



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, April 11, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 302

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Susan Wilson	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member William McGovern	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Reed Cleland	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Mar 14, 2024 10:00 AM

PRESENTATION

1. Cooperative Extension South Central Dairy & Field Crops Team Presentation

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Resolution Urging the Enactment of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.4246-B/A.5322-B)

WHEREAS, in New York State, more than 18 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) is generated each year, or about five pounds per day for every person who lives in the state; AND

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the waste sector represent about 12 percent of statewide emissions; AND

WHEREAS, the most significant GHG emissions impact during the lifecycle of products and packaging result not from disposal but from the production of products and packaging that eventually become waste; AND

WHEREAS, in addition to the climate impacts of waste, the costs associated with its recycling and disposal impose a significant burden on local governments and taxpayers; AND

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Council's Final Scoping Plan recommends New York State enact legislation to create a product stewardship framework or target products with the greatest GHG impact, such as packaging, printed paper, carpets, tires, textiles, solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, appliances, and mattresses; AND

WHEREAS, S.4246-B (Harckham)/A.5322-B (Glick) would enact the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act to create an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for packaging materials; AND

WHEREAS, S.4246-B/A.5322-B would make producers legally and financially responsible for mitigating the environmental impacts of their packaging; AND

WHEREAS, this legislation would not only provide meaningful relief to local governments but also reduce GHG emissions from the production and disposal of consumer goods by incentivizing producers to reduce waste and design products that are more sustainable; AND

WHEREAS, S.4246-B/A.5322-B would also prohibit certain toxic and dangerous chemicals in packaging, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), ortho-phthalates, bisphenols, halogenated flame retardants, heavy metals such as lead, and other chemicals posing a threat to human health and safety and the environment; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature calls on the Senate and Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign S.4246-B (Harckham)/A.5322-B (Glick) during the 2024 Legislative Session; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature calls on the Governor and the Legislature to also enact an EPR program for paper products, which were excluded from the B-print of this legislation, in recognition of their significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and municipal recycling costs; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation Federal 5311 Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract Number C004074 2021 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA), 2022 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA), and 2022 Operating Assistance (ADTAP) – Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 244-22, which authorized the County of Cortland to submit a request for the consolidated grant funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant Federal Section 5311, Title 49 of the United States Code, for projects(s) to provide public mass transportation service for fixed route and demand responsive service throughout the County, with limited service in contiguous counties by Transdev, Cortland County's public transportation provider, and the purchase of capital equipment that would consist of a transportation facility, new buses or other equipment, that would be used by Cortland County's public transportation provider; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is requesting a resolution to indicate Cortland County's acceptance of the Mass Transportation Capital Agreement under Contract Number C004074 to include specific PIN Numbers:

PIN Number 3790.04.402	2021 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA)
PIN Number 3790.04.40A	2022 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA)
PIN Number 3790.04.402	2022 Operating Assistance (ADTAP)

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the total project cost is \$434,056; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and is hereby authorized to sign the New York State Department of Transportation Mass Capital Agreement Contract C004074 for specific PIN Numbers stated above.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Abolish Assistant Planner/Create GIS Planner - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the Planning Department will be better served by abolishing one (1) Assistant Planner position and creating one (1) GIS Planner position; AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture, Planning and Environmental Committee recommends the abolition and creation of these positions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Assistant Planner (Grade 16, CSEA, \$23.8479-30.1854/hr, competitive class, full time with benefits) be and hereby is abolished effective April 25, 2024 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of GIS Planner (Grade 19, CSEA, \$26.4962-33.5375/hr, competitive class, full time with benefits) be created with permission to fill effective April 26, 2024 at 12:01 am.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Report - April 2024
2. Activity Report - April 2024 - Planning Department
3. Soil & Water Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT