



Highway Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Committee Chair Christopher Newell

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Reed Cleland	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Linda Jones	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Dominick Mantella	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Keith VanGorder	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County	County Administrator	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Allen Pankhurst	Cortland County	Buildings and Grounds Superintendent	Present	
Charles Sudbrink	Cortland County	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Alan Ricottilli	Cortland County	Deputy Highway Superintendent	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County	Grants Administrator	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	

Nicole Compton	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote	
Jason DeRaiche	Cortland County	Safety Director	Remote	
Carlita Withers	Cortland County	Deputy Director of Finance	Remote	
Don Chu	Cortland	Resident	Remote	

MINUTES

1. Highway Committee - Committee Meeting - Mar 11, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT: APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Award Bid for Cortland County Landfill Stage 3 Closure Project – Highway Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 4/24/2025 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Paul Heider, Committee Member

AYES: Cleland, Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

Award Bid for Cortland County Landfill Stage 3 Closure Project – Highway Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Highway Department advertised for bids for the Stage 3 Closure at the Cortland County Landfill; AND

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on March 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Highway Administration Building; AND

WHEREAS, the bids received are as follows:

<u>BIDDERS</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
R&L Development Company 153 Swan Lake Lane PO Box 529 New Alexandria, PA 15670	\$1,695,232.00
Adhan Piping Co., Inc. 1865 State Route 13 Cortland, NY 13045	\$1,877,000.00
Mohawk Valley Materials, Inc. 1914 Black River Road N. Rome, NY 13440	\$2,043,581.22
ZMK Construction, Inc. 3430 State Route 434 Apalachin, NY 13732	\$2,100,000.00

Rifenburg Construction, Inc.
5834 State Route 5
Herkimer, NY 13350

\$2,186,969.00

Byler Excavating, LLC
745 Martin Hill Road
Harpursville, NY 13787

\$2,257,750.00

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the recommendations of the Highway Committee, the Cortland County Legislature hereby awards the Landfill Stage 3 Closure Agreement to the lowest responsible bidder, being R&L Development Company, 153 Swan Lake Ln., PO Box 529, New Alexandria, PA 15670; for the bid price listed above; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature, is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with R&L Development Company for an amount not to exceed \$1,695,232.00; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Landfill Closure Reserve, EL.386300.LDCL be used for all expenditures related to the Landfill Stage 3 Closure project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE:

EL81605.52100.8167 Land & Land Improvements	\$1,695,232
EL.359900 Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,695,232

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize 2025 Landfill Amnesty Credit for Municipalities

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 4/24/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Cleland, Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize 2025 Landfill Amnesty Credit for Municipalities

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee of this Legislature believes that the municipalities of Cortland County will be better served by authorizing a credit to be used at the Cortland County Landfill for the disposal of waste other than garbage at no charge; AND

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee has previously recommended that there be a 30-ton limit per municipality; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Landfill no longer accepts tires at their facility; AND

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Highway Department is authorized to establish a credit for each municipality to dispose of waste at no charge; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Superintendent of the Highway Department shall provide each municipality in Cortland County a credit of \$2,700.00 for 2025 and allow said municipalities to dispose of their waste other than garbage at the Cortland County Landfill; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that only authorized municipal representatives utilizing authorized municipal vehicles may bring the waste to the County Landfill in order to make use of the above referenced credit; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that any metal objects (including white goods), construction and demolition waste, and tree waste shall be separated by category at the landfill site by the municipality making delivery; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that tires shall be excluded as an item that is accepted from the municipalities wishing to utilize the amnesty credit; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Superintendent of the Highway Department shall furnish the Legislature with an accounting of all waste delivered to the landfill utilizing the amnesty credit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Authorize Agreement - New York State - Cold Brook Rd. - Over Cold Brook Creek Culvert Replacement, CR102 - Highway Department

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 4/24/2025 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Paul Heider, Committee Member

AYES: Cleland, Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement - New York State - Cold Brook Rd. - Over Cold Brook Creek Culvert Replacement, CR102 - Highway Department

WHEREAS, the Project for the Cold Brook Rd. over Cold Brook Creek Culvert Replacement (CR 102) Replacement Project was awarded funding under the BRIDGE-NY 2023 Program, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne with 100% State Funds; AND

