

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 24, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes

John Kosier

Jerry Vernold

Jared Boice

Liz DeFalco (The Reporter)

Joe Cetta

Bill Layton

Jim Thomas

Lisa Henderson

Glenn Nealis

GENERAL

• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the May 10th meeting were approved as presented.

• Safety Officer's Report

- The report was distributed to the Committee. (Copy Attached)

• Authorization to Fill Vacancies

- JT, these are vacancies that were filled when we moved people that were retiring into them so we could fill their spots. Now we need authorization to fill them again.
- GH, Do we have any applications to fill them? What are we doing to try and fill them?
- JT, No. It's very hard to get people in engineering with what we pay. We just don't get applications for them because of the pay rate. But this will allow us to fill them if we get anything.
- GH, Is there something we can do to recruit people?
- JT, I don't know. We had two interns last year, one graduated and went on to work somewhere else. The other is only a sophomore so she's back this year. If we could keep her after graduating that would be great but I can't say it will happen.

• Flood Insurance Delhi (18-24 Page)

- JT, this is the Flood insurance for Page Avenue.
- LH, I'm not sure exactly what this covers, it says 18-24, I'm not sure what buildings are included in that.
- GH, So should we adjust that when we move?
- LH, I would say yes. But we need to dig a little to see what's covered.
- Committee voted to go with option A as we are scheduled to be moving.

• CHIPS, Pave NY, EWR, POP Funds

- LH, I have distributed a copy of your apportionments for CHIPS, PAVENY, EWR and POP. Basically everyone's CHIPS went up a minimum of 11%. FOR PAVENY and POP the Towns went down a minimally amount.. for 19 towns, the POP went down \$532. So that really shouldn't affect you too much. The PAVENY went down \$799.28. So the amounts were miniscule.
- JT, So how much do the Towns get?
- LH, For CHIPS they get \$5,183,405.18. POP is \$803,778.71, EWR is \$1,038,796.71 and PAVENY is \$1,205,668.08.

- LH, another update on CHIPS is that they are now enforcing the rules that have been in effect for the past 20 years probably. Staff at DOT has changed and that is the reason for this change so now you are only going to be able to use your CHIPS funds and any of these other funds for projects or roads that have not been worked on in the last 10 years. I'm not sure how the folks at Region 9 have been getting your projects through at 5 year intervals but it has been 10 years for a long time now. So really, the rules have not changed it's just that they are being enforced as they should have been for a while now. I know everyone is upset but there really isn't anything that can be done.

GUEST

- Bramley Mountain Fire Tower

- JT, Glen is here today to talk about the Bramley mountain fire tower.
- GN, as you may be aware there is interest in restoring the Bramley mountain fire tower to its original location. The Town of Delhi was first approached about this and they ran into some difficulties so Tina and Dennis asked me to look into it for the County. I haven't made a formal proposal to my committee, I mentioned it last time that I was in the phase of doing some background work and I'm hoping to bring it to them in June.
- Glen reviewed the entire process and what would need to happen. Because the property is owed by DEP, the County would receive access permit from DEP, it would be a five year permit renewable for however long both side agree. Then they would lease the tower from the current owners (Clark family on Elk Creek), the Friends of Bramley Mountain have raised the funds necessary to erect the tower. The County would be required to meet certain conditions placed on the property by DEP. I have talked to Steve Hood and he said it isn't complicated, you are required to clean up the trash and make sure that unauthorized people aren't accessing it to the best of your ability (understanding that it is open to the public so they are supposed to be accessing it). There are potential areas of cost that I am trying to do my homework on; they basically relate to insurance. There is liability insurance and insurance on the tower itself for structural integrity, fire, lightning strikes, wind. And conceivably because there could possibly be County vehicles up there, they would have to be covered under our auto liability policy. Lastly there is what they call a surety bond to make sure that if and when the permit ceases to happen, that there is a guarantee that the tower would be removed from the property. So to me it is really a reclamation bond. We discussed the insurance requirements with our insurance people, they are good with everything but the bond, they asked to see a copy of a surety bond the City has accepted, I have asked DEP, I am still waiting to hear back. During that conversation it was brought up that if what they really want is assurance that the tower will be removed, could we approach DPW and see if they can commit to do that on behalf of the County. Depending on how you look at it, that could be plan A or plan B. I just wanted to bring it to you before we went any further. The County would be making the commitment, but we all know what that means.
- BL, We have one in Tompkins, it is not a problem. Now, ours was up before the City owned the property so we don't need a bond. But we have not have a problem with the City, they are very involved but it hasn't been a problem.
- JB, How big is the tower?
- GN, It's 100 for the tower and then the observation deck.
- Discussion was held on what this would entail.
- Committee and Jared would like to see where the tower is located and what kind of foundation it will have before making any commitment. What kind of time frame are we looking at?
- GN, I'm assuming that this will need full Board authorization. The next Board meeting is June 28th. My Committee meets on June 7th, if I could have a tentative idea by then.

