MONROE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023
111 Westfall Road, Conference Room 138/142

In Attendance:

Tom Dooley - *Chairperson*

Burt Gorton – *Vice Chair and Natural Resources Committee Chair*

Haines Lockhart - *Program and Presentations Committee Chair*

Bill Santos - *Nominating and Community Liaison Committee Chair*

Larry Lazenby - *Town of Chili*

Steve Rutherford - *Town of Hamlin*

Mark Gaul - *Town of Perinton*

Shalini Beath - *City of Rochester*

Paul Johnson - *Town of Brighton*

Greg Adams - *Town of Riga*

Beth Hoak – Town of Rush

Clement Chung - *MCDES* (non-member)

Yasmin Guevera - *MCDES* (non-member)

Steve Olufsen - *MC Planning & Development* (non-member)

Ryan Parra-Merrell (non-member)

Meeting location:

- 111 Westfall Rd, Conference Room 138/142

Call to Order & Introductions:

- Meeting was called to order at 4:03

Review of Minutes:

- April (approved)

Meeting Topic(s):

- Overview of Monroe County Department of Environmental Services - presented by Michael Garland
- Department of Environmental Services has 7 divisions: Pure Waters, Solid Waste & Recycling, Business Services, Fleet Services, GIS & Infrastructure Technology, Engineering & Facilities Management, and Environmental Quality Office.

- Pure Waters: Waste water recovery and treatment. County is divided into districts; however Town of Webster manages their own water treatment and is not part of the Monroe County division. Waste water is treated physically, biologically, and chemically. Environmental laboratory assists in water treatment plant process. Also contracts with state and county for drinking water and beach safety & water quality.
- Solid Waste & Recycling: Includes Mill Seat Landfill & Power Plant, Monroe County Recycling Center and Transfer Station. Eco Park handles hazardous household waste, pharmaceuticals and vape devices, cooking oil/grease, lithium batteries, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, textiles, and waste tires.
- Fleet Services: Manages over 900 Monroe County vehicles.
- GIS & Infrastructure Technology: Countywide mapping support, safety emergency planning and support, asset mapping, and mobile Pure Waters/Public Safety dispatch vehicle.
- Environmental Quality Office: Enforcement agency for any industries that discharge waste into Monroe County water systems. Division also has focus on sustainability and is behind Climate Action Plan. Also includes Stormwater Coalition.

Staff Reports:

- Climate Action Plan in public engagement phase. Reached out to town clerks and supervisors with survey on levels of interest and community action.

Other Business / Announcements:

- Committee updates:
  - Natural Resources Committee: Gathering information and reviewing inventory.
  - Program & Presentations Committee: This meeting is last for current semester. Next will be roundtable meeting September 20.
  - Nominating Committee: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) gone to legislators. Next meeting next committee meeting is Wednesday (5/24/23) in room 1032. Sample note sent out with attachment for appointment for each municipality. Reviewed work plan. Another discussion on student openings – college & high school-level students could join as non-voting members, and encouraged to serve on committees and report on environmental activities (at school etc.) Reminder of 3 more spots on executive committee.
  - EMC artwork: Starr received during early pandemic. Ideas on what to do with it such as art or poster contest (sponsored by EMC).

Privilege of the Floor:

- None

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:18