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee desires to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance, 100% of the State funded eligible costs of a Transportation Aid project, and appropriating funds therefore; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is the Project Sponsor and is legally empowered to declare itself to act as Lead Agency under SEQRA as the County is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”); AND

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets the criteria established for a SEQRA Type II Action, per NYCRR Section 617.5, Subdivision (c), Item 2, and does not meet or exceed any thresholds in Section 617.4; AND

WHEREAS, the project has been identified as a SEQRA Type II Action; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County hereby concurs that the Project to replace the Cold Brook Rd over Cold Brook Creek Culvert Replacement can be classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA, and no further review under SEQRA is required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Cortland to pay in the first instance 100% of the State share of the cost of Scoping, Design, Construction and Construction Inspection for the Project or portions thereof; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish appropriation accounts in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and a revenue account for the State share and the 2025 Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE:

HH512243.43597.CBCC	State Aid Revenue	\$1,500,000.00
HH51225.54055.CBCC	PE/Design	\$ 205,000.00
HH51225.52800.CBCC	Construction	\$1,260,000.00
HH51225.52100.CBCC	ROW	\$ 35,000.00

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that in the event the full State share of costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated, the Legislature of Cortland County shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the NYSDOT thereof; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the County Legislature of Cortland County be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement as approved to form by the County Attorney or designee on behalf of the County of Cortland in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Authorize Agreement - New York State - Pine Hill Rd. Over Hunts Creek Bridge Replacement, BIN 2207300 - Highway Department

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 4/15/2025 9:00 AM

MOVER: Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Linda Jones, Committee Member

AYES: Cleland, Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell

**Authorize Agreement - New York State - Pine Hill Rd. Over Hunts Creek Bridge Replacement,
BIN 2207300 - Highway Department**

WHEREAS, the Project for the Pine Hill Rd over Hunts Creek Bridge Replacement (BIN 2207300) Replacement Project was awarded funding under the BRIDGE-NY Program, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne with 95% Federal Funds; AND

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee desires to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance, 95% of the Federally funded eligible costs of a Transportation Aid project, and appropriating funds therefore; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Freetown and the Town of Marathon are funding the local share for the project at 2.5% each, for a total of the 5% local share; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is the Project Sponsor and is legally empowered to declare itself to act as Lead Agency under SEQRA as the County is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"); AND

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets the criteria established for a SEQRA Type II Action, per NYCRR Section 617.5, Subdivision (c), Item 2, and does not meet or exceed any thresholds in Section 617.4; AND

WHEREAS, the project has been identified as a SEQRA Type II Action; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County hereby concurs that the Project to replace the Pine Hill Rd over Hunts Creek Bridge Replacement (BIN 2207300) can be classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA, and no further review under SEQRA is required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Cortland to pay in the first instance 95% of the Federal share of the cost of Scoping, Design, Construction and Construction Inspection for the Project or portions thereof; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish appropriation accounts in the amount of \$2,386,763.00 and revenue accounts for the Federal and local shares and the 2025 Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE:

HH512244.44597.PHBR	Federal Revenue	\$ 2,267,425.00
HH512242.42397.PHBR	Local Share - Other Gov'ts	\$ 119,338.00
HH51225.54055.PHBR	PE/Design	\$ 356,250.00
HH51225.52800.PHBR	Construction	\$ 2,016,263.00
HH51225.52100.PHBR	ROW	\$ 14,250.00

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that in the event the full Federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated, the Legislature of Cortland County shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the NYSDOT thereof; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the County Legislature of Cortland County be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement as approved to form by the County Attorney or designee on behalf of the County of Cortland in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

REPORTS

1. Solid Waste Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Highway Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Future Landfill Options

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Restrooms at Main Pavilion of Dwyer Park

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Dwyer Park Playground

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 10:54 AM



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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM by Committee Chair Christopher Newell

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Reed Cleland	Cortland County	Committee Member	Excused	
Paul Heider	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Linda Jones	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Dominick Mantella	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Keith VanGorder	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County	County Administrator	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Present	
Charles Sudbrink	Cortland County	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Alan Ricottilli	Cortland County	Deputy Highway Superintendent	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Jason DeRaiche	Cortland County	Safety Director	Present	
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Allen Pankhurst	Cortland County	Buildings and Grounds Superindendent	Present	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	
Nicole Compton	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote	
Hailea Potter	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Remote	

MINUTES

1. Highway Committee - Committee Meeting - Feb 11, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT: APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Adopting Safety Standards for Playgrounds Owned and Maintained by Cortland County

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 11, 2025 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/27/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Dominick Mantella, Committee Member
AYES:	Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Centro of Cortland, Inc. for the Utilization of the Cortland County Highway Fuel Farm

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/27/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Resolution Urging the Enactment of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.1464/A.1749)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 3/27/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Linda Jones, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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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.

