



Minutes
Green Committee
Thursday, 3/23/17, 7:00PM
City Hall Conference Rm.

Present: Ken Camera, Jim Norwalk, Larry Campbell, Melissa Hegarty, and Tarah Rouse

Public/Invited Guests: Adam Blowers (City Comptroller), Charlie Evangelista (County Supervisor), Tom Harvey (County Planning Director), Courtney Klee (Outreach Coordinator, Pathstone)

1. City Bill Management System.

Adam Blowers (City Comptroller) demonstrated the City of Geneva's new bill management system (by Energy Advantage (EA)) which was installed for automatic processing of the City's ~67 electric and natural gas bills each month. With this capability, the City can track and analyze changes in our energy consumption, the results of energy efficiency initiatives, and improvements in our carbon foot print. The system had many more analytical capabilities than could be demonstrated in a short presentation and Adam is still learning about all its features. On the bill processing and payment side, Adam attested to the fact that the system is saving the Comptroller's office about 2 hours per week and will be available to the GGC to make it more easy to track its Climate Smart Community program goals.

The EA system contains links to the EPA's eGrid database which is able to account for the electric generation fuel mix by US counties and calculate the corresponding greenhouse gas emissions for that region.

To initialize the City's baseline two years of billing data was entered into the system for 2015 and 2016 and based on a comparison of the efficiency improvements over that period of time, the City has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by over 250,000 lbs. of carbon.

2. Ontario County solid waste update.

Charles Evangelista (County Supervisor) and Tom Harvey (County Planner) made a joint presentation regarding the potential funding of City of Geneva solid waste, recycling, and composting initiatives.

Charlie shared a "working template" for solid waste initiatives that Ontario County is willing to support with funds from Landfill payments from Casella Waste. In total for all municipal entities in Ontario, the intent of the County is to distribute ~\$600K in 2017 and another \$366K in 2018 for these local activities. The City's share respectfully for 2017 and 2018 is ~\$73.7K and ~\$44.9K.

The \$ amounts and the permitted projects will be finalized in April and are tentatively scheduled to be announced at a County Summit on April 25th.

The GGC has a list of projects that it would like to initiate and these funds would certainly help in achieving some of our Climate Smart Community program goals.

3. Climate Smart Communities - Status

Larry C. presented the final draft of the Memo to the City Manager for review. Members of the *GGC* suggested some final cosmetic changes and essentially endorsed the summary of the progress of the City *CSC* program. We are essentially in the vicinity of the first award level - "Certified" at 120 points.

The Memo suggests that there is a little more work to do to confirm with the DEC to receive the *Certified* rating. There is also a need to better coordinate activities between the City Sustainability Tsk Force and the *GGC*. The Memo recommends that the City either hire or recruit a volunteer to undertake this important function. Larry is willing to assume this role.

Attached is *GGC* Memo.

4. Final review of the Trash Haulers License. We have received some feedback from Lyons Rd. Trash and thought we should review and see if we have any thoughts for *CC* before the meeting next week.

Attached is the letter from Lyons Rd. Trash.

Note: Subsequent to this meeting, the City Manager invited the trash haulers - Lyons Road, Feher, and Casella to a meeting to discuss their concerns. Ken and Tarah of the *GGC* attended and tried to address some of their concerns and this is what we tentatively agreed to:

- Reduction of License Fee from \$2,000 down to \$500 to \$1,000 range (to be left to the City Manager's discretion)
- Times of trash pick-up - all agreed to 5 AM to 6 PM for residential (Section F of ordinance) this helps haulers get more done while streets are empty.... and this reduces congestion during morning hours
- Specified trash days - Lyons Rd. Trash: M-Th: Feher: Tu; Casella: Thur (Section F)
- The haulers don't want to post price lists because they change too frequently and are too hard to manage and they don't want to set off a price war. In any case, we feel they pretty much are not going to cooperate with this request unless we force them. (Section M).

These were discussed at length and the City Manager with the assistance of Ken and Tarah are making some adjustments to the license which will be provided to the GGC and City Council in the near future.

5. Secondary School Educational Effort - Discussion

- Climate Summit in Seneca Falls - 3/16
- Seneca Lake Academy - 3/18

The FLI is going to be spearheading a follow-up Regional Climate Summit in early November 2017. Education Program Manager, Nadia Harvieux, is going to coordinate.

There is an organizational meeting being held at the Finger Lakes Institute on Tuesday, April 11th at 5PM.

It would be very good if the GGC could find a volunteer to work with the FLI on this important project for the region's kids.

An invitation has been sent to area and is attached. They are asking attendees to please register for the April 11th meeting by this Thursday via this [Registration Link](#) . Nadia's contact information is provided below:

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We need a GGC liaison to this person.

6. Update to recycling ordinance (on hold) - Ken

7. Leachate ban (on hold) - Dan

The meeting was adjourned at ~9:10 PM.