

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 25, 2022

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Susan McIntyre	Jared Boice
	Jim Thomas	Lisa Henderson
	Press: Elizabeth DeFalco – The Reporter	

**GENERAL**

- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - The minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.
- WCSD re: solar PILOTS
  - SM, We have received correspondence from the Walton school relative a resolution that the Board passed recently regarding Host Community Benefit agreements specific to Solar Arrays. Apparently there was a multi-jurisdictional cooperative agreement in 2008 with the Town and the School district and the school district is rescinding that. It does not affect us directly.
- T/Middletown comments on Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Document
  - SM, received resolutions from the Town of Middletown Town Board this week. One is dealing with the Climate Action Councils draft-scoping plan and the opposition to this. The other is comments that are being submitted to the council in regards to the plan. The County will also be submitting comments.

**SOLID WASTE**

- NYSDEC proposed solid waste regulation revisions
  - SM, Last Thursday, NYSDEC issued notification that they are making changes to the Solid Waste regulations. If you read the Daily Star this morning you have seen my comments on this. We have started the review of this. Most of it is fine but there are a couple things that are really quite scary if they go through as proposed. Not the least of which is a siting prohibition that could be used to prevent us from doing our vertical expansion which is what we are leaning on to provide us decades of capacity going forward. In addition, that prohibition will impact an estimated 8 landfills in the State of New York. That is one third of the capacity in the State, that is a huge loss to the state as a whole. This will cause a huge ripple affect in the terms of the cost and opportunity to manage solid waste going forward in the State of New York, I think this is very short sighted and wildly irresponsible of the State and we will absolutely be submitting comments on this. In its current form, this is very scary for the State of New York going forward.
  - Brief discussion was held on this subject and the implications it carries.
  - GH, And when are comments due by?
  - SM, Currently July 25<sup>th</sup>. One of the first things we are doing as a professional group is asking for an extension to allow for more thorough review. This draft is 499 pages long and they did not bother to point out where changes are so you have to put the old and the new side by side to compare them so it's going to take a while.
  - SM, The irony of all of this is that New York standards for non-hazardous municipal waste are more stringent than the federal requirements for hazardous waste. And we are well above where we were years ago. And our garbage is actually much cleaner than it used to be. We should be proud of the work that we do here.

- Broome County IMA for low permeability soil
  - SM, We have talked about this in past meetings, we have a signed IMA with Chenango County already and we are close now to having one with Broome County. This will be very beneficial to us as we are currently hauling in clay from the Syracuse area. To have it closer would be a savings.
- C&D hauling bid
  - SM, Our current contract expires at the end of June. The new bid will go out on the street today. We hope to make award at the June meeting. We are expecting a sizeable increase.
- Cell 4s construction status
  - SM, Construction continues. We did get some bad news last week as we lost our project manager for Marcy has left the company. It is unfortunate because he and his brother who is our on-site manager worked very well together. So there is some change over in who is doing the computer/paperwork. There is a young girl who is picking up the slack and the business manager is helping as well so we might see some bumps in the process but are sure that we will get a good project in the end.
  - SM, On June 1<sup>st</sup> we are scheduled to do have aqua-store come on site and the 500,000 gallon leachate tank is scheduled for a side penetration; this will allow us to install a new leachate force main that will go directly into this tank. That will be cool to see if anyone is curious. We will be making some adjustments to the leachate lines alignment. This includes a field modification to pump station 3a. So cell 4s is being built on the southern toe of cell 4. Cell 4 was the first double composite liner system, dual membrane clay drainage system. That particular cell has a gravity system that goes to a manhole in pump station 3. Because we are building right there, we need to relocate the lines and the manhole that is there is getting pulled out and we are going to move the lines and put a new manhole outside the edge of the liner of the new construction. Because it is all being done by gravity it is very deep so it needs to withstand a lot of compression forces. So to make that all work we will upsize the thickness of the manhole and reduce the diameter to accommodate the installation. There will be a change for this. The contract is unit price based, and there are some things that will be a positive change and some that will be a negative. I think it will all balance out in the end, I just want you to be aware that these field adjustments are happening.
  - GH, So do we address that at the end?
  - SM, That is my hope. If we need to do something before then we will.
  - GH, When should this be done?
  - SM, By the end of the year.
  - JC, What size are those lines?
  - SM, Coming out of cell 4 it is a 4-inch line, contained in a six-inch line. The new lines under the new regulations will be eight-inch lines contained in a ten-inch line for the primary lines. The secondary lines are six-inch contained in eight-inch.
  - JC, So that's a substantial penetration point to put in.
  - SM, Yes.

