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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Elected Officials, Investors, Contractors, and Interested Individuals

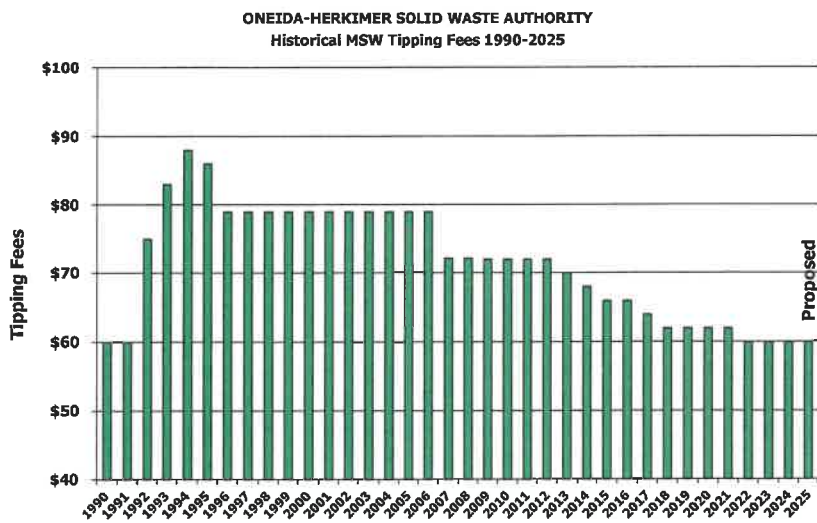
**FROM:** Joshua J. Olbrys, Executive Director *JO*

**DATE:** October 28, 2024

**RE:** Proposed 2025 Budget

I am pleased to submit the attached proposed 2025 budget for the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9.2 of the Authority Bylaws and the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005. Highlights of the Authority’s proposed budget and rates for 2025 include:

- The Authority will maintain tipping fees for municipal solid waste (MSW), sludge, and local solid waste (LSW). Bagged compost will increase from \$2.00/ bag to \$3.00/ bag. All other rates will remain the same.
- The Authority will maintain the rate for source separated organics (SSO) [food waste] of \$40 per ton. The Authority’s SSO processing facility became operational in the second quarter of 2019 and will process SSO to be diverted from the landfill and converted to electricity.
- In 2025, the Authority will continue to offer two reduced tip fee programs to assist Oneida-Herkimer Counties and its municipalities. The first program provides reduced tip fees for disposal of debris following a disaster, such as a flood (\$42.00 per ton). The second program provides for reduced tipping fees to assist Industrial Development Agencies and Developers related to Brownfield clean-up and Industrial Development Projects (\$42.00 per ton). Both programs require an application and Board approval.



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### **REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2025 projected tonnage estimates based upon 8-month actual tonnage in 2024 and a review of historical data.
- Sale of recyclables revenues forecasted with 8-month data from 2024, historical review and market projections for 2025.
- The out of county recyclables processing revenue has slightly increased with the projected annual tonnage from Oswego, Lewis and Fulton Counties. Projected revenue is \$933,000.
- The Authority projects six months of landfill gas revenue in anticipation of construction of the renewable natural gas operation coming online in 2026.
- Carbon credit revenue is budgeted through September 2025. Projected revenue is \$600,000.
- The Authority will continue to waive the permit fee for the haulers/businesses and municipalities for 2025.

### **EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Health insurance expense budgeted at 12.5% increase over 2024 premiums.
- Budget reflects \$465,000 of contracted direct payments made to the Town of Ava and the Town and Villages of Boonville, consistent with our Host Community Agreements.
- Fuel expense was budgeted at \$4.50 per gallon as the result of industry forecasts.
- Capital projects funded through tipping fees will be \$190,000 for 2025.
- Public education expenses are projected to be \$85,000.
- Workers' compensation budget is based upon 5-year average of the Authority's actual claims.
- The annual contributions to the NYS Retirement System will stay consistent with 2024 costs as rates have remained relatively the same.

### **MUNICIPAL BUDGETS**

- The Authority manages the waste and recyclables collection systems for the City of Utica and the Village of Ilion, Frankfort, Mohawk, Herkimer and Dolgeville. The Authority currently maintains a separate accounting system for each municipality.

