

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Patricia Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Jim Thomas	Lisa Henderson
	Tyson Robb	Tina Molé
	Elizabeth DeFalco	Mahala Vetsch

**GENERAL**

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - The minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.
- Authorization to fill Vacancy
  - JT, One of our HEO IIs has resigned to go to the Town of Delhi, after we hired one of their employees. Need to fill the vacancy.
  - Committee approved.
- Safety Officer's Report
  - Copy of report was distributed (attached)
- Travel Authorization – Bridge Conference
  - JT, Total of \$1,030 for registration. That includes PDHs for Dan and I, we will commute back and forth.
  - Committee approved.

**SOLID WASTE**

- Equipment Service Proposal for Bioreactor
  - TR, This is a firm that works with Sevierville Tennessee, we reached out to them to get a quote back at the beginning of the pandemic for an alignment and some ultrasonic testing to see what the thickness of the walls of the drum is, with the pandemic, that obviously didn't happen. We just reached out again and the pricing is the same so I would like to get that scheduled. This is a firm that specializes in this.
  - GH, What is the cost?
  - Pricing for the alignment is \$13,330. The deformation (testing) is \$2,000. The ultrasonic testing is \$5,000.
  - GH, Do we need to empty the bioreactor?
  - TR, the alignment needs to be done when it is running. The ultrasonic testing needs to be done when it is empty. We actually have them on schedule to come starting next week to do the alignment before we go into shutdown.
  - JC, If it needs adjusting do they do that?
  - TR, They will assist us in making the adjustments.
  - TM, Maybe after the election you can schedule a tour of the facility as we will have some new people coming on.
  - TR, We can do that.

Discussion was held on the thickness of the drum, it was 5/8 in some sections and 3/4 in others when it was new. Also discussed the possibility of replacing the 14' drum with a 12' drum when it comes time to replace it. At this stage we are just evaluating our options.

- Committee approved having all of the testing done, this will at least give us a baseline to work from going forward.

- TR, we did have MATCO come down to do an electrical inspection of the compost facility. They did an energized test and they will come back and do some work when we are shut down. Trying to get that scheduled. They also looked at the new MRF, they found a few things that need to be fixed so we are working with them on that.

- Cell 4s

- TR, we are just waiting on a cord for the generator and then we have to agree on the final quantities and pricing before we can close that out. Hopefully it can be done soon.

- TR, We continue to work with DEC on the certification.

- Clean Sweep

- TR, Clean Sweep was this last weekend. I think it went very well. Will have a summary at the next meeting.

- LH, We did get a few phone calls but they were just people who had missed registration, they were upset but there isn't much we can do. The event was well advertised.

- NYSASWM Conference

- TR, Just got back from this conference, it seems that the State wants to stand behind their plan to charge a price per ton for materials that end up in a landfill. DEC is staying away from saying what that looks like, it would be a legislative decision so it may be that municipal landfills are exempt from the fee.

- GH, Just in a ballpark what do we take in for a year?

- TR, For planning purposes I figure around 40,000 CY.

- GH, I was just wondering what kind of dollar amount we might be looking at.

- TR, It could get expensive.

- TR, The state is also going to start testing waste water plants for PFOS. They are very concerned and are trying to find the source.

- TR, There is also a push to stop the exportation of leachate by the end of the year. I will keep an eye on that.

- Dyper

- TR, I have been approached by a firm from NYC, they want to bring us diapers. They would pay a per ton fee. We did do a test run with some rubber ducks through the bioreactor but we had some miscommunication and they can remember seeing the ducks come out but forgot what else they were looking for so that was basically inconclusive.

- After a brief discussion the Committee felt this was not a good fit for us. We don't need the waste for anything beneficial to us so we will not accept it.

## **ROAD**

- McFarland Johnson Supplement 9754.60 (\$15,439.00)
  - JT, This is a supplement for the 2022 Bridge preservation, they are over by \$15,000. It took a lot of time to get the steel details worked out. This is the same project that we have a negative change order on for the contractor.
  - Committee approved the supplement.
- Delaware South
  - Paving – 27 and 35 done, shoulders done today (old machine)
  - Mowing – well into second pass
  - City – Cannonsville. Mill done today, paving starting Monday
  - Ditching
- Delaware North
  - New shoulder machine on CR 2 tomorrow
  - Taking the new machine out to make sure everyone knows how to use it.
  
  - Centerlines
    - Done with edge lines, switching back to centerlines, should be done soon.
  
  - Mowing – pass 2
    - Mowers are working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass on all of the roads.
  
