

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SIMPSON
MERLINO
DICKINSON
LOEB
HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RONALD CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
DIAMOND
MAGOWAN
WILD

SUPERVISOR GERAGHTY
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, THE POST STAR
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 17, 2018 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2018/works/>

Mr. Simpson opened the meeting of the Public Works Committee at 2:02 p.m. and he noted no action could be taken due to lack of a quorum of the Committee.

Copies of the Solid Waste agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the review of the Solid Waste agenda, Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, explained the following requests in detail:

- Page 1 - For a new contract with Perkins Recycling Corp. for recyclable disposal services of newspapers, magazines and corrugated cardboard pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 66-17) and proposal for a term commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 with an option to extend for one additional one-year term.

Mr. Merlino asked how much the rebates were and Julie Butler, *Purchasing Agent*, replied a \$30 per ton rebate was being offered for newspapers, \$5 a ton for magazines and \$10 a ton for corrugated cardboard. Mr. Simpson inquired how these rebates compared to what was offered last year and Mrs. Butler responded the amounts were significantly less. She added the only thing that would be eligible for a rebate was newspaper due to the transportation costs for magazines and corrugated cardboard exceeding the amount of the rebate offered. Mr. Loeb questioned whether this was the case for last year, as well and Mrs. Butler replied in the negative. She apprised that last year the County actually made money because the rebate amounts exceeded the transportation costs on all of them. In response to a question asked by Mr. Loeb, Mrs. Butler advised the cost to transport the goods to the burn plant was \$57; however, she noted, this did not include the transportation costs nor would any rebates be offered to offset some of the expense. She added that she had provided each town with a breakdown of how much each trip per material would cost them.

Mr. Dickinson entered the meeting at 2:08 p.m., at which time a quorum of the Committee was established.

Mr. Simpson asked if anyone had researched whether it would be cheaper for the towns to have their own roll off trucks rather than paying for transportation and Mrs. Butler replied in the affirmative. She

informed according to the analysis she prepared a few years ago, the towns would save money if they shared some trucks and serviced their own facilities rather than outsourcing the work which imposed the prevailing wage requirements. She added she still had all of this data available for anyone to review.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Simpson apprised since there was a quorum of the Committee a motion was required to approve the minutes of the of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The necessary motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously.

Returning to the request for new contract with Perkins Recycling Corp. for recyclable disposal services of newspapers, magazines and corrugated cardboard pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 66-17) and proposal, a motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 2- For a new contract with Casella Waste Management for recyclable disposal services of plastics and possibly metal cans pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 66-17) and proposal for a term commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 with option to extend for one additional one-year term.

Mr. Hajos stated the service may not be required for metal cans because he believed the towns were disposing of them with their scrap metal vendors. Mrs. Butler added that all of the municipalities she had spoken with indicated they were receiving a rebate from their scrap metal vendors for disposing their tin cans in this manner which meant she did not think she would have to award the metal can portion of the bid. She informed she could not remove this from the request until she got a response from the two remaining towns, as she was unsure of whether they required the service.

Mr. Loeb questioned where glass was disposed of and Mr. Hajos replied it was taken to the DPW's pit in the Town of Warrensburg. Mr. Dickinson asked whether the glass was being recycled and Mr. Hajos replied it was being crushed at their location in Warrensburg and used at various locations around the County as a sub-base for paving projects.

Mr. Loeb requested that Mrs. Butler explain the benefits of recycling plastic as opposed to disposing of it at the burn plant. Mrs. Butler apprised a payment per ton to transport the plastics to the burn plant would still be required and the cost under this contract to recycle the plastic was \$162 per ton plus the transportation fee. She added it was more environmentally conscious to recycle the plastic than to burn it. Mr. Loeb questioned whether there was any guarantee that the vendor was recycling the plastic and not just dropping it off at the burn plant to dispose of and Mrs. Butler replied she did not believe they were disposing of the plastic at the burn plant, but she could not confirm. Mr. Loeb asked whether there was a way they could guarantee the vendor was recycling the plastic and Mrs. Butler responded they could add a requirement for the vendor to report on where they were disposing of the plastic within the specifications or they could specify where the plastics would be recycled.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Loeb and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to approve the request for a new contract with Casella Waste Management for recyclable disposal of plastics and possibly metal cans pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 66-17) with the caveat that they must recycle the plastics and not bring them to the burn plant to be disposed of.

Mr. Loeb asked whether there was an option for the towns handle their own transportation services and

Mr. Hajos responded that the municipalities who had roll off containers could do so, but the ones who did not would have to make an agreement with another municipality or the County to handle the transportation for them.

Following further discussion regarding the recycling and transportation process Mr. Simpson called the question and the aforementioned motion was carried unanimously and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 5- For a new contract with Waste Management of New York, LLC for solid waste and recyclable hauling services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 67-18) and proposal for a term commencing on January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019 with option to extend for one additional one-year term.

In response to a question posed by Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Butler explained the vendors were provided with the opportunity to raise their fuel category if fuel prices were to increase substantially between the initial bid and the extension; however, she noted, this had never occurred.

Chairman Conover advised he did not see a category where Waste Management was not the low bidder for services to the Town of Bolton. Mrs. Butler stated Waste Management was the lowest bidder for everything for all of the municipalities with the exception of the Town of Queensbury, but per the request of Mr. Strough they were exercising the right to do an all or none bid, meaning Waste Management was the only vendor they would be contracting with for solid waste and recyclable hauling services for 2019.

A discussion ensued regarding how it was determined where the materials would be transported to for disposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Waste Management of New York, LLC for solid waste and recyclable hauling services as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the Agenda review, Mr. Simpson offered privilege of the floor to anyone present wishing to address the Committee on any matter, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Loeb, Mr. Simpson adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board