- Committee agreed that we could probably move forward with this, pending what we find. There is obviously going to be a cost to taking it down, we would just ask that the Board be willing to reimburse DPW for that cost. We would need to know how it needs to come down and be assured that we will only be responsible for taking it down, no maintenance or anything else.
- GN, I will try to get answers for you.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4S Status
 - JT, NelCorp still has a few things to clean up. Marcy is done and is looking for their retainage, we are working on that. We are waiting on DEC before any waste can go in the cell.
- Cell 1 Redevelopment
 - JT, This is also still in the hands of DEC.
- Temporary Rain Cover
 - JT, This should start next week. We have the site ready now, it took some time but we got there.
- Compost Repairs
 - JT, We are running but now the agitator is having electrical issues. I think that we are going to see constant maintenance concerns as the building ages.
- Monitoring well #16
 - JT, This was installed after the last meeting. We are good to go there.
- Solid Waste Plan comments
 - JT, We are working with Kevin on this. We hoped to have a resolution for today but we didn't get the comments quick enough. Comments are due before the next meeting so we will submit them without a resolution.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- Funding for T&L

LH, We have received a list of projects from Ben and Kevin. Ben in particular wants to T&L the entire length of CR 16. At every meeting I keep hearing that the County has money they need to spend. I would propose to use \$400,000 of my fund balance and ask for the other \$600,000 from the general fund. We could find it entirely with fund balance but if they have money they need to spend, this is a valid request.

LH, We are also doing a mill and fill on CR 14, CR 2, CR 21 and CR 5. They are paving on CR 18 and CR 35. They are doing major T&L on 27 and 16. We are just trying to catch up, they would have done some T&L last year but once we were ready we couldn't get Cobleskill here.

 - GH, I can ask at finance and see what they say. If we use all fund balance does it need finance permission?
 - LH, no, but I would still need to do a resolution.
 - LH, That works, I just need to know how to write the resolution, is it all fund balance or can we get some from the General Fund.
 - LH, Next year this will all be included in the budget when we submit it.
 - JV, What is T&L? What do you do?

- JB, We are putting blacktop down, we used to it with a grader but use a paver now. You get a better finish. It's an inch or inch and a half and it just gets rid of the wheel ruts and reshapes the road. The it is sealed with oil and stone.

- Weights & Measures Complaint

- LH, We received an anonymous complaint via fax yesterday regarding the Oppenheimer Regis Hotel on Lake Street in Fleischmanns (copy attached). There is nothing about the Hotel that is a Weights & Measures concern. So we will not do anything. We just want the Committee to be aware that it was received.
- Committee agreed no action required.

- NYC Road Maintenance Agreement –in NYC review

- JT, Still no news here.

- BR 32

- JT, They started on Monday. Nice to have this finally happening.

- BR 136 – Bridge NY Round 3

- JT, This is moving, slowly but it's moving.

- Abatement for Flood Buyout

- JT, 17 of the 31 houses have been abated. 7 of them we have the reports back on so they are cleared to be torn down. Two of those are in Sidney Center so Jared is going to start there. Hopefully next week or the flowing week. Hoping to keep that moving.

- Bridge NY Round 4 (7-3)

- JT, Still no word on this.

- Town plowing of County roads

- JT, Contract should be going out soon. With the exception of Roxbury and Middletown, we continue to work on that.
- JT, I may talk to the City about putting some kind of administrative fee on the snow contract because right now that's a straight pass thru and we get nothing. And Meta spends a lot of time on that. It only seems logical.

- Delaware South

City Culvert 18

- 99% done. Silt fence is still up. Once the grass comes in we can pull that and be done.

CR 21

- Paving project, should be getting started soon. Also doing a few small pipes before we pave.

Driveway pipes

- Getting driveway pipes done before we oil and stone.

Vac truck

- Vac truck is out and about. Currently in Bovina Center.

Bridge Maintenance

Washing bridges.

- 43 of the 183 bridges on the schedule are done. We struggle to get that work done because the crew is easy to steal and put on other projects.

Future paving

21 – starting a village and going out about 2 miles. We may go into the Village a bit to ensure a smooth transition.

35 – T&L that stretch hasn't been done for a while

27 – We are just touching up here.

• Delaware North

CR 18 pipes

- It seems we just keep finding pipes.

CR 5 shoulder restoration

- Going up hill, dug out the soft spots, will fix and replace rail.

CR 16 DI

- We have an issue right at the intersection with State Route 10, we are working on cleaning that up. The fix worked for 13 years the last time, hoping this lasts that long again. There really should be a pipe outlet somewhere but there is nowhere to go.

Future paving

CR 14 Mill and Fill

- Should finish that up today.

CR 18

- I think this section is from the Gravel bank to Bramley Mountain. I think they will fix those pipes while they are out there.
- GH, There are a few spots in Kortright where there are some serious ponding issues.
- JT, I know Ben has talked about it, we tried to do something at Hanselmans, they didn't want us to cut in front of the house. So we did what we could. I think in Kortright, it is something that really needs curbs and drains and that's going to be expensive. And we don't own any ROW so that would be an issue to.
- JK, I asked Sue a while ago about signs for the Fire Department, they have no signs.
- JT, I'll look at it. I will say I'm not a fan of a lot of signs. They give a false sense of security.