## **HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES**

- NYSCHSA summary of NYS legislative action
  - SM, The NYSCHSA has a monthly meeting, we met yesterday. I just want to share with you some of the pending legislation. On the good side there is a bill dealing with CDL's. A current permit is only good for 6 months. The new training requirements make this not realistic so they are extending the permit to 12 months.
  - GH, But you can still renew it correct?

- SM, That's up in the air at this point. With the new regulations DMV is still struggling with how it all works.
- SM, there is also legislation going through that will establish a registration system for contractors and subcontractors engaged in public work. This is to better enforce current labor laws and regulations. This will include municipal projects.
- GH, How hard will it be to register?
- SM, I can't answer that. They are requiring that all municipal urls end in .gov so you will see changes to the County website as well because we are currently end in .us. I don't know why that matters but they are making it part of the legislation.
- SM, There are a bunch more but two in particular that I want to bring up. The first is a 24 hour hotline and interactive website for citizens to report potholes. The DOT Commissioner has to respond to all of these and provide a time line for when the repair will be made.
- DV, That one won't pass. There is a very important legal standard that you can't claim damage unless there is notice of defect filed.
- SM, That is the next thing filed behind that expands the States liability for damages suffered by individuals due to defects. That really means municipalities are going to be more liable for road conditions going forward. This currently only applies to DOT but it's just a matter of time before it comes down.
- DV, And this will count as notice of defect?
- SM, Yes.
- SM, So we have a database that we keep track of complaints in. They are logged in and noted when repaired.
- SM, The last thing I will bring up has passed the senate, has not gone to the assembly. I'm not sure the Governor will sign it or not. It's a New York State buy American Salt Act Bill. It would require salt to come from NYS sources unless the price is 25% higher than the foreign salt. So we buy about \$1,000,000 worth of salt from Cargill located in Lansing. This is being pushed by American Rock Salt and their labor union so this could mean a \$250,000 up charge to our salt if it's even available. As I understand it Cargill is already at capacity.

- County ARPA Committee for Fuel Island upgrades

- SM, The ARPA committee approved \$250,000 to replace 2 of our fuel islands. You will see a resolution in June to cover this. So it was a partial win. They feel we should be just putting this stuff in our budget and that the funds could be better used elsewhere.
- DV, How much of that will get picked up by our building projects?
- SM, None of it. We are putting a new fuel island in at Bloomville, that is included in the bid, we did not include it in this request. This request just covered the systems in place that were installed in the 90's.
- GH, I don't see where putting it in our budget should be an issue for us.
- SM, It shouldn't be as long as they don't cut our budget.
- DV, As long as it gets done.

- NYSDEC bridge cleaning jurisdictional review

- Just an FYI, we put in a request every year to DEC to clean our bridges. Each year DEC then does a jurisdictional review to determine if we need a permit to clean the bridges or not. Thus far they have taken the position that we do not need a permit because we are not disturbing the banks. But we still have to go through the process every year.

- 2022 herbicide spraying proposal

- SM, We usually get two quotes. It goes back and forth between the two firms every year. This year we only got one quote. Price came in at \$222/acre up from \$171/acre last year. Just an FYI

- CR 28 Fishs Eddy water system repairs
  - SM, The water system is undergoing some repairs and redesign. They have hired Delaware Engineering to do the work. This will involve work along CR 28, we will be seeing a utility permit request come in for this work. I would suspect that we would waive the fee for this. Just want you to be aware it is coming.
- BR 10-2 construction schedule – beam delivery dates
  - SM, Bridge by Hanford Mills. We have confirmation from the contractor that the beams should be ready by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking at late September through mid-October for that period of closure.
  - DV, That's better than August.
- BR 32 construction schedule – NYSOGS Letters Patent
  - SM, We are still waiting on the State for the letters Patent. We were hoping to have that done by this Friday. It has gone to the AG's office but they are waiting to get it back. Then it needs to go to DOS for recording. So it is not looking good for that to go this year.
- BR 80 construction status
  - JT, Moving forward, there are always issues that pop up on this project. Poured concrete for the north abutment about an hour ago. Have started the soil work on the south side. Should be capping the manhole. Will put the new one in tomorrow or Friday. When they pulled the sheets on the south abutment they found a nice concrete wall behind it from the old bridge. So the concrete wall was in the way of the stone slope protection for the new bridge so that is going to have to come out somehow. If we can pull it with an excavator or if it will have to be hammered out. It will probably be an extra because it was unanticipated. Hubble has been working every day for the last three weeks.
  - SM, It's nice to go down there and see it looking like something again.
  - GH, Do we have a finish date on that?
  - SM, We aren't sure. It should be done this year.
- BR 20-9
  - JB, This was in the bridge preservation last year. When they sandblasted it you could see through the beams and the guiderail and block outs were in bad shape. They did all the beam repair and we fabricated new posts and block outs this winter and got them galvanized. Should finish installing them tomorrow. That will get the new rail up to current standards.
- BR 21-5
  - JB, Similar project. It was in bridge preservation project a couple years ago. It has an old style rail system on it that nobody complains about but it was in rough shape so we are doing all new posts and block outs for that as well. Because of the traffic volumes we will have to control traffic with lights and do one side at a time.
  - JC, Where is it?
  - JB, By Bennett Hollow. Just a bad location. We will use lights and concrete barriers to control traffic.

