PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE June 22, 2022 8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes

Joe Cetta

Bill Layton Gerry Vernold Dennis Valente
Susan McIntyre

Jared Boice Tina Molé

Jim Thomas Lisa Henderson

Mary Crisafulli – The Reporter

GENERAL

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the May 25th meeting were approved as presented.

Authorization to Fill Vacancies

- SM, we have several of these. The first is for a Compost Equipment Operator. This is in anticipation of an internal promotion that will create the vacancy.
- Committee approved.
- SM, The next one is to replace an employee who has been out on an extended medical leave who is most likely not coming back. If he comes back we obviously won't use this but we are trying to stay ahead of things.
- Committee approved.
- SM, Next up is approval to hire 2 BCM's. We have had two employees resign this week. One is going to the Town of Franklin and the other to the Laborer's Union.
- A lengthy conversation was held about these positions.
- JB, We will get done what we can. If we have to combine the crews to get a job done, that's what we'll do.
- Committee approved.
- SM, the last one is for a Building Maintenance Mechanic at Compost. This is open because of an internal promotion. And we intend to fill it with another internal promotion. That will create the vacancy you just approved.

Equipment Authorizations

- SM, We have a few of these as well. First one is a second emergency backup pump for the leachate.
- Committee approved.
- SM, Next one is a budgeted item. 6' Brush hog. We budgeted \$3,800, we can get it for \$2,900.
- Committee approved.
- SM, Last item is a printer for the scale house. Cost is \$916.83
- Committee approved.

Safety Report

- Copy attached.

SOLID WASTE

Cell 4s work status

- SM, Work is progressing. You can actually see the outline of the new cell now. The directional drilling that needs to be done is causing some delays but once that is done they will get back up to speed. We are keeping a tally of pluses and minuses. At the moment we are looking at a

\$13,000 increase. That may go down as we continue; if anyone wants details, I can get them for you. But the project is going smoothly and we are happy with the work.

SW3-22 C&D bid results

- SM, I want to talk about this for a moment. The award for this is in front of the board today. Our current contract is with Casella and Tweedie; we were around \$76/ton in the pricing structure. New bid came in at a low of \$86/ton to a high of \$100.50/ton depending on where they take it. That is a function of who had available space and capacity. This contract is only for material coming out of the landfill. The GOSR contract will be bid separately. The second thing I will mention is that we did include a fuel escalation in this bid so the price per ton is a baseline and will fluctuate based on diesel prices. We are using the DOT pricing to calculate the escalation. For reference, we used the May rate for the base, that price was \$3.67/gallon, the June price is \$4.13/gallon. There is a formula in place for that. To give you an idea of what you are looking at, if we assumed the June rate held for the rest of the year and you look at 6,600 tons which is what we exported last year it would be an \$8,500 increase in the price. So that isn't huge and keep in mind it can also go down. We did this to try and control the base price for the disposal and really the increase we are seeing is in the freight. Their bid prices are for transportation and disposal separately and the disposal price is the same. So if we applied the new values against the 6,600 tons we would be looking at an 18% increase.
- GH, What's that dollar wise?
- SM, The total would be \$575,000. Now, how much we export is a function of how much we bring in. So if we get less, that number would go down. And to be honest I was very pleased with how the numbers came in, I thought it would be much worse. I think the fuel adjustment helped.

NYC Watershed Inspector General Scientist

- SM, Just a quick report, yesterday Charlie Silver who is the NYS Watershed Inspector General Scientist was in Delaware County touring several farms and stream sites in an effort by the County to show the City what we do for water quality protection. We also gave them a quick tour of the Solid Waste Management Center; Jim Thomas, myself and Tyson were there to meet with him and his intern. I think it went well. We tried to show what it is we do and why we exist and what we hope to do in the future.

GH, Do we have the comments in yet on the new regulations?