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Action Items

1. 12850 : Authorize Use of Dwyer Park for Empire State Subies Car Show May 25, 2024 and September 21, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland

2. Authorize Rotary Swim Meeting at Dwyer Memorial Park - June 21, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda Jones, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Heider, Jones, Mantella, VanGorder, Van Dee, Newell
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland

REPORTS

1. Solid Waste Monthly Report

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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2. Highway Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Future Landfill Options

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. 12873 : Combining Buildings with Grounds with Highway Committees

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:06 AM

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT REPORT 1 March – 31 March 2025

Landfill

Administration

- ❖ Working on annual reports.

Operations

- **Leachate Hauling** – Continued transportation of leachate to the City’s WWTP. We have hauled **89,500** gallons from Pine Tree, **16,000** gallons from Ground Water Vault and **1,899,500** gallons from West Side.
- **Cover Material** – Cover material used **739.44** tons.
- **Solid Waste** – **2,201.14** tons received.
- **Sludge** – **355.73** tons received.
- **C&D** – **739.23** tons received.
- **Glass** – **182.17** tons from Casella (this includes private haulers that Casella has hauling), **5.01** tons from Recycle Center, **3.05** tons from Town of Virgil.
- **Site Maintenance** – Downsizing our working face to the smallest open area that we can. Adding additional cover material to mitigate odor.
- **Equipment** – Ongoing scheduled service and routine preventive maintenance.

Recycling

- Single stream to Casella’s – **188.65** tons. Total cost - **\$12,262.25**.
- Cardboard to market – **Approximately 20 tons. Approximate revenue \$1850.00. Numbers not in yet.**
- Glass from recycling to landfill – **5.01** tons.
- Glass from Casella to Landfill – **182.17** tons. Total Revenue – **\$6375.95**.
- Electronics Recycled – **Approximately 20 tons. Numbers not in yet.**
- Garbage from recycle to landfill – **None**.

APRIL 2025 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Administration

Monthly Superintendents Meeting
Department Head Meeting

Projects

Structure Projects:

West Scott Road box culvert replacement- Partnering with Soil&Water, box ordered
East River Crossing bridge replacement – In Final design. Plan to go to bid April 2025
High Bridge Road bridge replacement – Survey and Right-of-Way acquisition in progress.
Bridge NY - Awarded Pine Hill Bridge and Cold Brook Box Culvert.

Road Projects:

Union Valley Rd.- prepping for 2025 road surfacing project.
Lower Cincinnatus Willet Road – prepping for 2025 road surfacing project
Chenango Road – prepping for 2025 road surfacing project
Cold Springs Road- spring 2025
Fair Haven Road- spring 2025

Misc. – Bridge Crew working on Courthouse stairs

Staffing - 4 full time positions open.

Equipment – Received new Wheel Loader

Road Maintenance – Snow and Ice removal, pothole repairs, tree and brush maintenance, ditching and driveway culvert replacements.

Salt Usage - Season Total = 14,998 tons

Dwyer Park - Forestry Management Plan – continuing to remove trees.

Airport

T Hangar Occupancy- All hangers are occupied, 7 on waiting list

100 LL Fuel Farm Relocation project –New tank operational

Aircraft Hanger- Design has begun

**CORTLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS****60 Central Avenue****Cortland, New York 13045****PHONE: (607) 753-9377 FAX: (607) 756-8852****CHARLES SUDBRINK**
Superintendent of Highways**ALAN RICOTTILLI**
Deputy Superintendent of Highways**RUTH STANTON**
Fiscal Office**Cortland County Landfill****Transfer Station**

Initial costs: Property?

