

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 28, 2023

8:45 A.M.

**Attendees:**

George Haynes  
John Kosier  
Patricia Valente  
Tina Molé  
Tyson Robb  
Lisa Henderson

Joe Cetta  
Bill Layton  
Jerry Vernold  
Jim Thomas  
Liz DeFalco

**GENERAL**

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - The minutes of the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.
- Safety Officer's Report
  - Distributed to everyone. (Copy attached)
- Equipment Authorizations
  - TR, We need a new leachate pump for Cell 6, we are currently using one that was sized for Cell 4 and it doesn't work anymore. Cost of \$16,887.
  - Committee approved.
- Training Request
  - JT, This is training for the paint truck. Manufacturer will come here and do the training with the mechanics and the paint truck crew. It's a pretty complex truck and we have a whole new crew on it so this would be money well spent. Cost of \$2,400.00.
  - Committee approved.

**SOLID WASTE**

- Harpersfield
  - TR, We continue to have issues with the Harpersfield transfer station. The issue is that the transfer station operator is a Town employee and we have no control over him. It is a weekly issue. We have had several meetings, things get better for a few days and then go right back.
  - A lengthy discussion was had on this.
- Rain cap
  - TR, The rain cap is on. Working well, we could potentially be saving upwards of \$200,000/year. It is money well spent. Should be able to close that contract out next week.
- Cell 4s
  - TR, Cell 4s work is ongoing. It's been extended because of long lead times. General Contractor is done. The electrical contractor still has some work to do. We are pushing them to get that done. There is still some issue with parts availability.
  - TR, Also because of the delays we have run out of money on the engineering contract. They are proposing an amendment to finish out that work. That would entail the conclusion of the electric contract and preparing comments for the certification report for DEC. They are asking for \$30,000 to finish that. It is a not to exceed amount so they may not use it all.
  - Committee approved.

- Compost

- TR, Maintenance is ongoing, the grapple is having issues. Looking at rebuilding the agitator this year. That is one of the main components of the facility along with the bioreactor. We need to that while Erik is still around. Troubleshooting is a daily issue as the facility gets older.
- Lengthy discussion was held on what will need to be done in the near future, especially regarding the bioreactor. We are being proactive with this and talking to people to see what can be done. The electric components are also a major cause of concern as they are old and outdated, parts are hard if not impossible to find. Again we are being proactive on this.

- NYSDEC

- TR, DEC keeps thing interesting. In 2017 they came out with new 360 rules, we implemented them on site in 2021 when we did our new permit modification. Then in 2022 they changed the rules again, then in 2023 they came out with a new Solid Waste Management Plan that we are now commenting on, they have also proposed some changes to biosolids and leachate management. This seems like a lot of change in a short period of time and it is difficult to keep up with it all and to plan for budgets and staffing.
- PV, Do they give you a time frame to come into compliance?
- TR, Yes, it is usually when you have a permit modification or something like that. But then there are some things that are more across the Board.
- Lengthy conversation was held on this.
- TR, We still have no comments on the compost permit or the cell 1 reclamation permit. Things are very unclear at this point.
  
- Discussion was held on solar panels and decommissioning them.
  
- DEC regs that we commented on last year have gone into effect with some changes. Our concern was that they wanted to make NYC and the watershed a special waste zone. They changes this so that it is only East of Hudson, they did it based on County boundaries not watershed outlines.
- Comments on New Solid Waste Management Plan were discussed. Have the State Association comments, just got them yesterday. Tyson will forward them to anyone who wants them.
- Resolution on comments will go before the Board today.
  
- PFAS continue to be a concern.
- New biosolids testing is coming down, we will have to adjust our acceptance guidelines. Discussion was held on this.
- They also have some bad ideas on leachate management. I will be submitting some comments on this. They basically want leachate to cease to exist. There are far reaching implications to this.

## **HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES**

- Funding for T&L

- JT, That resolution is prefiled. The work is done. I'm sure we'll get a bunch of complaints in July when we hit it with oil and stone.

- BR 32

- JT, Moving forward. Should be pouring the first footing today or tomorrow, next week at the latest.