CR 16

- As discussed earlier. Hope to do this in June.

• Bridge crews

Deck and post and block outs

BR 16 is done, has some rail left but finished ahead of schedule.

Working on block outs.

- GH, Are you doing one on Halcottsville?

- JB, Nope, Turk Hill and Harper Road in Harpersfield. Waiting for school to get out for that.

- GH, It must be the Town, that's been closed for a week or so now.
- JB, that's the sewer project.
- JV, What is a post and block out?
- JB, Bridge Rail.

Nichols Road

- JB, this has been a different animal to work on. We are getting through it. Will get that done pave that and then hit a bridge on CR 22 that needs a mill and pave to fix an issue. Then move on to Sidney and knock some houses down.

Mill and pave all bridges on Readburn in May

- JT, Where is Cobleskill on this?
- JB, They told me they were waiting for the Town to close O&W. Neil had other things and wanted to wait.

• CR 18 speed signs

- JT, We have the posts. Jack talked to Kevin to make sure the dig request was right, we should get that done next week.

• IRT

- JT, Not doing much with this. We are supposed to make some signs but I haven't heard yet what they are.
- JV, I'm sure Shelly will let you know.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

- JT, Mancini is working on their punch list items.
- GH, Are they having issues with the roof in Bloomville?
- JT, Yes. The panels aren't fitting together per specification.
- JB, American Steel flew in from Arkansas yesterday and they had a big meeting, I haven't caught up with anyone yet to see what the outcome would be.
- JT, The first mat of rebar is in and they are working on the radiant heat.
- JB. That stopped to.
- JT, What happened there?
- JB, The manifolds mounts aren't ready. They are running the tubing but there is nowhere to mount the manifolds. I haven't got the whole story but there is a problem.
- JB, Walton in moving along. Siding is on the Route 10 and landfill sides. Block work is mostly done. Working on the canopy overhang framing. This one is moving.
- JT, Until they get to the roof and have the same problem.
- JB, True. They are working on some grade issues.
- JB, Delhi we are waiting on punch list and cleaning. We have Wickham full of furniture.
- GH, Is IT done in there?
- JB, I have to run a conduit line for them tomorrow.
- JT, That is to feed Wickham I believe.
- JB, Mancini is waiting to clean until everyone is done so they don't have to do it twice. We will keep pushing to get in there.

RESOLUTIONS

Change Order #1 Prop 31-22

- JT, This is a no cost time extension. I'm not sure what happened but between the contractor and the engineer the steel repair detail got dropped for a week or so. They are on top of it now but need the extension.

BL, We have talked about this before, is the County going to do anything at the intersection of Pine Swamp and 23?

JT, Not at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel issues

Meeting adjourned after the executive session.

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 5/23/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 4/26/2023 to 5/23/2023.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- 1-23. NYS DEC #2300831. 5/1/2023. While working on BR16 on CR6/Weaver Hollow, a hydraulic line failed on a compressor. As a result of the failed line, approximately 10 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to the paved surface of the roadway. Spill was immediately addressed. Spill residuals were transported to the SWMC for proper disposal. NYS DEC closed spill on 5/2/2023.
- 2-23. NYS DEC #21301330. 5/17/2023. While attempting to dump a load of material at 2800 County Route 21 with vehicle #442, a 2018 Freightliner TA dump, a hydraulic line failed. As a result of the failed hydraulic line, approximately 4 to 6 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on the dirt surface. The spill was immediately contained. Once the vehicle was removed from the area, crews utilized a backhoe to excavate the contaminated soil. Spill residuals and contaminated material was transported to the SWMC for proper disposal. Spill not yet closed.
- 3-23. NYS DEC #2301381. 5/19/2023. SWMC. While loading a box on to vehicle #842, a 2019 Freightliner roll off, a hydraulic line to the cylinder failed. The vehicle was at the SWMC when the incident occurred. As a result of the line failure, approximately 3 to 4 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to the paved surface. The spill was immediately addressed. Spill not yet closed.

3. Facilities

- Annual hoist inspections have been scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023.
- Training of seasonal personnel continues.
- Delaware County Fairgrounds has once again agreed to allow DPW to hold Safety Days at their location. There will be no fee charged to DPW for the use of the facilities.
- A Safety Committee meeting was held on 5/17/2023.
- One driver from SWMC has begun Entry Level driver training.

Safety Office Report 5-23-2023.docx

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4. Near Future Objectives

- Replace defibrillator pads in AED's as they expire in June.
- Begin conducting annual walkthrough inspections at patrols.
- Monitor 2 open spills for closure
- Update NYS DMV LENS

TO DELAWARE COUNTY

Weights & Measures

Dear Director - Lynn Reed

Can you please inspect the Oppenheimer's Regis Hotel on
400 Lake Street, Fleischmanns, NY 12430 for obvious reasons,
please.

From Anonymous