Transfer Station 120-150 ton capacity, \$2,000,000.00- \$4,000,000.00

Compacting units- 2, \$314,000.00

Walking floor trailers- 6, \$780,000.00

Semi-tractors- 2, \$360,000.00

Scale with radiation detection, \$110,000.00

Skid steers 2, \$180,000.00

Total: \$3,744,000.00- \$5,744,000.00

Central New York Landfill Cells

Madison County 3.76ac, \$4.675 Million 2023, ~ 730,000cy airspace

Chenango County 3.7ac, \$4.6 million 2023

Oswego County 9.4ac, \$7.1 million 2024, ~ 1.4 million cy airspace



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MICHELLE CHACE
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Future Landfill Options

Cortland County has reached the point where it is necessary to evaluate the future of solid waste management for the residents and business owners of Cortland County.

The Cortland County Landfill (West Side, Cell 2A, 2B) has approximately 11 years of remaining site life. If it is determined that it is in the best interest for the County to expand the current landfill, the process of permitting and construction can take up to 10 years. Therefore, it is essential that the County develop a plan for the future of solid waste management in Cortland County this year.

There are a few feasible options to manage solid waste in Cortland County. One option would be to construct a transfer station and haul waste to another facility outside of the County. The initial investment for this option would be roughly 4-6 million dollars. Staffing levels would remain the same as long as the facility outside of the County is within 100 miles.

The benefits of operating a transfer station opposed to a landfill are:

- Fewer New York State DEC regulations
- Less Leachate
- No Landfill closure costs
- Possibility of a more convenient location for haulers

The negatives of operating a transfer station opposed to a landfill are:

- Uncertainty of facilities accepting waste when the County's site life has ended
- Limited ability to control costs
- Property location? Buy, rent or lease

The option of hiring an independent contractor to operate and/or transport waste from a transfer station should also be considered. While the initial investment would be similar to the first option, there may be the opportunity to reduce operating costs.

Another option would be to expand Cortland County's existing landfill. The initial investment for this option would be roughly 1 million in permitting fees plus an additional 1 million per acre of expansion.

The benefits of expanding the current landfill opposed to a transfer station are,

- Infrastructure, Leachate can be plumbed into existing tanks
- Possibility of generating more carbon credits with the newly installed gas collection system
- Responsible, waste produced in Cortland County stays in Cortland County

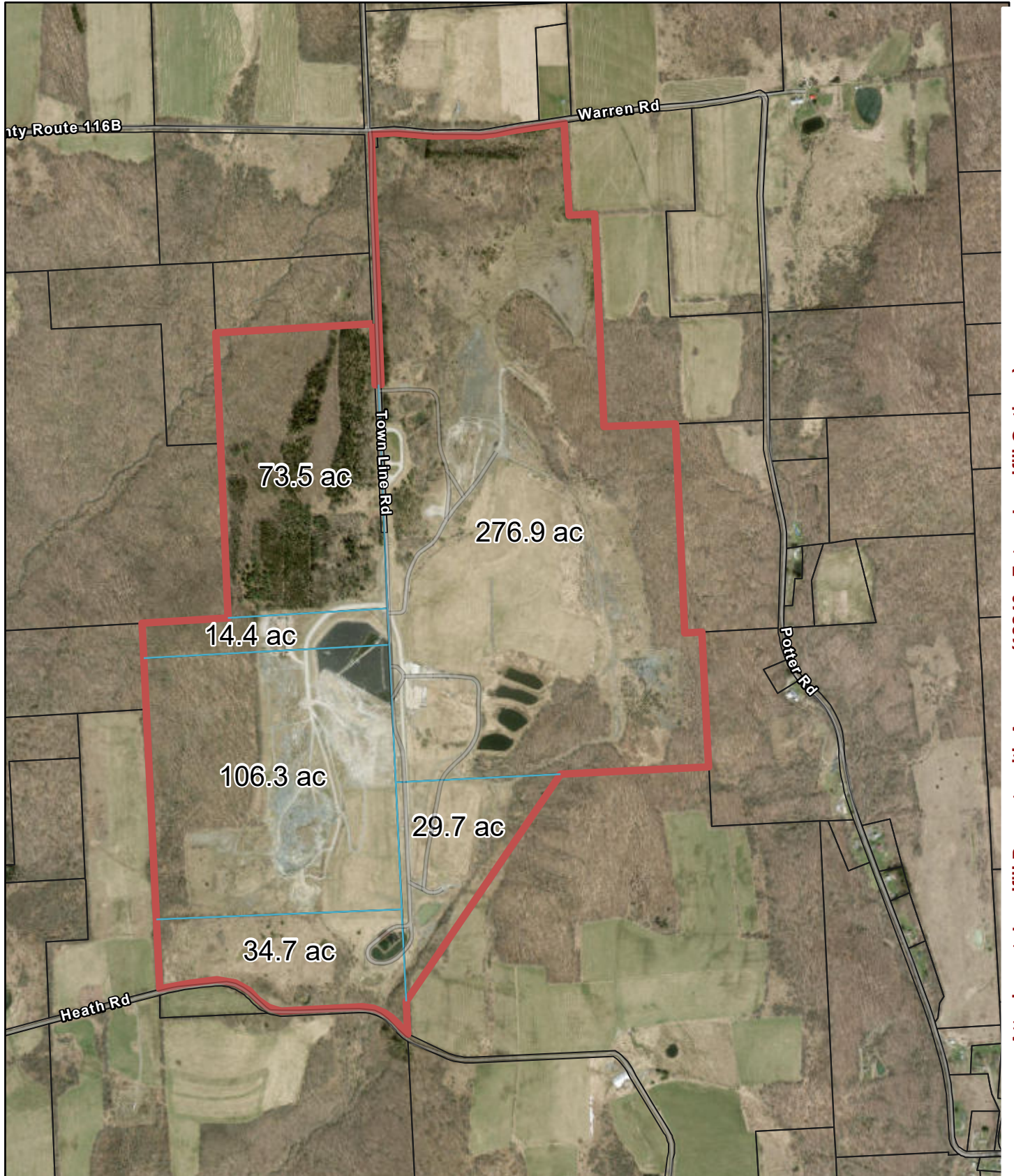
- Cortland County owns enough property to expand
- Security, guaranteed destination and costs