- BR 136 – Bridge NY Round 3
  - JT, This is in design, will be for a while,
- Flood buyout – DC Demo
  - JT, We have taken down 12 or 13 houses. We have a lot more to do. There is a hold up on a couple of them with SHPO. We started at one end of town and are just moving our way through. Hoping that get resolved quickly.
- Bridge NY Round 4 (7-3)
  - JT, Still waiting to hear from the State on this.
- Town plowing of County roads
  - JT, Contracts are going out today. Middletown did drop out completely so we will have to run two more tandems this year. That will take two of our spares that we have so hopefully we will be ok. It will probably be one man plowing with just a head plow but we'll get it done. When we get a break we'll send a truck over to wing things back.
  - Roxbury will do CR 41 and VanAiken Road which is a City road.
  - JT, So one truck will do CR 3, CR 6 and the City Road down to the Middletown line. One will do CR 36, CR 8 and CR 37. One of those trucks will hit CR 38 on the way through. So we should be ok if the mechanics can keep everything running.
- Bridge painting 2022
  - JT, Work has started back up on this. Doing steel repairs. They have had some high water.
- Bridge painting 2024
  - JT, We had three bridges in this but recently pulled one of them. We were doing post and blockouts in advance and that bridge is in rough shape and not worth painting. We will have to schedule a superstructure or full replacement in the next few years. So the one resolution today is basically moving design money for that to the federal side of the project.
- Delaware South
  - City Culvert 18
    - Work is done, grass is not growing great. We may need to reseed some of it.
  - CR 21
    - JT, 6 miles of milling and paving. Should be done with binder tomorrow and the weather permitting get the top on it next week
    - GH, What did they do with the millings for that?
    - JT, They are stored on CR 14 and CR 21 and some went to the fair board. The town got some to do a couple intersections. The State did help out hauling a couple days so that was good. There was no good place to store them close so we hauled them a ways.
  - Vac truck
    - JT, Has been busy, I don't have a lot of details but they have been out.
  - Bridge Maintenance
    - JT, Has been out cleaning the bridges that will get oil and stone.

#### Future paving

- JT, 21 should be done by our next meeting.
- JT, 35 and 27 will get done if the budget allows. 35 should be no problem, then we will look at 27.
  
- JT, Mowing crew has been out getting all the roads done.
- JT, Spraying guiderail just started. Did have one additional request from Lillian Browne on CR 22 that not spray in front of their property. Met with her, basically said the same thing we say to everyone, if you maintain it and keep the grass down around the rail we won't spray it. We usually have no problem with this. The people who don't want us to spray generally do a very good job with maintenance.
- JT, They were upset that we had mowed/cut some trees along the edge of the road but when I looked that is ROW that we own in fee. I explained that to her and told her we don't want trees on the edge of the road.
- PV, At a conference I was told that the highway superintendent can take trees even if they aren't on our property if they are affecting the road.
- JC, You don't do that without permission though. You will get in trouble really fast if you go on private property.
- GH, Spinney always said that if you have maintained it you are good but if the tree is 6" or more you clearly haven't been maintaining that so you can't just take it.
- JT, And the trees we mowed were just tiny little things you couldn't even see.
- GH, On the Treadwell Road I see some black plastic down for the knotweed, is that you?
- JT, No, that is the property owner.

Oil and Stone coming starting July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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##### Completed paving

- JT, done on CR 16, CR 14 and CR 18
- JT, Now working on shoulders on CR 16
- JT, Replacing a pipe on CR 2 in preparation for paving later this summer.
- JT, the reshimmed the pipes on CR 14 and CR 18 so hopefully they are a little smoother.

##### Mowing

- JT, Mowing crew is out.

##### Paint Crew

- JT, Paint crew is working on centerlines. Sometimes we paint and then it rains. We made a pretty big mess on CR 38 yesterday. We talked to the crew about how to handle it better next time. We got a bunch of calls about paint on cars. It will come off the paint pretty easy but it will stick on your tires for a long time.

##### Future work

- Pave CR 2 from top of hill towards Andes
- Mill and Fill CR 5 shoulder
- Ditch CR 5, CR 18
- Pave CR 18 from CR 5 to South Kortright if budget allows.