## **DPW BLDG PROJECT**

- BAN award
  - SM, We have reissued the one-year ban. We did downsize it to \$14.2 million. The interest came in at 2.2%. Was awarded to M&T Bank. There were five proposals received. There is no premium on this ban. The bond rates are 1 to 1.5% higher. We made the right decision.

- Construction status

- SM, Work continues. There are a lot going on at Bloomville.
- SM, I have gotten proposals for the door latching system for Delhi and for fire alarms for all three buildings that we are reviewing internally with Pete Montgomery who will be taking care of those systems.

BL, I would just like to say that the county is doing a good job mowing and cutting brush in the South. I go to breakfast at the White Birch airport and it looks good.

Executive Session – personnel & contract negotiations

- the meeting adjourned after the executive session.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Change Order #2, Prop 30-21

- GH, What bridges did this cover?
- SM, 20-9, 1-3 and Weaver Hollow.

Award FB1-22

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To: File  
From: Tawny Meres  
Safety & Training Manager  
Re: Safety Office Report  
Date: 5/25/2022

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 3/24/2022 to 5/25/2022.

**1. Accidents**

- 6-22. 4/21/22. While picking up a container used for tire disposal at the Shop/Mechanics facility to transport to the SWMC, the rear of the vehicle made contact with a dirt entry ramp leading in to the sign shop. The driver misjudged the proximity of the vehicle to the entry ramp while attempting to drive around the sign shop building. Slight damage to the tool box was noted.
- 7-22. 5/4/2022. While performing brushing operations on County Route 18, a DPW employee began to swing a tree limb around to feed in to the chipper when the limb made contact with a passing vehicle. The butt of the limb made contact with the passenger side door post. Minor damage to the door post was noted.

**2. Spills**

- 1-22. 3/30/2022. While mowing with the over the rail mower on County Route 6, a hydraulic line failed. As a result of the line failure, approximately 10 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to the paved surface where it then migrated to the dirt shoulder of the roadway ultimately reaching the ditch. The spill was reported to the NYS DEC spill hotline. NYS DEC closed the spill out on 4/6/2022.
- 2-22. 4/29/2022. While loading a container on to a roll off truck at the Town of Middletown Transfer Station, a hydraulic line failed. As a result of the line failure, hydraulic oil was lost on to the paved surface of the driveway. The spill was reported to the NYS DEC spill hotline. NYS DEC closed the spill out on 5/6/2022.

**3. Facilities**

- 4/11/2022. The Safety Officer traveled to Syracuse to attend the Empire State Safety Association Education Day.
- 3/31/2022. UDIG Certified Excavator training was conducted.
- 5/16/2022 and 5/17/2022. Work Zone Control Workshop was conducted by Cornell Local Roads Program for all DPW personnel.

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- The 2022 Safety Days have been scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022 and Thursday, September 22, 2022.
  - The Delaware County Fairgrounds have been reserved as the venue.
  - Driving Simulator has been reserved
  - NBT will sponsor food and refreshments
  - 3 trainers have been secured for the event
- Employees included in medical monitoring protocols have received routine bloodwork.
- Tick Removal kits received from Public Health have been received and will be distributed to all employees. Additional kits have been requested to complete distribution.
- Drug and Alcohol Consortium has been updated.
- NYS DMV LENS database has been updated.
- Forklift training has been scheduled for SWMC personnel for Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Training will be conducted by John Douglas of the NYS DOL.
- Annual MSHA training has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

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

- Conduct SWPPP inspections on wetland in Delhi and on County Route 26.
- Continue annual hearing tests for personnel.
- Schedule quarterly Safety Committee Meeting.
- Continue working on Safety Days for 2022.