



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2022

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on December 15, 2022 at 3:30 pm in person, via Zoom, and livestreamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair (via Zoom); Andrew Hollister, Citizen member; Orlando Rivera, Citizen member; Robert Barley, Citizen member (via Zoom); George Hebert, Co. Legislator (via Zoom); Rachel Barnhart, Co. Legislator; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety; Robert Franklin, CFO, Finance; Mike Garland, Dir. of Environ. Svcs.

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff); Josette Mangieri, Finance; Kristina Daugherty, Pub. Safety; Sean Murphy, DES

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Director; Rochelle Bell, Board Secretary; Kim Hudson, Asst. to the Board Secretary; Lyrica Yanaway, Intern

Others Present: Steve Schalabba, MC Fire Bureau

*Prior to the start of the meeting, Ms. Hudson brought to the attention of the Board, an additional action item ("C") that was added for today's meeting after the meeting packets had been sent out. A revised Notice & Agenda was distributed, along with the relevant letter from the County Executive.

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes; Mr. Hollister seconded the motion; the minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: Chairman Santos brought to the attention of the Board, the *2023 County Planning Board Meeting Schedule* which was included in the meeting packet that was sent out to Board members and alternates.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "MCRC & RRF Ancillary Facilities Improvements" in the amount of \$905,000**

Mr. Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering and Facilities Management for DES, was present to speak to the Board on the above project and provided a PowerPoint presentation which included an overview of the operations at the facilities. Mr. Murphy stated that there are two main facilities at the intersection of

Lee Rd and Emerson, MCRC, which is the Monroe County Recycling Center and RRF which is the Resource Recovery Facility.

Initial solid waste that comes through the transfer station is about 880 tons per day. Scales need to be replaced inside the transfer station building. These are critical for generating revenue and must be accurate. The loading docks receive about 170 tons per day of recycling material. There are six (6) loading docks, however, three (3) currently do not operate. The scales, which are almost twenty years old, get heavy use every day and are at the end of their useful life. The approach apron, which is concrete, is also in bad shape, with concrete crumbling and falling, along with structural steel degradation, all resulting in complex problems, and impacting the scales which are at the end of their useful life. The issues here present a significant safety hazard.

Another part of the project is the outside docks at the MCRC which are original to the building. The docks had rubber bumpers, but over time they have broken down and fallen off, and are now gone. There are also concrete degradation issues here.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "MCRC & RRF Ancillary Facilities Improvements" in the amount of \$905,000. Mr. Tantalo seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mr. Mike Garland, Director of DES, spent a few minutes speaking to the Board about recycling and the new Alexa app for recycling. Mike also gave out magnets and "cheat cards" that illustrate some basic items that can and cannot be recycled. He stated that with the holidays upon us and the generating of more waste and recycling, it's important to recycle right. Incorrect items put in recycling causes issues for the recycling facility, such as contamination in a valuable bale of material (plastic, cardboard, other paper, etc....) which can result in a loss in value, and therefore, a loss in revenue for the County. Mr. Garland shared with the Board that DES has two great videos online: a recycling video and an Eco Park video, both about how to recycle right.

b) Recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program to advance the Hazardous Material Fire Truck Replacement project from 2024 to 2023 and amend the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding by \$1,300,000 for the Hazardous Material Fire Truck Replacement from \$0 to \$1,300,000, making the total project authorization \$1,300,000

Mr. Steve Schlabba, County Fire Coordinator with the Fire Bureau, spoke to the Board regarding the above project and provided a presentation. Mr. Schlabba stated that a number of years ago, the Bureau put in a request for a replacement truck for 2024 delivery. Currently, build time is about 2 years out, and given supply chain issues and price increases in today's economy, the Fire Bureau would like to go out to bid as soon in 2023 as possible, possibly saving the County money and having the truck by 2024. The County Haz Mat team and this truck supports all thirty-three (33) fire departments in the County, and if there is a significant incident in a neighboring county, they can provide support if requested. Additionally, Monroe County has a number of vulnerabilities which also makes this an important asset to maintain.

There were several questions asked by Board members. The following captures the responses to those questions. The Haz Mat Fire Truck runs out of the N. Greece Fire Station on Latta Road. It will be custom built, cost approximately \$1.3 M, and is typically on a 20 year replacement schedule; the current truck is 22 years old. It does not qualify for State Shared Services funding according to Mr. Franklin. It also is not eligible for ARPA funds. There are no other Haz Mat teams in the County. The ones that used to exist (ie Xerox, Kodak, Delfi,) have diminished or no longer exist.

Mr. Garland made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program to advance the Hazardous Material Fire Truck Replacement project from 2024 to 2023 and amend the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding by \$1,300,000 for the Hazardous Material Fire Truck Replacement from \$0 to \$1,300,000, making the total project authorization \$1,300,000. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion, which was approved.

- c) Recommend an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding by \$245,000 for the Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District – Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sandbar WWPS project from \$250,000 to \$495,000, making the total project authorization \$495,000**

Mr. Mike Garland, Director of DES, stated that this is a project that was previously before the Board but there has been an increase in cost of materials and construction just as they have seen with other projects. Mr. Garland also stated that he believes the initial estimate of many, if not all REDI projects, were significantly under estimated due to the urgent need of moving these projects forward to address issues from lake flooding. Mr. Garland reported that the County has combined this project with a Town of Webster sandbar project. This cooperative effort is being led by the town. The County portion for this project is greater than originally estimated, resulting in the need for an increase in funding. This request today is based on the actual bid.

Legislator Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to increase funding by \$245,000 for the Increase and Improvement of Facilities in the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District – Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) – Sandbar WWPS project from \$250,000 to \$495,000, making the total project authorization \$495,000. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, which passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: January 26 2023 at 3:30 pm.

Mr. Barley informed the Board that he would not be able to attend because he will be out of the County.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Franklin made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hollister seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

RB/kmh