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GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee

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Genesee County Park, Interpretative Nature Center
11095 Bethany Center Rd. Bethany, NY 14054

September 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brooks Hawley, Felipe Oltramari, Catherine VanHorne, Michael Falk, Donald Wester, Jerry Davis

Others Present: Amanda Lee, Recycling Administrator

In the absence of Mr. Pangrazio, Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the June 2, 2023 minutes. **Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2023, seconded by Mr. Oltramari and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays)
- II. Treasurers Report:** Ms. Lee reviewed the billing summaries and tracking sheets for May, June, July, and August 2023. **May:** The total of the invoices paid for May was \$13,297.18. Most of the charges were normal personnel and office charges. The increase in invoices resulted from the advertising for the Recycling Administrator position and the paint collection. Additionally, there were charges for the consultant on the Solid Waste Management Plan. At the end of May, GLOW has expended \$57,460, 26.72% of the 2023 budget. **June:** The total of the invoices paid for June was \$16,862.93. The increase is largely due to Ms. Margaret Grayson training Ms. Amanda Lee in the role of Recycling Administrator. The other large expenses were for advertising for the composting campaign and standard office supplies. At the end of June, GLOW has expended \$74,278, 55.80% of the 2023 budget. **July:** The total of invoices paid for July was \$9,572.03. The payroll was high in July due to Ms. Grayson's retirement. At the end of July, GLOW has expended \$83,850, 56.37% of the 2023 budget. **August:** The total of invoices paid in August 2023 was \$8,613.94. The expenses covered the standard salary and fringe as well as advertising for the electronics collection. At the end of August, GLOW had expended \$92,464, 56.97% of the 2023 budget. **Mr. Falk moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Wester and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).
- III. Local Solid Waste Management Plan:** Ms. Lee informed the committee there were no additional comments made following the public hearing. **Mr. Brooks moved to approve the Local Solid Waste Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Wester and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).
- IV. Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement:** Ms. Lee reminded committee of previous meeting discussions to adjust the county payment to reflect the 2020 Census Bureau population data. The payment for each county has shifted as following: Genesee County increases by 1.3% for a total of \$26,151.52; Livingston County decreases by 1.4% for a total of \$27,694.96; Wyoming County increases by 0.26% for a total of \$18,153.52. **Mr. Falk moved to approve the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement, seconded by Mr. Wester and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).

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- V. Renewal of Lease with Genesee County:** Ms. Lee handed out the updated lease agreement. Ms. VanHorne stated that a 2% increase each year is a good deal. **Ms. VanHorne moved to approve the Lease, Mr. Falk seconded and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).
- VI. 2024 Work Program and Budget:** Ms. Lee presented the updated 2024 work program. As a result of Ms. Lee being new to the role, she maintained a similar program to 2023 with very little changes. Mr. Falk suggested that GLOW increase the fair budget by \$1000 to purchase a branded tent and update the display. Mr. Oltramari suggested that GLOW can use the Genesee County Planning tent, however it is difficult for one person to set up. **Mr. Brooks moved to increase the Office Supplies budget by \$1000, Mr. Falk seconded and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).
- VII. Paint Collection Final Report:** Ms. Lee presented the final numbers of the Paint Collection as follows: 64,713 pounds of paint was collected. 80 to 90 percent of the latex paint and paint cans will be recycled into new paint and cans. Based on the survey results, residents are eager to see programs like this continues. The only complaint was long wait times. GLOW acknowledges that this is the result of one resident bringing a trailer full of paint that took Green Sheen Paint 20 minutes to unload when the average time to unload is 30 seconds. Ms. Lee also mentioned Green Sheen has expressed interest in a continued partnership with GLOW and increasing access for GLOW region residents.
- VIII. Update- Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** Ms. Lee informed the committee that the collection was a perceived success. Ms. VanHorne recommended some changes for next year which included better traffic control and eradicating lunch after the event. Rather, set up snack and beverage tables for volunteers to have easy access throughout the event. Ms. Lee also mentioned she received the bill from EEI shortly before the meeting and did not yet have the data points sorted. Upon reading the survey cards, the main complaints from the collection were wait times.
- IX. 2023 Advertising Campaign GLOW/NY Recycles Ad:** Ms. Lee expressed that she has inquired about the cost of advertisement for the GLOW/NY Recycles as. The numbers are looking to be similar to that of the electronics collection advertisements, which is well within the 2023 budget. Mr. Falk suggested that we get Chico Bags, water bottle sling or a different promotional item that are branded with GLOW's information to better circulate our name and educational opportunities. Mr. Falk also suggested that GLOW get free samples to bring to present to the committee at the next meeting. Ms. Lee has agreed to bring options with pricing to the next GLOW meeting on December 1, 2023.
- X. 2023 GLOW/NY Recycles Program:** Ms. Lee informed the committee that there has been no involvement from schools for 3 years and prior to that responses have been minimal for years prior. Ms. Lee has alerted the committee that she plans on addressing this by introducing an improved program for 2023 with the hopes of increasing community involvement.
- XI. County Updates:** Livingston County- Casella has closed the Lima transfer station and there is a chance they will sell it to Morgan. All Casella trucks in Lima are based out of Batavia. Mr. Falk has reports of Casella stealing a dumpster and is in the process of working with the Sheriff to get the issue resolved. There is speculation that the town of Lima will be shifting to Morgan for its waste management due to the outrageous prices of Waste Management. Mr. Wester mentioned that Waste Management provides great services but agrees the costs are becoming outrageous and is working to ensure that Livonia does not go into the red due to Waste costs. Genesee County- Mr. Oltramari mentioned that the Casella transfer station works well for the residents and there have been few issues there. Wyoming County- No updates from Wyoming County.
- XII. Other Business:** No other business at this time.
- XIII. Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Town of Caledonia.
- XIV. Adjournment:** **Ms. VanHorne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 am seconded by Mr. Wester and carried.** (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully Submitted,

March 6, 2024
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Felipe Oltramari
Secretary/Treasurer