

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee meeting)
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Chelsea Villalba, Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Gina Hansut and Eric Stewart
ABSENT: Legislators Phil Erner (on phone) and Joseph Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Senior Legislative Employee Fawn Tantillo; Deputy Executive Mark Rider; Director Nick Hvozda – Department of Environment; Director Dennis Doyle, Deputy Director Amanda LaValle – Department of Planning; David Gordon, Esq. – Legislative Counsel; Ashlee Long – UC Recovery and Resilience; Dave Haldeman – Environmental Management Council, Executive Director Greg Ollivier and Director of Finance and Administration Timothy DeGraff – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting of the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee**

Motion By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut, and Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Chair Greene introduced Greg Ollivier, the new Executive Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to the Committee.

Mr. Ollivier shared his background, including 30 years of experience in the California waste industry and a pre-law education.

Tim DeGraff, Director of Finance and Administration submitted and explained the UCRRA budget to the Committee. He clarified that the budget will be formally approved on October 27th, after a public hearing.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 497 — Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Increasing Funding For Capital Project No. 642 – ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements And Job Training Project – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 642, ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements and Job Training Project in the amount of \$400,000 for environmental services.

Motion No. 3: **Motion Resolution No. 497 for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Chair Greene shared the Ulster County Housing Smart Energy Retrofit Program presentation with the Committee and explained that the County may be in line for future funding because of the energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reductions, and study/pilot nature of this resolution. Legislator Stewart voiced his support for this resolution and the concerns it addresses.

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 497 to correct the name of ‘Communities for Local Power’**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment ADOPTED**

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Chair Greene briefly discussed information for a proposed climate emergency resolution with the Committee.

Deputy Executive Mark Rider suggested that the New Green Deal Action Plan be integrated into this resolution.

The Committee discussed the financial savings and health and environmental benefits of waste diversion

Director Hvozda mentioned that this process aligns well with the Community Climate Action Planning Process that was proposed by the Department of the Environment.

Legislator Erner discussed the importance of comprehensive outreach to low-income community members regarding climate action planning.

Director Hvozda stated that the Department has grant funding from the Department of the Environment for the climate action planning process and a public outreach stakeholder process. The process will take approximately 12 to 15 months.

Legislative Counsel Dave Gordon gave a SEQRA training presentation with the Committee.

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Hansut
No. of Votes in Favor:	3
No. of Votes Against:	0

TIME: 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Villalba

Approved: November 3, 2022

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

KEY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - 2023

REVENUE

- Tipping fee increase of \$5/ton to \$110/ton; first increase since 2020; Transportation and Disposal costs have increased almost \$7/ton since 2020; Comparative tipping fees from surrounding Counties:
 - Orange County - \$121.25/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Sullivan County - \$110.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Greene County - \$115.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Columbia County - \$140.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
- Tonnage estimates are based on a 4-year average; includes 2022 estimate; approximately a 5% increase over 2021 budgeted tonnages
- Compost revenues are based on tonnage estimates over the previous 3-4 years (brush, food waste, compost sales) with no proposed increase in rates and now includes bagged compost sales
- Increase in Sale of recyclables is expected based on current year actuals (note-markets have since declined)

EXPENDITURES

- Salaries/Wages increase due to raises and staffing increase
- Administration expenses more accurately reflect most recent actuals
- Transportation costs include contractual increases of \$0.90/ton for MBI and \$1.17/ton for GottaDo
- Solid waste disposal costs include a contractual increase of \$1.33/ton
- Glass disposal costs expected
- Sludge costs decrease related to volume decrease netted with contractual increase of \$1.50/ton

OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN

Agency did not need to transfer in from our Contingency accounts or Operating Reserve in 2022 due to increased volume, so those budgeted transfers are being moved to 2023.

	2021 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 105/ton)	2022 APPROVED BUDGET (@ 105/ton)	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET (@ 110/ton)
MSW/C&D TONS	133,000	137,500	145,000
SEWAGE SLUDGE TONS	3,600	3,200	3,150
TOTAL TONS	136,600	140,700	148,150

REVENUES

Tipping Fees	\$ 14,343,000	\$14,773,500	\$16,296,500
Compost Tipping Fees	\$ 300,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 196,000
Miscellaneous Leachate/MSW Hauling	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
Town Box Rental	\$ 38,808	\$ 36,036	\$ 36,036
Town Pull Charge	\$ 248,976	\$ 268,661	\$ 247,000
Fuel Surcharge	\$ 573,720	\$ 748,675	\$ 1,525,926
Recycling Service/Tipping Fees	\$ 184,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Sales of Recyclables	\$ 326,000	\$ 663,000	\$ 793,708
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 229,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 158,000
Grants	\$ 167,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 320,000
Net Service Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,420,504	\$17,201,872	\$19,785,170

EXPENDITURES

Agency Personnel Expense

Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,861,291	\$ 2,090,491	\$ 2,284,917
Overtime Wages	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
Longevity Bonus Payments	\$ 29,200	\$ 21,100	\$ 18,700
Benefits - Taxes	\$ 157,287	\$ 163,311	\$ 200,632
Benefits - Pension	\$ 255,000	\$ 279,350	\$ 226,337
Benefits - Health Insurance	\$ 739,847	\$ 730,178	\$ 772,614
Total Agency Personnel Expense	\$ 3,242,625	\$ 3,484,430	\$ 3,803,200

Administration Expense

General Administration	\$ 189,000	\$ 162,000	\$ 203,000
Insurance	\$ 272,317	\$ 303,557	\$ 339,476
Contract Services	\$ 141,417	\$ 144,917	\$ 166,472
Total Administration Expense	\$ 602,734	\$ 610,474	\$ 708,948

Recycling Ed./Composting Ops.

