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GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee

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Town of Caledonia

December 1, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dan Pangrazio, Felipe Oltramari, Catherine VanHorne, Michael Falk, Jerry Davis, Ed DeJanerio Jr., Sandy King, Jim Bragg

Others Present: Amanda Lee, Recycling Administrator

Mr. Pangrazio called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pangrazio asked for a motion to approve the September 22, 2023 minutes. **Mr. Falk moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2023, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- II. Treasurers Report:** Ms. Lee reviewed the billing summaries and tracking sheets for September and October 2023. **September:** The total for September was \$40,742. The large majority of the costs derive from the HHW invoice at \$32,980. The remainder expenses were standard office, salary, and fringe benefits. **October:** The total expenditures in October amounted to \$7,286. These were standard office, salary, and fringe benefits as well as some HHW bills as well as Electronics collection advertisements and invoicing. Mr. Falk inquired regarding the state grants; Ms. Lee explained she had received clarification emails in regards to applications for both HHW and MWRR the two weeks prior to the meeting. Ms. Lee also consulted with Orleans County and reported that they are also waiting for their reimbursements. **Mr. Davis moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. VanHorne and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays).
- III. Election of Officers:** Mr. Davis, Ms. King, and Ms. VanHorne are stepping down from the committee. Wyoming County planning should be replacing Mr. Davis and Ms. King. Mr. Davis' position as Vice Chairman needed to be filled. Mr. DeJanerio Jr. was selected to act as Vice Chairman in 2024. Thus GLOW Committee officers are Mr. Pangrazio as Chairman, Mr. DeJaneiro Jr. as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Oltramari as Secretary/Treasurer. **Mr. Falk moved to approve the Election of Officers, seconded by Mr. Bragg.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- IV. 2024 Meeting Schedule:** Ms. Lee presented the tentative 2024 meeting schedule to follow the same format as previous years: fourth Friday every two months. The schedule is set to be January meeting at Genesee County Building 2, March at the Town of Caledonia, June at the Wyoming County Planning and Development office, September at Genesee County Park, and November at the Town of Caledonia. **Mr. Davis moved to approve the 2024 meeting schedule, Mr. Oltramari seconded.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- V. 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection- Final Report:** Ms. Lee addressed the overall success of the event. The number of participants were down from Batavia in 2022. There were a total of 290 residents in attendance for 2023. 82 were Genesee County residents, 201 were Livingston County residents, and 107 were Wyoming County Residents. The paint collection held in June, had a discernable effect on the quantity of paint received as we received 14,000 fewer

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pounds of paint as compared to 2022. The survey results were largely positive with most residents giving us 4-5 out of 5. The largest complaint was wait times upwards of an hour at times, however most were still pleased with the availability of the program. Most residents noted they are content with one collection per year, however there were a handful requesting bi-annual or even monthly collections. The total cost of the event was \$40,389.96 of which \$19,468.98 is eligible for reimbursement through the DEC. Ms. VanHorne expressed concerns of the Livingston County location moving forward due to the ambulance as well as better traffic control outlines. Mr. Falk suggested that Livingston County pre-stage their ambulances for that day- Mr. Pangrazio requested Ms. Lee remind him as the next Livingston County approaches to assist with coordination. Mr. DeJanerio Jr. suggested the use of carts to more quickly unload cars as well as placing the roll-off for batteries and propane closer to the road for easier access. There was also discussion of lay outs to allow residents with one type of item to leave the line to assist with traffic flow.

VI. 2023 Electronics Collection: The electronics collection was a success. There were never any lines or backup throughout the day and we had a steady amount of residents come through. There were 368 residents: 28 from Genesee County, 224 from Livingston County, 116 from Wyoming County. Ms. Lee trialed a new system for surveys to reduce paper waste as well as increase vehicle turnover time. Surveys were sent via email where there were 91 responses. 97.8% of residents rated the collection a 5/5 and 2.2% rated it a 4/5. There was an overwhelmingly positive response with no true complaints. Ms. Lee alerted the committee that SunnKing is currently reviewing the numbers to determine if collections of this style is feasible for them moving forward as a result of the Electronics Recycling Law. Mr. Falk suggested we adjust the contract to include payment of labor fees to allow the electronics event to continue in coming years. Sunnking is also trying to set up with different businesses and municipalities to accept electronics waste. There was discussion of the difficulty this presents for permitting and monitoring reasons.

VII. Updates: 2023 Advertising Campaign- GLOW has spent \$15,107 on advertising this year, we have an additional \$1,297.81 that will be charged in November for the GLOW/ NY Recycles Ad leaving the total at \$16,404, \$596 short of the budget. Mr. Pangrazio discussed the continued increase costs of advertising. Ms. Lee suggested the use of social media. Ms. VanHorne agreed, posting within local government pages as well as in local groups. The idea is to be trialed minimally reducing the amount of ads printed in 2024 and increasing GLOW social media access. GLOW NY Recycles: One ad was ran in the local pennysavers- we received thirty-five (35) responses as opposed to the thirty-two (32) responses in 2022. Ms. Lee has requested numbers for new branded promo items. She alerted the committee that the items need to be made of recycled materials to be applicable under the MWR&R grant.

VIII. County Updates: Genesee- Ms. Lee alerted the committee that Cascades no longer services Genesee County and at the moment there was no recycler but she is working with the purchasing department to come up with a solution. **Wyoming:** Mr. Bragg mentioned an issue with composting leaves in Silver Lake. Residents continue to “dispose” of leaves in the lake which is ecologically bad. Mr. Pangrazio mentioned the village of Caledonia has the village collect the leaves and then mulches it. Ms. VanHorne suggested a leaf collection district. Mr. DeJaneiro Jr. suggested bailing it or a similar system to the yard waste center in Batavia. The city rents a grinder and turns it into mulch for the cities use. Mr. Falk suggested reaching out to different garden centers as a use of mulch. Ms. Lee agreed to schedule a meeting with Mr. Bragg to further discuss potential solutions. **Livingston-** Mr. Pangrazio noted there have been a lot of couches and furniture dumped on the roads despite the transfer station. He does not think it is local residents. They are experiencing this despite security cameras at the transfer station. Ms. King suggested a system similar to Wyoming county- they offer three large items per month and for tech-savvy residents, they can use an app to schedule a pick up. Mr. Falk stated that Casellas is in the final stages of closing the transfer station in Lima. It is unsure whether Morgan will be picking up the transfer station at this time.

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IX. Other Business: No other business at this time.

X. Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, January 27, 2024 at 10:00 am at Genesee County Building 2.

XI. Adjournment: **Mr. Falk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am seconded by Ms. VanHorne and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully Submitted,

Felipe Oltramari
Secretary/Treasurer