  - Ditching – CR 5 now
- Safety Days
  - JT, We had safety days last week. I think it went well. We were approached by one of the Town Highway Superintendents about opening it up to all Town and Village employees. We currently let them send 2 people each. We have the space and the instructors didn't seem to be opposed to it. The main cost would be the food, NYMIR reimburses us for lunch both days, we supply drinks and donuts. We currently don't see much Town participation.
  - The Committee was in favor of trying it to see how it goes.

## **BRIDGE**

- BR 32 – beams 9/28
  - JT, Beams are scheduled to arrive tomorrow. Project is basically on schedule.
- BR 136 – BridgeNY round 3 - early winter bid
  - JT, We have the preliminary plans and bid documents. Hoping to get this out to bid this winter for construction next year.
- BR 7-3 – BridgeNY round 4
  - JT, This is still with the State.
- Bridge painting – 2022 done, 2024 moving through DOT
  - JT, This is also still with the State.

- Bovina catch basins – in process
  - JT, We are working on these now. This turned into a bigger project than we thought.
- Sidney Demos
  - 7 more for DPW, 1 waiting on SHPO.
  - 5 contract, waiting on GOSR approval
- 130 scour - done
  - This is done. Should have a bill shortly.

## **DPW BLDG PROJECT**

- Construction status report
  - JT, Still waiting on J&K to fix the HVAC leak in Delhi.
  - JT, Bloomville going well. Doors are all on. Working on interior. Should in pave in early November.
  - JT. Walton is lagging behind a bit but moving.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Change Order #3, Prop 32(2)-22 2022 Bridge Preservation  
 Change Order GC-4 Prop 28-21  
 Change Order HVAC-1 Prop 28-21  
 Change Order HVAC-2 Prop 28-21  
 Surplus  
 Auctions International Contract

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To: File  
From: Tawny Meres  
Safety & Training Manager  
Re: Safety Office Report  
Date: 9/26/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 8/23/2023 to 9/26/2023.

**1. Accidents**

- Accident #7-23, 8/30/2023. While traveling on State Road 357 in the Town of Franklin with vehicle #434, a 2014 International Terrastar, a sign board that was in tow detached from the vehicle. As a result of the detachment, the metal framework of the sign board sustained damage. Upon investigation it appeared that what was assumed to be a deer, made contact with the pintle hook, bending the safety pin. As the driver continued to travel unaware of anything making contact with the vehicle, the sign board came out of the pintle hook, allowing it to detach from the vehicle. The safety chains held the sign board to the vehicle until the driver could get stopped. It is believed that due to the safety pin being bent as a result of the contact with the animal, it allowed the latch to separate from the towing horn enough to allow the sign board to come off. Blood from the animal was observed on the sign board.
- Accident #8-23. 9/11/2023. After loading equipment on to lowboy trailer #118, driver hooked tractor #441 to the trailer. After driver got trailer connected to tractor, he applied air to the truck before realizing he forgot to raise the goose neck support. The truck and trailer put pressure on the support and bent the piston.
- Accident #9-23. 9/12/2023. While vehicle #126, a 2023 Ford F-250 was parked, unoccupied, on Main Street in Bovina Center, a passing vehicle made contact with the driver's side mirror of the DPW vehicle. The driver of the involved vehicle informed DPW personnel that contact between the passenger side mirror of his vehicle made contact with the driver's side mirror of the DPW vehicle. As a result of the contact, both mirrors sustained damage. Law enforcement was called to the scene to complete an accident report.
- Accident #10-23. 9/18/2023. While backing up to dump ditch dirt at the Cherry Valley School in Davenport with vehicle #306, driver turned to sharp and right front bumper of vehicle made contact with fire hydrant. As a result of the contact, the right front bumper was bent outward. DPW personnel were able to bend bumper back in to place prior to leaving the scene. No damage was sustained by the fire hydrant.

**2. Spills**

- None Reported

Safety Office Report 9-26-2023.docx

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### **3. Facilities**

- 8/30/2023. Bridge Crew 1 received routine bloodwork in accordance with current medical protocol.
- 9/13/2023. Safety Committee meeting was held.
- 9/19/2023. Annual MSHA training was conducted. 61 employees received certificates.
- 9/20/2023 and 9/21/2023. Annual Safety Days was held. Complete summary report will be available at a later date.
- Chainsaw training has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
- The Safety Officer requested that all first aid kits be gone through to replace missing and expired items.

### **4. Near Future Objectives**

- Resume facility inspections
- Complete summary report from Safety Days
- Finish cleaning out old Safety Office so that annual hearing tests can be administered
- Go through consent forms to ensure all CDL drivers have one on file so that the Safety Officer can conduct annual limited query's in the FMCSA Clearinghouse.