Recycling Education/Advertising/Supplies/FSR Grant	\$ 54,300	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Operational Costs/R&M	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
Total Composting Ops	\$ 129,300	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000

Facilities O&M Expense

MRF (Recycling) Operations	\$ 96,500	\$ 95,000	\$ 112,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$ 137,300	\$ 147,300	\$ 162,800
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$ 82,000	\$ 83,500	\$ 95,000
HHW Cleanup Day	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Transportation System	\$ 65,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 95,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 192,500
MSW Private Hauling Contracts	\$ 4,895,569	\$ 5,197,600	\$ 5,581,420
Fuel Replenishment Program	\$ 699,122	\$ 818,985	\$ 1,600,184
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$ 3,357,664	\$ 3,645,647	\$ 4,003,872
Recycling Transport/Disposal Costs	\$ 84,000	-	\$ 37,500
Sewage Sludge Disposal & Transport	\$ 342,000	\$ 315,200	\$ 315,000
Other Disposal Costs	\$ 24,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 31,000
CLF Monitoring and Maintenance	\$ 197,000	\$ 179,285	\$ 206,285
HCB Payments and Taxes	\$ 246,917	\$ 264,451	\$ 341,460
Total Facilities O&M Expense	\$ 10,572,072	\$11,176,968	\$12,894,022

TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES \$ 14,546,731 \$15,371,872 \$17,496,170

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 1,873,773 \$ 1,830,000 \$ 2,289,000

DEBT SERVICE \$ 1,790,000 \$ 1,790,000 \$ 1,790,000

FUND BALANCE BEFORE CAPITAL OUTLAY/TRANSFERS \$ 83,773 \$ 40,000 \$ 499,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY \$ (230,000) \$ (660,000) \$ (1,119,000)

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN \$ - \$ 120,000 \$ 120,000

OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN \$ 146,227 \$ 500,000 \$ 500,000

FUND BALANCE \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0

UCRRA 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (2023-2027)

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	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2023	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025	BUDGET 2026	BUDGET 2027
GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIPMENT							
General Site/Operational Improvements	-	-	385,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-	385,000	-	-	-	-
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT							
Roll-Off Truck (not rec'd 2022)	-	185,000	247,000	-	-	-	-
Roll-Off Truck (to be ordered 2024)	-	-	-	260,000	-	-	-
Tractor (semi)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roll-Off Containers (15-40 YD)	160,760	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	160,760	185,000	247,000	260,000	-	-	-
HEAVY EQUIPMENT							
Grapple (CAT320)(to be rec'd 2022)	23,706	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hard Tires (CAT930H/Volvo L90H)	-	-	80,000	-	-	-	-
Excavator - Ulster	-	-	200,000	-	-	200,000	-
Excavator - New Palitz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refurbish CAT320 Excavator	156,760	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Waste Handler Loader - Ulster (to be rec'd 9/2022)	399,000	300,000	-	-	-	-	-
Waste Handler Loader - New Palitz (to be ordered 2023)	-	-	-	220,000	-	-	-
TOTAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT	579,466	400,000	280,000	220,000	200,000	200,000	-
REGIONAL TRANSFER STATIONS							
ULSTER TRANSFER STATION (UTS)							
No Capital Projects Currently Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ULSTER TRANSFER STATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW PALTZ TRANSFER STATION (NPTS)							
No Capital Projects Currently Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NEW PALTZ TRANSFER STATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REGIONAL TRANSFER STATIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UCRRA 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (2023-2027)

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	ACTUAL		BUDGET					
	2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS								
Utility Vehicle	-	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
Mini Excavator	87,000	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Black Top Facility	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	87,000	75,000	100,000	25,000	-	-	-	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY (VMF)								
No Capital Projects Currently Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL VMF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)								
Skid Steer Loader w/Attachments (to be rec'd 10/2022)	88,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Skid Steer Loader w/Attachments	-	-	107,000	107,000	-	-	-	
MRF Infeed Belt	-	-	-	-	200,000	-	-	
TOTAL MRF	88,000	-	107,000	107,000	200,000	-	-	
COMPOSTING FACILITY								
Grinder (new)	-	-	-	-	700,000	-	-	
Grinder engine repairs (Peterson)(Oct 2022)	140,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL COMPOSTING FACILITY	140,000	-	-	-	700,000	-	-	
LANDFILLS								
ULSTER LANDFILL								
No Capital Projects Currently Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ULSTER LANDFILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NEW PALTZ LANDFILL								
No Capital Projects Currently Planned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL NEW PALTZ LANDFILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL LANDFILLS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT COSTS	1,055,226	660,000	1,119,000	352,000	1,160,000	200,000	-	