A public hearing and an overview of the proposed 2025 budget will be held preceding the November 18, 2024 Board meeting at 4:30 PM. A vote on the proposed 2025 budget is anticipated at the December 16, 2024 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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**The**  
**Authority**<sup>TM</sup>  
ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

**2025**

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

2025 PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE WASTE CLASS	CONTRACT PERMITTED HAULER RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM	NON-CONTRACT PERMITTED HAULER RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM	RESIDENT RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) (Non-Recyclable Waste)	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$60.00
Local Solid Waste (LSW) (Non-Recyclable Waste)	\$50.00	N/A	N/A
Sludge	\$60.00	\$115.00	N/A
Source Separated Organics (SSO) *	\$40.00	\$115.00	N/A
Construction & Demolition (C&D)	\$58.00	\$115.00	\$58.00
C&D Trucking & Disposal Roll-Off	\$73.00	N/A	N/A
C&D Trucking & Disposal Trailer	\$58.00	N/A	N/A
C&D - Trailer Direct Haul	\$50.00	N/A	N/A
SSO Mixed with 25% MSW/ 25% Recyclables *	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Waste Mixed with 25% Recyclables	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Recyclables Mixed with Unacceptable Material	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Select C&D (Clean Fill Only i.e., asphalt, concrete, brick and stone)	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00
Clean Wood Pallets	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Direct Haul Special Waste	\$55.00	\$87.00	N/A
Direct Haul Asbestos (1 ton minimum up to 4,000 tons)	\$80.00	\$159.00	N/A
Direct Haul Bulk Asbestos (> 4,000 tons per year to 8,000 tons per year)	\$70.00	\$159.00	N/A
Direct Haul Bulk Asbestos (> 8,000 tons per year)	\$60.00	\$159.00	N/A
ADC/Contaminated Soil – Regional Landfill Cover	\$15-\$30	N/A	N/A
Single Stream Recyclables (Oneida & Herkimer County)	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$0.00
Out of Region Single Stream Recyclables (Prior Authorization Needed)	TBD	N/A	N/A
Green Waste/Wood Chip Disposal	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$5.00 Flat Fee P/U Truck
Green Waste/Wood Chip Disposal - Minimum Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Bagged Compost Out	N/A	N/A	\$3.00 Per Bag
Bulk Compost Out - Large P/U Truck (3 buckets) (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$20.00 Flat Fee
Bulk Compost Out - Small P/U Truck (up to 2 buckets) (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Bulk Compost Out - Less than 100 yd. (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$15.00 Per Yard
Bulk Compost Out - Greater than 100 yd. (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$12.00 Per Yard - By Appointment Only
Bulk Compost Out - Greater than 500 yards per year (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$10.00 Per Yard
Stumps, Root Balls & Oversized Limbs	\$15.00	\$18.50	N/A
Tires up to 20" (Per Tire)	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$2.50
Tires Bulk	\$190.00	\$235.00	\$190.00
Tires on a Rim Add for Each	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Household White Goods (i.e. Washers) Per Item	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Household Items w/CFCs (i.e. Freezers) Per Item	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
35-Gallon Bag of MSW/SSO	N/A	N/A	\$2.00
One Bulk Item (i.e. Chair/Sofa/Table)	N/A	N/A	\$5.00
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 0 to 250 lbs.	\$7.50 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$7.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 251 to 500 lbs.	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 501 to 750 lbs.	\$22.50 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$22.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$30.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$30.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 0 to 250 lbs.	\$6.25 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 251 to 500 lbs.	\$12.50 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 501 to 750 lbs.	\$18.75 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$25.00 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 0 to 250 lbs.	\$7.25 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$7.25 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 251 to 500 lbs.	\$14.50 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$14.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 501 to 750 lbs.	\$21.75 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$21.75 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$29.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$29.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 0 to 250 lbs. *	\$5.00 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$5.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 251 to 500 lbs. *	\$10.00 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$10.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 501 to 750 lbs. *	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 751 to 1,000 lbs. *	\$20.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$20.00 Flat Fee
Penalty for Untarped Loads	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Manually Removing Frozen Loads	\$0.00	\$25.00	N/A
Vehicle Weight Fee	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Natural Disaster Debris Tipping Fee- Must be approved through Application	\$42.00	N/A	N/A
Brownfield Clean-Up/ IDA Project Tipping Fee- Must be approved through Application !	\$42.00	N/A	N/A
MSW = Municipal Solid Waste (Non-Recyclable Waste)			
LSW = Local Solid Waste (Non-Recyclable Waste)			
ADC = Alternate Daily Cover			
C&D = Construction & Demolition Debris			
SSO= Source Separated Organics			
T&D = Trucking & Disposal			
* Rates will be Applicable upon commencement of operation of SSO Processing Facility			
! Annual Limit of 5,000 tons on a First Come First Serve Basis			
N/A = Non-Applicable			
TBD = To Be Determined			

**2025 PROJECTED TONNAGE**

Waste Class	2022 Actual Tons	2023 Actual Tons	2024 Projected Tons	2024 Adopted Rates	2024 Budgeted Revenue	2024 Actual Tons 6 months	2024 Revenue 6 Mo.	2025 Projected Tons	2025 Proposed Rates	2025 Budgeted Revenue
MSW	165,616	169,007	159,000	\$60.00	\$9,540,000	85,011	\$5,001,396	163,500	\$60.00	\$9,810,000
C&D	49,696	53,006	49,500	\$58.00	\$2,871,000	22,475	\$1,482,060	49,500	\$58.00	\$2,871,000
C&D/T&D Trailer	205	1,234	1,000	\$58.00	\$58,000	1,539	\$61,427	1,000	\$58.00	\$58,000
C&D/ Trailer Direct	12,462	7,111	1,000	\$50.00	\$50,000	2,127	\$184,398	1,000	\$50.00	\$50,000
C&D/T&D Roll-off	0	111	100	\$73.00	\$7,300	0	\$8,112	100	\$73.00	\$7,300
Direct Haul Special	6,172	5,258	3,000	\$55.00	\$165,000	1,673	\$143,953	3,200	\$55.00	\$176,000
Local Waste	7,834	7,756	7,000	\$50.00	\$350,000	3,665	\$171,156	7,000	\$50.00	\$350,000
Sludge	21,445	22,492	24,000	\$60.00	\$1,440,000	12,018	\$681,321	24,000	\$60.00	\$1,440,000
Asbestos	38,244	9,621	5,500	\$80.00	\$440,000	4,582	\$368,721	6,500	\$80.00	\$520,000
Source Separated Organics Processing	4,575	5,652	4,500	\$40.00	\$180,000	3,243	\$101,199	5,500	\$40.00	\$220,000
ADC/Cover****	95,957	44,703	45,000	\$15 - \$30	\$1,125,000	11,800	\$200,325	40,000	\$15 - \$30	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402,206</b>	<b>325,951</b>	<b>299,600</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>\$16,226,300</b>	<b>148,133</b>	<b>\$8,404,068</b>	<b>301,300</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>\$16,502,300</b>

\*\*\*\* Revenue is estimated at \$25 per ton for 2023 and 2024

**PROPOSED 2025 AUTHORITY REVENUES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
System Tipping Fee (STF)	\$18,295,207	\$8,591,647	\$16,226,300	\$16,502,300
Sale of Recyclables	\$1,758,876	\$1,191,533	\$1,800,000	\$2,400,000
Recyclable Processing Fees	\$885,975	\$455,273	\$892,000	\$933,000
Compost Tipping Fees	\$166,762	\$69,832	\$160,000	\$165,000
Interest Earnings	\$1,673,769	\$916,078	\$1,378,000	\$1,645,000
Recycling Fees-Tires	\$298,475	\$132,601	\$280,000	\$280,000
Department Transfers	\$86,000	\$43,000	\$86,000	\$86,000
NYS Grants	\$389,686	\$50,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
CESQG Fees	\$20,090	\$10,579	\$31,000	\$21,000
Sale of Equipment	\$227,881	\$198,045	\$316,000	\$328,000
Discounts	(\$8,113)	(\$3,560)	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Penalties	\$8,470	\$1,129	\$17,700	\$8,700
Recovery of Bad Debt	\$173	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sale of Compost/Grinding	\$99,747	\$208,303	\$105,000	\$110,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$105,371	\$72,806	\$103,000	\$111,000
Landfill Gas Revenues	\$335,040	\$160,515	\$160,000	\$160,000
Sale of Carbon Credits	\$821,349	\$438,394	\$800,000	\$600,000
Electronics Recycling	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solar Array Net Meter Credits	\$182,056	\$87,637	\$165,000	\$170,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,346,814</b>	<b>\$12,623,812</b>	<b>\$22,700,000</b>	<b>\$23,700,000</b>

**PROPOSED 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
Toter Revenue	\$1,094,425	\$563,062	\$1,094,212	\$1,162,345
Sale of Bags	\$2,673,719	\$1,322,045	\$2,789,858	\$2,756,705
User Fees	\$2,548,831	\$1,362,781	\$2,645,000	\$2,610,400
Interest Earnings	\$5,981	\$4,299	\$9,150	\$8,650
Penalties	\$58,829	\$55,256	\$60,000	\$60,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$68,776	\$1,827	\$1,780	\$1,900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,450,561</b>	<b>\$3,309,270</b>	<b>\$6,600,000</b>	<b>\$6,600,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$31,797,375</b>	<b>15,933,082</b>	<b>\$29,300,000</b>	<b>\$30,300,000</b>