SM, We do not. They are due July 1st so we have a little time, they are being drafted. For the CLCPA comments Shelly has a draft she is working on. I will supplement those comments. For the Solid Waste Regulation changes, Kevin Young is putting together a summary table of the impacts. I have had extensive conversations with him and we have also had conversations with Phil Bein and Clairborne Waltham, Phil is the Watershed Inspector General and Clairborne is his number one, we have also talked to Tony Luisi who is the Regional Director of DEC Region 4 to try and impart on DEC, our concerns for the DEC regulation, there two regulations we are concerned about, the first being the siting regulation, which would prohibit vertical expansion which would stop us dead in the water, the other item of concern is a definition that has been imbedded in the new Solid Waste Regulations, New York City and Long Island have historically been held to stricter standards. The new proposed regulations extend that territory to include the watershed in those standards, this goes well beyond just the landfill, it will affect local highway work, it affects the movement of C&D material by contractors. And our point is that while that makes sense in highly dense urban areas, it does not make sense in West of Hudson territories. That inclusion of the watershed is an overreach.

- GH, Do you have any hope that they will listen?

- SM, I believe we are in a highly politicized environment both statewide and nationwide and I think that in absence of rational minds making rational decisions we need to be willing to push politically and engage our representatives to support us.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

• CR 14

- SM, We have done mill and fill work on several sections. If we have money left at the end of the season we may go back and do a few more sections.
- GH, And none of these will be oil and stone this year correct?
- SM, Correct. We are not doing any oil and stone this year. We are trying to get caught up on pipes and other maintenance.

• CR 16

- SM, Hope to finish up today on a bunch of culvert replacements. That will be followed up with a surface treatment later this year.

• CR 18

- SM, Doing shoulder work.

• CR 21

- SM, Doing several culverts as well as some mill and fill work.

• CR 23

- SM, doing T&L work.

• <u>CR 33</u>

- SM, Scheduled for recycling to start Thursday or Friday.
- SM, I have question for you George on CR 33, we have a permit application from DCEC to run electric across some of the county property that is the old railroad bed below where we cleared up the Kelso piece. The question is does the County have plans to do anything with that section? DPW has no immediate plans for it. I did reach out to Todd from Catskill Revitalization and they don't expect to go any further. So the concern is do we even care if they go across the property.
- GH, Why does the County even still own it?
- SM, I can't answer that. So what I'm hearing is that the Town or County has no concerns with parting with this?
- Committee agreed

CR 37

- SM, We will be doing some soil nail work on CR 37, probably late July. There are two sections that need repairs.
- JB, One is an old boiler plate wall that has been failing since before I started here. It is going to be a project but it needs to be done.
- JT, The other section is a much smaller section where we had driven some sheet pile, it will just finish that section up.

• CR 41

- SM, We are doing a large culvert replacement here in July. Will close the road for two days.
- JB, 7' by 65'. Between Bridge Road and the trailer park.

- SM, so just below that there is a railroad crossing that has been an issue for years. The railroad is hoping to get funding to replace/fix it next year. Our plan is to pave over it for now until they can fix it. They will not be running the train over it. CRC is ok with this
- GH, Is that a liability to them or us?
- SM, It is a liability to everyone.

• BR 10-2

- SM, Set to go this year. Still haven't scheduled the preconstruction meeting.

• BR 20

- SM, This is in the Town of Middletown on Dry Brook. After Irene the adjacent property owner had hoped to do some streambank restoration. That did not happen. We have been in touch with the property owner, I'll let Jim fill you in from there.
- JT, I met with Jared and Soil and Water, we are going to put some heavy stone fill in to protect our wing wall to keep it from washing out around the wing wall and out into the road. We currently have jersey barriers up. In order to do the stone work we have to move the water. The water is flowing right where we need to work. So we have to go upstream about 200 feet and push the water to a channel that cuts through the flood plain. To do that we are on the adjacent property owner. The property belongs to the Goulds so I have drafted a letter to them. We can't get a permit without their cooperation.
- SM So we are hoping that it goes well and everyone cooperates and we can get this done.

• BR 32

- SM, We have received the letters patent. I took them to the County Attorney so they could be filed and there was some concern over a discrepancy with the wording. Will try again today. We have put this construction off until next year. Will get the bid out for an opening this fall so that we can be ready to go in the spring.

