



# GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee

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GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee  
Town of Caledonia

April 26, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dan Pangrazio, Don Wester, Michael Falk, Ed DeJanerio, Felipe Oltramari, Eric Smith, James Bragg  
Others Present: Amanda Lee, Recycling Administrator

Mr. Pangrazio called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. Mr. Pangrazio introduced the new representative from Wyoming County, Eric Smith. The members present introduced themselves by name, representative municipality, and title.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pangrazio asked for a motion to approve the January 26, 2024 minutes. **Mr. Falk moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2024, seconded by Mr. DeJanerio and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Lee notified the committee that GLOW has only received one invoice from Genesee County as of April 26, 2024. Ms. Lee reviewed the billing summary and tracking sheet for January 2024. In January, GLOW spent \$4,716. Largely covering salary and fringe benefits. Additional charges were incurred for postage. Ms. Lee also mentioned that as of March all three (3) county contributions were received as well as a DEC grant from 2023. **Mr. Wester moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Bragg and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- III. **2024 Electronics Collection:** Ms. Lee informed the committee two (2) proposals were received for the GLOW electronics collection: Sunnking and Environmental Services Group (ESG). Upon review from the GLOW planning committee, it is the recommendation to move forward with Sunnking. The cost for Sunnking is \$2,000 plus an additional charge of \$0.35 per pound for bare tubes and broken CRT glass. ESG proposed a comprehensive cost of \$16,660.50. In addition to cost, the references for Sunnking gave higher recommendations and review. Ms. Lee informed the committee of a meeting with Sunnking in the upcoming weeks to further discuss the collection. **Mr. Oltramri moved to approve Sunnking as the electronics vendor, seconded by Mr. DeJanerio and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)
- IV. **2024 Paint Collection:** Ms. Lee updated the committee that everything is set up nicely for the Paint Collection. Ms. Lee had a meeting at the highway department with Charlie Porter of GreenSheen and Devin Blue's team from Wyoming County. The highway department is going to provide an employee to give access to bathrooms and operate a forklift. Ms. Lee has sent out flyers to the list provided by Peggy as well as the volunteer request letters. She asked if the committee knew of anyone additional that may like to volunteer. As of Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there were 85 appointments. Ms. Lee has sent advertisements through the PennySaver and CJs Country Radio. CJs Country Radio offered a package deal for all three collections at the same rate as the 2023 advertisements. Mr. Bragg agreed to reach out to the county administrator to get police presence and flags.
- V. **Ad Campaign- Compost:** Ms. Lee has an advertisement scheduled to run on 5/3 for the free earth machine composter contest. The add will cost \$1,559.12: of that \$779.56 is eligible for

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- reimbursement from DEC. Ms. Lee has adjusted the ad to require residents visit the Letchworth site to eligible and drawings for the composter and kitchen scrap bucket will be held on the same day in September. Ms. Lee requested feedback from the committee, of which it was suggested to utilize the notification list to reach more individuals. It was also suggested to reach out to a local Eagle Scout troop to maintain the site and check in with Doug Kelly.
- VI. 2023 Recyclables Report:** Ms. Lee reported the combined recycle rate across all three counties was 45%: 115,105.3 tons of recycled waste and 124,100.15 tons of solid waste. Genesee County has a 59% recycle rate, Livingston County has a 26% recycle rate, and Wyoming County has a 49% recycle rate. Wyoming County and Genesee County both have businesses that produce large quantities of recycled materials. Ms. Lee would like to increase numbers, one goal is to increase reporting businesses such as Sherwin Williams and PaintCare affiliated hardware stores. Another goal is to schedule recycling education events, virtual and in-person. Mr. Pangrazio discussed adding Genesee, Morton Salt, and other large companies. Ms. Lee agreed to sort through the list and research companies that do not report.
- VII. County Updates: Genesee-** Mr. Oltramari confirmed Casella's ARC transfer station collects electronics for free. He also confirmed disposal prices at \$0.25 per pound of solid waste and \$1.00 per pound of recyclables. **Wyoming County-** Mr. Bragg alerted the committee that Wyoming County needs to renew their waste contract with Waste Management in 2025. Mr. Bragg mentioned a lot of issues with customer service. Niagara Falls contracted with Casella's over Modern due to similar issues. Mr. Bragg gets sent to a representative from Massachusetts and they can no longer talk to employees in trucks. It was also mentioned they have been very aggressive. **Livingston-** Mr. Falk discussed Lima's Clean up day on 5/2, 5/3, and 5/4 that includes electronics disposal. For electronics, they contracted with EWaste+ for \$875 and smoke detector disposal is \$0.25 each. Mr. Wester renewed the CLEAN Recycling Center license and got all reports in on time. Mr. Wester has not had any difficulties with Waste Management, but is concerned as they just renewed the contract. Mr. Pangrazio updated the Caledonia transfer station is negotiating with Casellas about the host agreement. A lot of tires and solid waste found on side roads handled by highway department.
- VIII. Other Business:** Mr. Bragg mentioned the GLOW committee has an open invite to tour the Waste Management plant in Syracuse. Ms. Lee mentioned a webinar on May 1<sup>st</sup> to address the NYS Packaging Reduction Law. Ms. Lee also presented the tent option, in order to be reimbursed, it needs to be made of recycled materials. **Mr. Wester moved to approve the purchase of the tent, seconded by Mr. Falk and carried. (7 ayes, 0 nays)** Mr. Wester also made mention to appreciate Ms. Lee and commended the work she has done.
- IX. Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 10:00 am at Wyoming County Planning and Development.
- X. Adjournment: Mr. Wester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am seconded by Mr. Bragg and carried. (7 ayes, 0 nays).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Felipe Oltramari  
Secretary/Treasurer