

Chautauqua County Landfill Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026

Members Present: D. Pavlock, J. Penhollow, R. Williams, A. Gustafson, A. Ricotta

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting December 3, 2025 were not available.

A. Gustafson presented his report to the Commission on the current status and activities of the Landfill and Transfer Stations. See attached copy and additional information below.

-Financial

—Good results 2025, with diesel costs lower than projected and the one-time receipts of incinerated sludge from another landfill's project.

-Regulatory Compliance

—2025 submittals done on time

—reports due in March are on track

-Resolutions

—A resolution is under consideration for presentation to the County Legislature regarding a definition of waste acceptability related to solar panels, wind turbines and related obsoleted equipment. This is to address concerns related to “forever chemicals” including PFAS and heavy metals.

-Capital Projects

—ETS retaining wall goal is 2026

—For the leachate lagoon liner replacement, will coordinate with BPU to drain the lagoon

—Working on capital budget now

—need a replacement tanker for leachate. Exploring new and used equipment options.

Maintenance Operations

—CGE response has been slow on corrective actions for SEM issues, now elevated to weekly meetings.

Transfer Station Operations

—Commission recommends and supports getting quotes for cameras for all transfer stations. IT will be involved in the planning.

-Other

—Greg Gormley nominated for membership to this Commission to replace Jim V.

—Will canvass for a potential member from the Town of Ellery to replace a repeated absence member

The next meeting is [April 1](#), 2026, 6 p.m. at the Chautauqua County Landfill Office Building

Adjourned 7:50p.m.

Submitted by A. Ricotta



Date: February 4, 2026
To: Landfill Commission
From: Aaron Gustafson, Landfill Manager
Re: Division of Solid Waste Report-February Commission Meeting

Daniel Pavlock, John Penhollow, Christine Storer, Mark Schlemmer, Angela Ricotta, Alex Pickett

Financial Posture

- As of the end of 2025 we show a profit of \$2,100,955.68
 - o Interest & Earnings- Budget \$899,238.00 – Reported \$1,854,881.04 = \$955,643.04
 - o Expenses – Budget \$9,885,732.00 – Reported \$9,095,357.46 = \$790,374.54
 - Total = \$1,746,017.58
 - o Profit Minus Interest & Earnings and Expense savings = \$354,938.10
(Union Concrete Job = \$611,511.68)

- Waste tonnage is a bit high for this time of year. Last year we averaged 604tons per day. However, our monthly average this January is 742tons per day which is 138 tons per day more than last January.

Regulatory Compliance

- 2025-year end 360 report has been sent in to labella to put together for State submission.
- Title V 2025 Annual is done
- 2025 Capping certification is done
- Semi annual 2025 stormwater report is done
- We are working on the 2025 GHG report (Not due till March)
- TJ is working on Transfer station 360 reports (not due till March)
- Several of us took a required Erosion and Sediment training class (state required)

Resolutions

- Hopefully, we have our Household Hazardous Waste State rebate resolution coming (up to 50% of our costs for previous year). (They asked us about some of the information we sent a couple weeks ago (we usually have it by now))

Capital Projects Status

- ETS retaining wall - on going
 - Working with Finance and B&L to move this to the bidding phase.
 - o Cost estimate \$550,040

- Phase IV – on going
ALR investigation in Phase II stage 3 has been 50% completed. We will finish next summer because it appears there may be more holes to find.(our numbers are still up a bit).

- Equipment account-We have everything we planned for 2025
 - We have put our PO in for the Aljon Re-man
 - We are discussing weather we want to do an off-road haul truck or more trailers.

- We are waiting on our roll-off containers (one 30 and one 40 yd open top container. Along with two more of our hip top style recycling containers (4 total)).
- Gas well Maintenance account-on going- done for 2025
- Shop Upgrade (moving forward)
 - o Hope to go out to bid by early next year at the latest
 - o Have B&L revisiting the pole barn engineering proposal
- Leachate lagoon liner replacement – This is set to go. We have gone to bid for the cleaning portion (National Vacuum). We will use our liner contract to do the repair.

Maintenance Operations

-Recycling markets – maintaining a profit on them so far Plastic is a \$40 charge but we are sending mor than enough OCC and Paper to cover that.

-working on credit/debit card service implementation (between Kristen and Card company lawyers over the contract) Contract paperwork has been uploaded to new world.

CGE

- We are giving them more than enough gas
- Had a meeting to go over SEM issues, Wellfield adjustments, and their **new ground flare proposal.**
- Set tentative HHW dates for 2026 (June 27th Dunkirk and August 29 Falconer)
- Have tentatively agreed on a Leachate treatment contract with the BPU.

Transfer Station Operations

NCTS -Status quo (Having another overhead door replaced)

SCTS -status quo (new Supervisor seems to be doing ok)

WCTS - status quo

ETS -Status quo

Staffing

- Caleb Damcott has Taken the Sanitation Supervisor position
- Tom Froman has retired. His position was posted today (Should refill provisionally promotional)
- Back filling Caleb's vacancy with a Principal Engineering Aide position (should go provisionally promotional)

Miscellaneous Items

- Potential leachate treatment on the horizon – may be pushed back on agenda.
- BPU leachate line agreement
- Greg Gormley

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