• BR 80

- JT, Hubble is moving forward. There are a few change orders. The first we can all agree on, when we tore down the house we capped the sewer line on the house side of the road. When they moved the manhole they had to do some extra work and recap it.
- SM, \$9,000 for that.
- JT, There are also some questions regarding the tie backs, whether to coat them in pvc and grease or cover them in concrete. The design engineer wants both, the plans call for either. If we do both it's about \$2,000.
- SM, There is also the lining of the sewer tie in that is required by DEP, we knew that going in, we just didn't have the detail. We now have a proposal for that. This project is FEMA funded so we will be reimbursed. The last change order is a request for price increases for material. Right now we have taken the position that they need to show us the detail.
- JT, Their request is just a dollar amount with absolutely no documentation. That doesn't work.
- JT, There is also one more item. They ran into an old concrete abutment that we didn't know was there. They did get that out of there yesterday. They are moving along. They have one abutment done, the other should be done by the end of next week.
- GH, It the steel on site?
- JT, I think it is fabricated but it's not on site. Should be mid-July when they actually set it on there. Then they have to do the deck and do the approaches.

• BR 130

- SM, This is Main Street in Sidney. Otsego County's contract expired, they are trying to renegotiate. We did have to do some pothole repairs. Just for the record, the Village had a water main break that shut it down for a couple of days. That had nothing to do with us.

• BR 137

- SM, This is the Hale Eddy Bridge that Broome County is taking the lead on. They anticipate starting work in August.

• BR 214

- JT, Met with Soil and Water and they are going to plant a bunch of willows and some other things. That will keep DEP happy. Soil and Water will get a plan together and we will get DEC approval and get that done this fall. Shouldn't cost much of anything beyond our labor.

• Bridge Preservation

- SM, We have received the Marcheselli funds for the 2020 project. Working with McFarland Johnson on the 2023 structures, we had them evaluate 4 structures, three came back as good candidates. We will work on advancing on that; one on Morton Hill in Colchester, one Bob Gould Road and one on Nichols road (both in Walton).
- SM, I do have a proposal from MJ for the next phase of the 2022 project, that would be construction phase. Seeking Committee approval for \$55,218.
- Committee approved.

• M&M on call services agreement for 2022

- SM, have the on-call services contract for 2022. Not to exceed \$15,000.
- Committee approved.

• GOSR C&D hauling contract

- JB, The State continues to drag this out. I didn't put any bridge projects on the table this year because I thought we would be able to get this done this year and move on.
- JB, We have been over there the last few weeks doing waterline disconnects and such so that we are ready to go when they say we can go.
- SM, All of the houses have been purchased, there are some 46 that still need to be demolished. The final asbestos abatement reviews are still being done and reviewed by NYSDOL so we are waiting on them to come back. That will allow us to pursue the abatement. This affects about half of the houses. Once we do the abatement and that is done, they are potentially able to be demolished. The removal of the C&D needs to be bid, we just received approval from GOSR this last week to go to bid so we will get that moving. The last hanging chad is the historical features. This affects about 18 homes, the issue is that there is no place to store them and SHPO is deferring to FEMA regarding the waiving of the requirement. We continue to push on this but we are waiting on FEMA, SHPO and GOSR.
- TM, Why don't you just throw it away?
- SM, The risk in doing that is that you are in violation of the terms of the contract and they will not to reimburse you.
- SM, The Historical Association could throw it away if they don't have room but we can't. We need a letter from them saying they accept the items and they have been turning us away when we show up with things.
- Much discussion was held on this subject.

Depot St lot

- SM this is the large lot in Fleischmanns. We had to bring the brush hog in to cut it down. Hopefully OET can stay on top of it from here.