The negatives of expanding the current landfill opposed to a transfer station are,

- Continued New York State DEC regulations and the uncertainty of new regulations
- Leachate production
- Initial investment is larger than constructing a transfer station

Cortland County Landfill (535.5 ac)

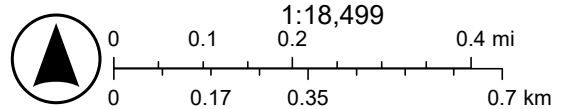
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Attachment: Landfill Property with Acreage (12846 : Future Landfill Options)

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 Cortland County Parcels



Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS

80 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Everybody's looking at the math, so the partial is 276.9 acres, pretty much unusable for any future development.

81 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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The old cells are there and the very important side is very wet and drainstored the road, not feasible 6.3 and the 14.4.

82 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Is our current landfill and see the the area of black, those are the tired chests and the lower hand those tired chips section the landfill that we're feeling right now.

83 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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And we have approximately ten years left in that area, we'll be getting our space survey done next month that will give us a better idea, but we're right around ten, maybe.

84 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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If we were to expand, the expansion would be in the 73.5 acre parcel or to the west of the one oh 63 acre parcel.

85 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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The 73.5 acre parcel would be the cheapest place to expand uphill from take take over and are.

86 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Gas collection system is right in the lower right hand corner of something 3.5 acre carcel. So our gas collection. How long would the 73.5 acres.

87 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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It's the lifespan of that with cells added to it. It all depends on the size of the cell, you wanted to do it in stages or if you wanted to build one huge cell.

88 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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The information I handed out six months ago, not to be super accurate on this but it was right around a million dollars in acre the last few bit out.

89 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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That lasts us 20.5 years. Chenango County had a four year cell that was almost five.

90 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Not exact numbers but it was about two years in acre you go obviously the higher you can go if you could give a 100 so the 276 acre.

91 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:31:23.519 --> 00:31:41.639

Because the reason why the county have owned that solely for buffers. Yeah. How long does it take to build this stuff?

92 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:31:41.639 --> 00:31:57.719

Season the summer because if we've got ten years to go on what we have now, then eight years from now we need to really put the permitting process takes up to eight years. Yeah.

93 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Is this question and answer session right now shared so when when some of the prob process that we're looking at weigh station.

94 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:32:15.029 --> 00:32:30.779

And, you know, if the county was looking at it like transfer station, do you find that economically environmentally that.