**PROPOSED 2025 AUTHORITY EXPENSES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
Salaries & Wages	\$4,366,821	\$2,040,868	\$4,505,000	\$4,864,135
Overtime/Shift Differential	\$612,017	\$335,075	\$584,250	\$648,250
Other Fees & Services	\$947,017	\$496,557	\$1,018,646	\$1,052,300
Temporary Labor	\$313,359	\$216,491	\$213,000	\$213,000
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$35,568	\$15,586	\$27,200	\$27,700
Insurance	\$272,474	\$147,460	\$329,150	\$355,915
Rent/Lease of Equipment	\$28,583	\$9,479	\$18,800	\$141,800
Utilities	\$255,295	\$158,540	\$307,400	\$332,500
Telephone	\$43,191	\$21,764	\$50,700	\$49,700
Postage/Shipping	\$6,305	\$340	\$10,800	\$8,800
Training	\$19,942	\$9,160	\$14,800	\$15,800
Public Information	\$85,980	\$49,371	\$75,000	\$85,000
Uniforms & Safety	\$54,257	\$38,578	\$73,500	\$72,400
Auto Supplies/Repairs	\$371,857	\$159,526	\$375,750	\$390,750
Travel	\$7,358	\$4,383	\$8,000	\$15,800
Gas & Oil	\$1,143,034	\$531,465	\$1,469,100	\$1,740,800
Other Equipment	\$290,354	\$138,309	\$216,500	\$239,500
Materials & Supplies	\$495,047	\$174,807	\$527,400	\$528,500
Maintenance Service Contracts	\$230,127	\$128,597	\$268,000	\$278,500
Transportation	\$2,508,596	\$1,181,022	\$2,499,000	\$2,621,750
Disposal Fees	\$1,089,555	\$617,123	\$1,113,500	\$1,157,500
Host Community Fee	\$738,416	\$367,248	\$747,000	\$749,000
Other Expenses	\$425,604	\$97,103	\$207,500	\$217,000
Retirement	\$1,066,949	\$276,722	\$553,445	\$579,154
Social Security	\$357,666	\$173,771	\$389,329	\$421,698
Workers Compensation	\$214,584	\$128,549	\$257,098	\$258,054
Unemployment	\$1,264	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance	\$1,162,931	\$557,758	\$1,511,764	\$1,472,333
GASB 75 Contribution	(\$72,041)	(\$204,351)	\$195,500	\$195,500
Debt Service	\$140,062	\$53,517	\$1,888,585	\$1,934,215
Capital Projects	\$2,143,112	\$381,117	\$219,000	\$190,000
Depreciation	\$6,054,744	\$3,691,489	\$0	\$0
Transfers to Other Departments	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Trustee Fees	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,375
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$612,034	\$429,270
Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,423,276</b>	<b>\$12,003,425</b>	<b>\$22,700,000</b>	<b>\$23,700,000</b>

**PROPOSED 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
Salaries & Wages	\$206,575	\$93,431	\$198,216	\$195,197
Overtime/Shift Differential	\$17,095	\$10,817	\$21,000	\$21,000
Other Fees & Services	\$458,534	199,549	\$508,500	\$510,380
Temporary Labor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$335	\$6	\$1,100	\$1,100
Insurance	\$9,590	\$4,754	\$10,000	\$10,000
Rent/Lease of Equipment	\$68,164	\$35,602	\$72,550	\$73,400
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$0	\$621	\$0	\$2,000
Postage/Shipping	\$25,654	\$79,476	\$25,300	\$28,300
Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Information	\$2,971	\$3,135	\$3,000	\$3,000
Uniforms & Safety	\$1,350	\$1,345	\$2,000	\$2,000
Auto Supplies/Repairs	\$1,902	\$759	\$2,600	\$2,600
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gas & Oil	\$6,112	\$3,071	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$77	\$0	\$500	\$500
Maintenance Service Contracts	\$1,537	\$814	\$2,000	\$2,000
Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disposal Fees	\$1,512,256	\$682,949	\$1,563,750	\$1,577,300
Collection Fees	\$3,451,460	\$1,792,903	\$3,617,590	\$3,648,160
Other Expenses	\$32,453	\$18,329	\$35,000	\$35,000
Retirement	\$48,664	\$13,017	\$26,035	\$25,147
Social Security	\$15,884	\$7,140	\$16,770	\$16,539
Workers Compensation	\$9,296	\$5,656	\$11,312	\$10,356
Health Insurance	\$53,215	\$40,436	\$59,922	\$87,545
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects		\$0	\$55,000	\$0
Depreciation	\$14,252	\$10,318	\$0	\$0
GASB 75	(\$20,376)	(\$2,065)	\$29,500	\$29,500
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$33,344	\$11,116
Transfers to Other Departments	\$46,000	\$23,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
Bad Debt	\$244,605	\$127,127	\$252,010	\$254,860
Refund of Prior Years Surplus	\$42,105	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,249,709</b>	<b>\$3,152,190</b>	<b>\$6,600,000</b>	<b>\$6,600,000</b>