

# ONEIDA COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Oneida County Solid Waste Conference Room  
Monday, May 18, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Committee members:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Kyle Timmons	X		
Billy Fried	X		
Kyle Kilbourn	X		

**Also Present:** Lisa Bauknecht/Solid Waste Director, Rachel Gang/Solid Waste, Chad Metzger/Lakeland Disposal

## 1. Call to order and Chairperson's announcements

Chairman Ted Cushing called the Solid Waste Committee meeting to order at 9:00 am noting the meeting was properly posted and ADA accessible. It was noted that Schowalter is no longer serving on the Solid Waste Committee.

## 2. Approve agenda

Motion by Timmons/Kilbourn to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

## 3. Approve minutes of the Solid Waste Committee meeting held April 30, 2026

Motion by Timmons/Kilbourn to approve the minute as presented. Motion carried.

## 4. Public comments

None

## 5. Future Meeting Dates

- June 22, 2026 at 9am

## 6. April Monthly Vendor Vouchers and Budget to Actual Reports

The committee reviewed the April Monthly Vendor Vouchers and Budget-to-Actual Reports. Bauknecht stated that all accounts appear to be in good standing and that there were no unusual items to report. Kilbourn requested additional detail regarding budget codes to better identify where expenses are being allocated. Bauknecht advised that the information can be broken down by business unit for him to look at as well.

## 7. Credit card applications for S and S Estate Cleanout and Creative Granite

Bauknecht explained to the new committee members that credit account applications are typically used for businesses so they do not need to pay per load at the time of disposal and can instead be billed on a monthly basis. The committee reviewed credit account applications for S and S Estate Cleanout and Creative Granite of Minocqua. A motion was made to approve the credit account applications as presented. Motion made by Timmons, seconded by Cushing. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

**8. Perfectly Built request to waive fee for demo material**

Bauknecht presented a request involving Perfectly Built, Lakeland High School, and Lakeland Disposal in support of the high school trades program. The request asked whether the Solid Waste Department would consider donating tonnage for the program by waiving tipping fees for a limited number of donated dumpsters hauled to the facility by Lakeland Disposal. It was noted that Chad Metzger of Lakeland Disposal wanted to provide Oneida County with the opportunity to participate in support of the program. Timmons expressed concern that approving the request could set a precedent for similar requests from other organizations and nonprofits. Cushing agreed with those concerns. Fried stated that he believed the partnership between the County and school districts was a positive idea and could help encourage additional trade programs within schools. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of establishing a policy specific to school trade programs, including limitations on acceptable materials. Cushing directed Bauknecht to draft a policy for committee review and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

**9. Debris/Trash Clean up, Transfer Station, Demo Site, Metal Pile**

Bauknecht advised the committee that staff are continuing efforts to clean up the transfer station, demo site, and metal pile areas. She stated that the department is currently down one yard worker. Bauknecht also advised that a lawn care business would be visiting the following day to discuss assisting with clean up around the transfer station area. Ongoing issues with illegal dumping were discussed, particularly near the metal pile and at the demo site. Bauknecht stated that the demo area has been the most problematic and provided photographs to the committee showing recent improperly dumped loads. Timmons asked whether information regarding illegal dumping incidents was being turned over to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Bauknecht advised that reports are made when sufficient identifying information is available, such as names or license plate numbers. Timmons also inquired about surveillance cameras at the demo site. Bauknecht stated that cameras are not currently installed due to the need for fiber optic service to the Solid Waste Department. Chad Metzger of Lakeland Disposal suggested the possibility of using Starlink-connected cameras, which would not require fiber optic infrastructure. Fried noted that implementing a Starlink system would create an additional expense for the County and suggested discussing the matter further with the IT Director. Bauknecht stated that additional "under surveillance" signs have been installed near the demo site. She also advised that cleanup of illegally dumped garbage is taking time away from other necessary maintenance activities. Businesses have been instructed to keep garbage bagged separately at job sites, and those materials may be disposed of at no charge when delivering approved demo loads. Staff continue to inspect demo loads as much as staffing levels allow.

#### 10. RFB for Leachate Pre-filtration System

Bauknecht presented the Request for Bids (RFB) for the leachate pre-filtration system and noted that the process is similar to the vehicle weight scale bid process. She advised that, if approved by the committee, the bid documents would still require review and approval by Corporation Counsel. A motion was made to approve the RFB contingent upon Corporation Counsel's approval. Motion made by Timmons, seconded by Kilbourn. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

#### 11. Concrete ramp removal bids

Bauknecht discussed the concrete ramp removal bids received for the project. Bids were submitted for both removal of the ramps only and removal of the ramps along with the foundation. She advised that the existing bases had been inspected and determined to be in good working condition. All bidders were informed that removed materials would be disposed of at the demo site.

BIDDER	RAMPS ONLY	RAMPS & FOUNDATION
Minocqua Grading	\$5,900.00	\$10,800.00
OC Hwy Dept.	\$1,927.70	\$2,689.69
Musson Bros.	\$8,610.55	\$12,135.49

A motion was made to accept the lowest bid from the Oneida County Highway Department for removal of the ramps. Motion made by Fried, seconded by Timmons. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

#### 12. Facebook account update

Bauknecht advised that there was no update regarding the Solid Waste Department Facebook page. She stated that following the previous meeting, an email was sent to IT Director Jason Rhodes notifying him that the page had been approved and inquiring about next steps; however, no response had been received. Bauknecht stated that she would follow up again. Bauknecht shared a recent example involving compactor issues on a previous Friday that could have warranted closure on Saturday. She stated that a Facebook page would have been an effective tool to quickly communicate closure information to the public if needed. Cushing agreed that the benefits of having a Facebook page outweigh the potential concerns. Fried stated that he would also speak with Rhodes regarding the matter.

#### 13. Compost Update

Bauknecht advised that a monthly report regarding the compost/fiber cake issue is being submitted. Timmons asked whether the material could potentially be distributed onsite over the old landfill area. Bauknecht stated that she has reached out regarding possible regulatory changes and grant funding opportunities but has not yet received any responses.

#### 14. Solid Waste Report

Bauknecht reported that there was nothing significant new to report at this time. She noted that the department is currently down one yard employee, but four interviews were scheduled for that afternoon to fill the position.

**15. Future Agenda Items**

- Staffing Update
- Facebook Page
- School Trade Program Disposal Assistance Policy

**16. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

**17. Supervisor facility tour. No public business will be discussed while touring.**

Facility tour given by Bauknecht to Timmons and Kilbourn.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary