rates. He noted that the Authority has been able to reduce rates slightly over the past few years and that the draft budget includes another small tip fee reduction for 2015. Mr. Rabbia said that the Finance Committee has also tasked staff with updating the Authority's five-year financial plan. Meetings with the Finance Committee will continue throughout October to finalize the draft 2015 budget and five-year financial plan. The proposed 2015 budget will be released by November 1st. There will be a public briefing on the proposed 2015 budget at the November Board meeting. A public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget will be scheduled for December.

Mr. Rabbia relayed that he sent information to the Counties and municipalities reminding them of the Authority's regional demolition program. In 2007 the Authority started a program to assist local governments with their efforts to clean-up abandoned, dilapidated structures.

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Under the program, the Authority makes available a demolition crew and equipment to demolish abandoned structures owned by a municipality, during the months of December through March. The Authority does not charge for the demolition crew and equipment. However, the municipality pays transportation and disposal of the demolition debris to be landfilled. Applications must be submitted to the Authority no later than October 31st.

Mr. Rabbia said that there has been ongoing discussion in the Town and Village of Boonville related to bypass routes. He noted that the DOT has been working on a safety improvement project in the Village, unrelated to the Authority. The Village and Town requested assistance from Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS) to identify bypass routes. The Authority remains committed to using all of the routes, even with the safety improvement project. Mr. Rabbia recently sent correspondence to the Town of Boonville Councilmembers in response to questions presented at a recent meeting held at the Regional Landfill. The Board was provided a copy. Mr. Rabbia noted that the Town of Boonville recently passed a resolution that it would not use eminent domain in any way related to a bypass. Mr. Rabbia said that HOCTS has another presentation planned for rating the alternative routes.

Mr. Rabbia reported that Recycling Coordinator Jamie Tuttle and Director of Recycling David Lupinski have been working with the City of Rome on instituting a toter program. Rome purchased roughly \$900,000 in toters to give each property owner one toter for garbage and one for recyclables. In the past, Rome has charged its residents a one-time annual fee for sanitation services but did not post or enforce limits. The City is currently bidding-out a new collection contract.

Mr. Rabbia announced that the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce is holding a Community Business Expo on September 17th at the Utica Auditorium from 11 AM to 7 PM. The Authority has developed a banner and will have a display booth as part of the technology circle at the Expo. The Authority will promote electronics recycling and its Business Recycle One program.

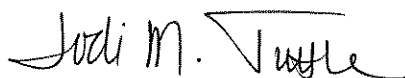
Mr. D'Onofrio asked about the future of electronics.

Mr. Rabbia responded that in 2014 the Authority budgeted \$80,000 for revenue from electronics recycling. However, due to the influx of CRTs (TVs and monitors) end processors have had to increase their rates. Recently, the Authority entered into an agreement with a local company, CCNY Tech-Computer Connection, that will pay the Authority for its electronics, with the exception of CRTs. However, they will provide the labor to bundle the CRTs and accept them at no charge. Mr. Rabbia said that the future of electronics recycling is uncertain, until the CRTs are out of the system. He noted that the Authority lowered its revenue expectations in the 2015 budget. Beginning January 1, 2015 there is a landfill ban that kicks in for residential CRTs. This ban is already in force for businesses.

At 5:20 PM a motion was made by Ms. Dicks, seconded by Mr. Bono and passed to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. At 5:26 PM a motion was made by Mr. Hertline, seconded by Ms. Freeman and passed to come out of executive session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Franco and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi M. Tuttle
Authority Secretary