



Highway Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Reed Cleland	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Linda Jones	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Dominick Mantella	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Keith VanGorder	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Vice-Chair Ronald J. Van Dee	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Christopher Newell	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

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RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Adopting Safety Standards for Playgrounds Owned and Maintained by Cortland County

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children and families utilizing playgrounds owned and maintained by Cortland County is of the utmost importance; AND

WHEREAS, national safety standards for playgrounds, including those established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), provide critical guidelines to ensure the design, installation, inspection, and maintenance of playgrounds meet the highest safety benchmarks; AND

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cortland County to formally adopt these national safety standards, as may be amended in the future, to guide the development and oversight of playgrounds owned by Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, any playground installed, owned, and maintained for or by Cortland County may

also be subject to additional site-specific standards or requirements, which shall be maintained and upheld by Cortland County to ensure continued compliance and safety; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby adopts the national safety standards for playgrounds, including but not limited to those established by the CPSC and ASTM, as may be amended from time to time; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that any playground owned by Cortland County shall be subject to both these national safety standards and any site-specific standards that may be established, with the County responsible for ensuring compliance and enforcement of such standards; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the appropriate County departments shall implement procedures to ensure ongoing adherence to these safety standards, including regular inspections, maintenance, and updates as necessary.

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Centro of Cortland, Inc. for the Utilization of the Cortland County Highway Fuel Farm

WHEREAS, Cortland County elected to become a participating member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority by Resolution No. 145-24; AND

WHEREAS, in order for Centro of Cortland, Inc. to provide cost efficient public transportation services they wish to utilize the Cortland County fuel farm located at the Highway Department to refill vehicles and equipment used for the Centro of Cortland, Inc. public transportation; AND

WHEREAS Centro of Cortland Inc. will be billed and make payments in accordance with the agreement set forth; AND

WHEREAS, Centro of Cortland, Inc. will pay the price for fuel at the fuel farm including the \$0.25 per gallon increase per Resolution No. 152-24; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Centro of Cortland, Inc. shall utilize the Cortland County Highway Fuel Farm located at 4267 Traction Drive, Cortland, NY 13045 for the period of one year from the approval of this agreement; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Centro of Cortland, Inc. for the utilization of the Cortland County Highway Fuel Farm.

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Resolution Urging the Enactment of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.1464/A.1749)

WHEREAS, New York State faces an imminent waste management crisis, with the state's largest landfill set to reach capacity in 2025, remaining landfills projected to have only 16 years of capacity, and municipalities struggling to maintain recycling programs due to increasing costs; AND

WHEREAS, over 860,000 tons of potentially recyclable materials are trashed annually in New York State due to confusion about what is recyclable and a lack of proper infrastructure; AND

WHEREAS, implementing comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation for packaging and printed paper would provide multiple benefits to municipalities and residents, including:

- Providing approximately \$300 million in annual cost relief to local governments and taxpayers
- Creating dedicated funding for recycling infrastructure investments
- Establishing consistent statewide standards for recyclable materials to reduce consumer confusion
- Incentivizing producers to design packaging that is more recyclable and contains more recycled content
- Prohibiting toxic chemicals in packaging, including PFAS, phthalates, and heavy metals
- Boosting recycling rates from the current 18 percent to over 70 percent, as demonstrated in other jurisdictions with EPR
- Reducing contamination in recycling streams to improve material quality and marketability
- Creating green jobs in collection, processing, and manufacturing with recycled materials

; AND

WHEREAS, five (5) states have already enacted packaging EPR laws, and such programs have been successfully implemented for decades throughout Canada and Europe, achieving recycling rates as high as 78 percent; AND

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA), S.1464 (Harckham)/A.1749 (Glick) establish an WPR program for packaging in New York State and should be expanded to include printed paper given its significant contribution to municipal recycling costs and material volume; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature commends Senator Pete Harckham and Assemblymember Deborah Glick for their steadfast leadership in sponsoring the Package Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature urges Senator Harckham and Assemblymember Glick to amend this legislation to include printed paper in recognition of its significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and municipal recycling costs; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature calls on the Senate and Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign S.1464 (Harckham)/A.1749 (Glick) during the 2025 Legislative Session; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Action Items

1. Authorize Use of Dwyer Park for Empire State Subies Car Shows May 24, 2025
2. Authorize Rotary Swim Meeting at Dwyer Memorial Park - June 21, 2025

REPORTS

1. Solid Waste Monthly Report
2. Highway Monthly Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Future Landfill Options
2. Combining Buildings & Grounds with Highway Committees

ADJOURNMENT