95 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:32:30.779 --> 00:32:47.279

That is a positive way to go for us because I can remember when we were looking at doing recycling and you had a I can't remember what state it looked.

96 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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We were, we were shipping that was doing really well, they ended up with a fire and then we stopped stopped using. So when you're looking at transfer, can we is that is it something that you're gonna always have over your head that we're gonna have to keep searching from.

97 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Well, ten years we got, we got this landfill we're gonna do and then now we gotta go and bid again with tipping fees, now we gotta go over here versus just doing, just doing this. I mean when you're looking at.

98 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Much road traffic that you get just for that stuff to be called out, for instance. With the transfer station you can be here wouldn't make sense to have it when you're gonna build a transfer station. So then that's what.

99 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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For property that we have to acquire or or utilize so yeah if you were gonna build a transfer station I would highly recommend that you build it as close to rail card as possible just for that point you made, that will be probably everyone hearing the last few years.

100 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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And they're gonna get a permit to extend and expand or aren't they and it's always drama and then get a permit. Some day they may not get a permit. And you're always gonna be wondering where.

101 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Going of Indiana that books to. Because a lot of people rail carrying their ways to Ohio and Indiana where they had huge plans.

102 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:34:34.829 --> 00:34:50.189

It yeah the future is very uncertain. And that's the thing that is the future is on certain this part is not and and we're looking at 73 acres of potentially.

103 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Giving us 50 more years or or whatever in into the of we already own because we're still, even with the old, the old site, we're still pulling.

104 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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So even if we go to transport station not putting anything in there would still a cost to us because we're still pulling each of. So to me that it seems like with this committee that I think my, my.

105 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:35:22.469 --> 00:35:42.269

Rathers would be start doing the processing for Otherwen I spoke a week or so ago and we were gonna sit down in the near future before next committee and the pros and cons to.

106 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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The transfer station pros and cons to expansion. But at the end of the day, if you're only looking at a56 acre cell to begin with, with future expansion, your initial upfront be very similar in cost.

107 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:35:57.929 --> 00:36:14.849

With with prices now as you know now, right? That's the trick, but also transfer stations from now, there's gonna be a lot more money. It's gonna be relatively, you know.

108 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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I think everything's gonna go up similar prices. I don't think the transfer station is gonna go up a lot more than than direction to go that's today's dollar. Okay.

109 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:36:33.149 --> 00:36:53.149

You say it takes. Are you allowing comment Chris? Is it gonna be a good question? Are you allowing public comment anybody? It's just a quick question. You said it takes up to eight years to get for everybody, we got ten years.

110 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:36:53.149 --> 00:37:11.339

What is our backup plan in the event that we don't know every eight years with a couple of years to try and come up with, we have a backup plan situation, which is.

111 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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I think we really shouldn't go this because the least we can control the price, go to a transfer station and all of a sudden these stays don't NO longer take it.

112 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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How many of these \$200, so at least with this we could have a better so there's very few counties with landfills, right?

113 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:37:43.169 --> 00:37:58.319

23 or something like that. 25 total landfills in New York. A lot of them are private. Okay. So more values than not are going.

114 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Transfer and make it fast out of the county, is that what's going on? But yeah, but certain circumstances is because they have NO place else to expand. If the county was thinking about hoping a new landfill on the west side of the or somewhere else.

115 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:38:16.320 --> 00:38:34.770

I would highly recommend not moving forward because of the liability. I mean we have the infrastructure but a lot of lands goes closed because they have NO more capacity. Not what they just want.

116 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Okay, another quick question and I know you don't know, probably a dumb question but.

117 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:38:50.070 --> 00:39:05.610

So with whoever you contract with for the landfill, does the county hold any liability on that landfill if something gets into it that is.

118 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:39:05.610 --> 00:39:21.510

Whatever their BEC or whatever we put it finds a problem and says here are the finds does whoever contracts to that share in that fine?

119 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:39:21.510 --> 00:39:36.540

The only reason why I ask is because in my line of work, we're very selective where we take our our voice solely because of.

120 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:39:36.540 --> 00:39:52.710

You know, one Landfill reputation. Two, is when your name of Cortland County is named on there and there's any other issues that we that they occur in that we share responsibility.

121 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Can you kind of find that out as well that we're held, you know, in harm for something that another county that goes to the Atlanta or another says puts in some hazardous material.

122 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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That they do not find and then they find it later, you know, during testing to say you know this is not even supposed to be in here. Here are your million dollar fines that you're, you're getting now.

123 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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I just was curious who shares and some of the question. I would think that.

124 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:40:42.600 --> 00:41:00.510

You wouldn't have the liability and that's why the DEC is so what a Landfill can accept. We just install the radiation detection monitor it's on a landfill, I believe, but I'll definitely reach out and ask.

125 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Okay, things gonna happen because I remember years ago we solve the problem. But like I remember Wednesday every Thursday there were hundreds of dead seats up. So Somebody's, so this was a big deal, the statement was head.

126 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:41:18.300 --> 00:41:34.320

So things like that. You.

127 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:41:34.320 --> 00:41:54.320

If we were just a little closer to the airport, we wouldn't have to worry about it. Because you go down there to do a door and then the same thing because of the airport proximity. Room county airport.

128 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:41:54.320 --> 00:41:59.820

So.

129 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:41:59.820 --> 00:42:19.820

So there's a couple of other points I'd like to bring up here. I think everybody knows that there'll be less material going into the with all their recycling guidelines.

130 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:42:19.820 --> 00:42:37.380

What they expect to be recycled. So a five to six yourself could last 1213 years just because another point I would bring next month we're gonna be given a proposal.

131 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:42:37.380 --> 00:42:54.960

For the carbon credits still pay that and we don't have obviously we don't have the the cell cap yet. And I guessing what it showed yet just because some of it's still escaping and we haven't built up another cell.

132 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:42:54.960 --> 00:43:12.900

That we're working on. That would also be a benefit, you know, I would I don't require just financially but you know if there was another platform gas that's even more.

133 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

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Probably build another one. Even more to take up whatever ok so between now and next month's meeting Charlie and I will.

134 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:43:32.900 --> 00:43:35.700

Some bullet points and.

135 "Cortland County" (2433247488)

00:43:35.700 --> 00:43:55.700

To discuss it then. Excellent. Is there any other public comment on this discussion? Thank you. See you later. Next.

Bond Payments

	2020 Bond	EFC Bond	2007 Bond
Org. Amount	\$760,000	\$9,150,000	\$2,648,000
12/31/2024	\$520,000	\$3,980,000	\$680,874
Payment	-60,000	-455,000	-160,441
12/31/2025	\$460,000	\$3,525,000	\$520,433
Payment	-60,000	-460,000	-168,529
12/31/2026	\$400,000	\$3,065,000	\$351,904
Payment	-60,000	-470,000	-173,930
12/31/2027	\$340,000	\$2,595,000	\$177,974
Payment	-65,000	-475,000	-177,974
12/31/2028	\$275,000	\$2,120,000	\$0
Payment	-65,000	-485,000	170,000
12/31/2029	\$210,000	\$1,635,000	170,000
Payment	-70,000	-500,000	170,000
12/31/2030	\$140,000	\$1,135,000	340,000
Payment	-70,000	-510,000	170,000
12/31/2031	\$70,000	\$625,000	510,000
Payment	-70,000	-520,000	170,000
12/31/2032	0	\$105,000	680,000
Payment	65000	-50,000	400,000
21/31/2033	65000	\$55,000	400,000
Payment	65000	-55,000	395,000
12/31/2034	130000		795,000
Payment			1,020,000
Average Yearly Bond Payment \$685,000.00			
Total	\$130,000.00	\$795,000.00	\$1,020,000.00
			\$1,945,000.00

Madison County 3.76ac, \$4.675 Million 2023, ~ 730,000cy airspace

Chenango County 3.7ac, \$4.6 million 2023

Oswego County 9.4ac, \$7.1 million 2024, ~ 1.4 million cy airspace

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Initial costs: Property?

Transfer Station 120-150 ton capacity, \$2,000,000.00- \$4,000,000.00

Compacting units- 2, \$314,000.00

Walking floor trailers- 6, \$780,000.00

Semi-tractors- 2, \$360,000.00

Scale with radiation detection, \$110,000.00

Skid steers 2, \$180,000.00

Total: \$3,744,000.00- \$5,744,000.00

Benefits: fewer regulations,

Disadvantages: unknown destination and future rate of tipping fees,