

**APPROVED**

**AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2015**

Board Members Present: Chairman Neil Angell, Vincent Bono, James D’Onofrio, James Franco, Barbara Freeman, Nancy Novak and Jim Williams

Absent: Vice Chairman Ken Long, Treasurer Harry Hertline and Robert Roberts

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

Others Present: Kevin Martin, Esq.

Chairman Angell called the June 15, 2015 Authority Board meeting to order at 4:33 PM, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Ms. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Williams and passed to approve the May 18, 2015 Authority Minutes.

There were no speakers for public comment period.

Comptroller Pat Donovan provided an overview of the City of Utica Solid Waste Agreed Upon Procedures Report which highlights the amount of revenue collected through user fees and the sale of City blue bags; and expenses associated with the Utica Fund for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, performed by SAXBST. Total revenues for the 12-month period were \$3,554,396, in comparison to \$3,430,213 for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Expenses were \$3,616,903, in comparison to \$3,483,232 during the same period. The overall deficit for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 was \$62,507, compared to \$53,019 for the prior year. Mr. Donovan said that the City of Utica fund has sufficient cash within its fund to pay expenses. The Authority believes that the City of Utica can maintain its current fee structure for user fees and the price of the blue bags through the period ending March 31, 2017.

Ms. Freeman asked how Feher Rubbish Removal is performing with the collection of solid waste and recyclables within the City of Utica.

Executive Director Bill Rabbia said that the Authority continues to communicate with Feher on a regular basis. He said that the Authority has assessed some penalties to Feher over the years and that there have been some schedule issues, but overall Feher has been performing satisfactorily.

Mr. Donovan said that Resolution No. 10 would authorize budget transfers needed for unanticipated expenses to cover costs for temporary labor at the Recycling Center.

Resolution No. 10 was introduced by Mr. D’Onofrio, seconded by Mr. Bono and passed approving 2015 budget transfers.

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Mr. Rabbia stated that Resolution No. 11 calls upon state-elected officials to amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling & Reuse Act (the "Act") by making improvements and alleviating some of the financial burdens associated with the current Act. He said that this Authority has been accepting E-waste for over 15 years and has seen changes in the value/market for E-waste as well as increasing volumes. The Act included landfill bans for commercial E-waste in 2012, and residential E-waste in January 2015. Mr. Rabbia said that the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but that the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments/planning units are now faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for CRTs. Mr. Rabbia said that the Authority has been actively involved with the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management, New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling and the Solid Waste Association of North America and has been participating in meetings with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Product Stewardship Council to develop potential improvements in the Act. If adopted, the resolution (and a solution platform that lays out proposed improvements to the Act) would be sent to the Governor and elected officials, urging amendments be made to the Act to alleviate the immediate financial pressures.

Resolution No. 11 was introduced by Ms. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Franco and passed urging state representatives to amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act.

Solid Waste Engineer Andrew Opperman provided an update on the MRF [Recycling Center] warehouse construction and the Eastern Transfer Station improvements. Mr. Opperman said that the contractor, Beebe Construction, completed pile testing; the old scale at the Eastern Transfer Station was removed and concrete poured; excavation and placement of the stormwater structure outside the building has been completed; and the stormwater drain will soon be installed. The foundation wall concrete placement will be completed on June 17<sup>th</sup> and Beebe will begin taking down the concrete forms, excavating, placing tension beams and backfilling beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Opperman said that the building frame has been ordered and should be delivered mid-July. The completion date built into the contract is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Rabbia said that he has met with Village of Boonville Mayor Leffingwell, Trustee Satterly and the Department of Transportation to discuss transportation improvements at the Route 46/Route 294 intersection in the Village. Mr. Rabbia said that the Village of Boonville will be drafting a resolution conveying that the Village is no longer interested in pursuing a bypass, however, the Village is interested in other improvements. Mr. Rabbia said that he will be working with the Finance Committee related to negotiations with the Village regarding projects in lieu of the bypass, including the Dodge-Pratt/Erwin Library project.

Mr. Rabbia said that the Village of Herkimer has inquired about the Authority's regional demolition assistance program related to a condemned commercial building (formerly Glory Days) in the Village. Mr. Rabbia said that the Authority may be able to provide assistance if the material is abated. The Village has hired a contractor to demolish the building and is soliciting financial assistance on the demolition and disposal. Mr. Rabbia will keep the Board updated.

At 5:21 PM a motion was made by Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Williams and passed to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and real property purchase.

At 5:23 PM a motion was made by Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Franco and passed to come out of executive session.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi M. Tuttle

Authority Secretary