- Bridge crews

- Deck and post and blockouts – scheduled **73** (Harper Road), 124, 135
- Will close BR 73 on July 10<sup>th</sup> to replace the deck, then do post and blockouts
- Mill and pave all bridges on Readburn in July maybe, we are waiting on Hancock as Cobleskill only wants to go down there once.
- Shotcrete BR 43 (Bodoit Road) and 28-1a

Bovina Catchbasins

- Started doing repairs on a couple of these and realized it's a bigger issue than we thought. They were not installed properly when they went in. We have fought this for years. We will go back in the fall and dig them up and fix them properly.

- IRT

- JT, all our signs are made. The sign guy went out to look at the location to submit to U-Dig. He decided that with all the light poles and everything in the area he isn't digging. We will just use temporary posts.

- Burnwood Road/Ely Lane

- JT, Meeting with Jerry and EMS and 911 to discuss an issue.

- Bovina Lee Hollow/Fisk Road

- JT, Met with Tina and Ed Weber to discuss a landowner complaint.
- JT, We also discussed the catch basins.

## **DPW BLDG PROJECT**

- Construction status report

- JT, Gave the Delhi Fire Department a tour last night. It went well. They had about 50 people.
- TM, When are you moving?
- JT, Still working on the punch list.
- JT, Some issues with the door security system. Then once all of that is cleared up we will get the CO from Dale.
- TM, Is there going to be any landscaping down there? It needs some bushes or something.
- JT, Planning as asked if the landscape architect can handle that so we will let them do that.
- JT, Bloomville has most of the roof now, they might finish that this week. They have the new panels now so it's going much better.
- GH, 2/3 or 3/4 of the concrete is in.
- JT, Yes, the last pour is scheduled for July 11 so we moved oil and stone around a but because the concrete trucks are running CR 33.
- JT, Walton is moving along as well. Those roof panels look ok so we shouldn't have any issue there. They should be pouring soon too.

- Builders Risk Insurance

- JT, We have notice from the insurance company that our builders risk insurance is expiring in September so we will need to decide if we want to extend that or not.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Appropriation of Surplus
- Change Order #3, SW4-21
- County Snow Contracts

NYC Snow Contracts  
Part 360 Comments

2024 Bridge Painting – Not Prefiled

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel issues

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To: File  
From: Tawny Meres  
Safety & Training Manager  
Re: Safety Office Report  
Date: 6/28/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 5/24/2023 to 6/28/2023.

**1. Accidents**

- 4-23. 6/14/2023. SWMC. While operating vehicle #892, a 2001 International Roll Off, driver failed to lower rail body before pulling into the Compost Facility. As a result of the rail body being extended while pulling into the building, rail body made contact with the building structure above overhead door entrance. It was believed that materials required to repair damage were on hand.
- 5-23. 6/22/2023. While driver was backing up with DPW vehicle #122, the driver failed to see DPW vehicle #436, a 2016 Freightliner service truck parked behind them. As a result of the driver's failure to see vehicle #436, the rear pintle hook of vehicle #122 made contact with the front of vehicle #436 puncturing the radiator of vehicle #436.

**2. Spills**

- 4-23. NYS DEC#2301647. 5/30/2023. SWMC. While at the Town of Middletown Transfer Station with vehicle #842, a 2019 roll off, a hydraulic line on the vehicle failed. As a result of the failed hydraulic line, approximately 5 to 10 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to the dirt surface of the driveway located behind the receiving area of the facility. Spill was immediately addressed to control spill spread. The following day additional equipment was transported to the facility to complete spill cleanup. Spill closed by NYS DEC on 6/6/2023.

**3. Facilities**

- Annual hoist inspections were conducted by American Crane on 6/19/2023. Findings have been received by the Safety Officer and copies have been distributed to General Highway Supervisors.
- A safety Committee Meeting was held on 6/14/2023. Much of the discussions centered around the upcoming Safety Days.
- Replacement pads for AED's were received and replaced due to expiration of current pads.
- The Safety Officer reached out to Cornell Local Road Program to inquire about an instructor to cover flagging operations during Safety Days. The Safety Officer is currently waiting for confirmation from David Orr.
- NYS DOT will cover the topic of Pre-trip inspections during the 2023 Safety Days.

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