DSS house at 161 Main St

- SM, Demolition is complete. Tweedie did the demo, Delta provided the onsite monitoring for the asbestos. We are almost done with the backfilling.
- GH, That had asbestos? That was the problem?
- SM, It was done as a controlled demolition because it was unsafe to enter to test. So it was handled as hot and disposed of as hot.
- GH, So what does that mean?
- SM, You have to have a special license. Spray water on it as you take it down, have onsite monitoring, you have to have fencing around it and it is tracked.
- GV, What is it going to take to get rid of the little shed? This came up in the DSS meeting.
- SM, They should have done that when they did the rest of it. But now they will have to go thru the same process. Or they can have it tested to see if there is asbestos, then abate it then take it down.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

Status Update

- SM, We continue to make progress. Still don't have stairs but we are getting close. We will pursuing Kevin Brown's fire alarm system and the door access systems. And we have a project job meeting tomorrow.
- GH, Bloomville looks good considering they can't find people to work.

DV, Is the County going to get Pave our Pot Hole money?

SM, I would have to ask Lisa

LH, we will get \$484,000. We will apply for it. I'm thinking I'll keep that on the maintenance side.

JB, CR 14, 18, 21, 23 and 33 will all get shoulders done as well now that the mill and fill work is done they will need it.

Executive Session

- A brief executive session was held to discuss personnel matters.

JC, I am dedicating a plaque to Veteran's Plaza and dedicating the bridge in Walton to the only Medal of Honor winner from Delaware County. Having a ceremony a month from today. I need something to use for the ceremony because the sign won't be ready yet. Can your sign guy make us something up that we can use?

SM, We can work that out after the meeting. JC, Ok.

BL, Is there any more thought about the end of Pine Swamp Road on the Sidney Center road (CR 23) to connect that to Fox Farm Road straight across instead of having that blind corner? Can we talk to those people? I know they dropped the plans when the law suit was active. SM, That's an excellent question.

RESOLUTIONS

Award Prop SW3-22

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To: File

From: Tawny Meres

Safety & Training Manager

Re: Safety Office Report

Date: 6/22/2022

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 5/26/2022 to 6/21/2022.

1. Accidents

- 8-22. 6/15/2022. While a DPW driver was pulling out of Bridge Street on to Main Street in the Village of Delhi with vehicle #109, a 2018 Ford F250, the DPW driver failed to see an Oncoming vehicle and struck the vehicle in the left rear quarter panel with the right front of the DPW vehicle. The privately owned vehicle sustained extensive damage to the left rear of the vehicle. The DPW vehicle sustained minor scuff marks to the right front bumper. Village of Delhi PD responded to the scene to complete an accident report.
- 6/15/2022. When personnel from the Delhi Patrol arrived for work on this date, it was noted that DPW vehicle #418, a 2000 Ford Utility, had rolled backwards across the parking area to the west of the Delhi Patrol building, coming to rest against DPW dump truck #440. No damage was sustained by either vehicle. It was noted that the vehicle had been placed in neutral when parked and the hydraulic brake was in the locked position.

2. Spills

• 3-22. 6/8/2022. NYS DEC #2202155. A front strap on the gas tank of vehicle #91, a 2008 Ford F250, failed. As a result of the strap failure, the gas tank fell to the ground while the vehicle was located at the Fishs Eddy Patrol. Approximately 10 gallons of gasoline was lost on to the dirt surface. Personnel from the NYS DEC visited the site the following day. An additional scraping of the ground was made with a loader on location and DEC was then satisfied with the cleanup and indicated they would close the spill.

3. Facilities

- Annual hoist inspections have been scheduled for 6/27/2022.
- Safety Committee meeting has been scheduled for 6/29/2022.
- Entry Level Driver Training student manuals have been received to conduct in-house training. Instructor manuals should be received this week.
- The Safety Officer, ELDT trainers and one General Foreman participated in a webinar on 6/16/2022 pertaining to the new ELDT requirements and how to enter information in to the registry.

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- Certificates were received and distributed to personnel who participated in the Work Zone Control Workshop conducted by Cornell Local Roads Program.
- All personnel have now received their own tick removal kits to carry with them.
- The Safety Office has received additional COVID19 testing kits to have on hand for personnel who are showing symptoms while at work and would like to test.
- One employee for SWMC Landfill will be scheduled to begin the HBV series as requested.

4. Near Future Objective

- Schedule annual vehicle lift inspections.
- Conduct all remaining annual hearing tests.
- Continue working on Safety Days.