

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 23, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	Joe Cetta	John Kosier
	Bill Layton	Patricia Valente
	Jerry Vernold	Jim Thomas
	Tina Molé	Jared Boice
	Tyson Robb	Lisa Henderson
	Elizabeth DeFalco	

GENERAL

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the July 26th meeting were approved as presented.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Report was distributed. (Copy attached)
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, We have a couple authorizations. First we have a back up pump for the SWMC, \$2,445. This is basically for emergencies and maintenance, the pump we have been using is over 25 years old.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next is additional funding for fuel master upgrades at the SWMC. This is for \$20,072.00. This is funding above the ARPA money that was approved. Since we requested that money, we have decided to upgrade to fuel master live.
 - GH, What about the other sites?
 - LH, That's on a separate request. And we will put Walton in the budget for next year. That will bring everything up to the same level once we get Bloomville built and Delhi upgraded.
 - JB, This is basically a whole new system at the SWMC, the only thing staying there is the diesel tank.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, The next request is for \$3,242. This is for an antenna and additional equipment at Kelly Corners.
 - JB, We did cell service studies on all the sites before we started and it looked fine but when they did the install apparently something had dropped off and we now need the antenna.
 - Committee approved.
- Authorization to fill vacancy
 - JT, As we talked about at the last meeting, we did have one mechanic take a position as an HEO. So we now need authorization to fill that vacancy.
 - Committee approved.
 - GH, Do we have any hope of filling that?
 - JT, We have an interview next week, application isn't great so we shall see.
 - GH, So how many mechanics do we have?
 - JT, Two here and one at the SWMC.
 - JT, On that note, we used to maintain agency vehicles, doing snow tires, maintenance etc. We really need to get them to rely on someone else for that service. Especially once we move, we just don't have the people to do it.

- JB, A lot of what we are running into now is dead batteries or flat tires and we just don't have someone to respond to those issues. They are getting angry that we can't respond but we don't have the people. We have one guy out on the road fixing our stuff and one guy in the shop.
- JT, I know that isn't going to go over well because it's going to cost more money but we just don't have the staff to do the work. So we need to get that out there.

SOLID WASTE

- Village of Delhi – Leachate contract price increase
 - JT, WE have a request from the Village of Delhi to increase their fee for leachate to \$0.05/gallon. It has been \$0.03/gallon for a long time.
 - TM, What did we do with Walton? Didn't we increase that?
 - JT, Yes, that went to \$0.05/gallon. Locked in for two years.
 - JK, How long is that contract for?
 - JT, It's a one year contract renewable for up to five years.
 - Committee approved.
- Cell 4s
 - TR, Working on the certification report. Waiting on comments back from the DEC. They are making staff adjustments so we shall see what happens. There is some talk of combining all of our permits so we have just one permit for the County. I'm not sure if that would include the transfer stations or not as they are owned by the Towns. But it would definitely be easier for me to have just one permit.
 - GH, That would definitely streamline things.
 - TR, The one thing I am insisting on is that there be some separability there so that one item can't hold the whole thing up. It will be easier for everyone if we can make it work.
 - TR, Once we get the certification report we can put a rain cover on it this fall, it's 2.5 acres and we can put at least 1.5 acres of rain cover on.
 - GH, Will that get installed this fall?
 - TR, as long as we get the weather.
- Compost
 - TR, Crane is back up and running. We installed a new receiver and transmitter, it is now controlled with a remote control. It can be operated from the chair. We will still work on getting a new chair like what is there now but we are operational and not loading with a loader.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- BR 32
 - JT, Moving along. Second footing has been poured. They wanted to pour the abutment this week but they can't get concrete until next week so that is pushing them back a bit.
 - GH, they didn't have any problem keeping that dewatered with all the rain?
 - JT, it rained the night before the pour and the water came up to about 6 inches from the top of the sheet pile but it stayed below it. It was touchy for a bit but it worked out.
- BR 136 – Bridge NY Round 3
 - JT, Design should be finished late fall. Hoping to get that out to bid this winter so we can build that next year.

- Bridge NY Round 4 (7-3)
 - JT, That has been awarded by the State, we are working on hiring a consultant and get that paperwork going.
 - GH, And that is the last one that needs to be done on CR 7 correct?
 - JT, Yes. That will make 7-1 the oldest bridge and that is still in good shape.
 - JB, 7-5 will be our next problem there.
- Town plowing of County roads
 - JT, Contacts are coming in. Still waiting on a few.
- Bridge painting 2022
 - JT, That work is done, we have an on-site meeting next week to make sure everyone is good.
- Bridge painting 2024
 - JT, This is still in design.
- Meredith – VMB usage
 - JT, Town of Meredith wants to use the variable messages boards. They are replacing a large culvert on Elk Creek Road.
 - GH, Where on Elk Creek are they?
 - JT, I believe just below Irish Hill.
- Shoulder machine is in
 - JT, Shoulder machine is here. It is down at Wickhams.
 - JC, I got a call from a lady on CR 21 very thankful that we got the shoulders done.
 - PV, What does a shoulder machine do?
 - JT, When you pave the road it comes up in elevation, this machine takes the material from the center to the edge of the blacktop and puts it in as deep as we need so that when you drive off the pavement it doesn't drop off.
 - JB, It tapers the blacktop off to the ditch.
 - JT, Crane should be coming soon.
 - JB, Last I heard it was in Texas.
- Delaware South
 - City Culvert 18 – done – final growth done
 - Vac truck
 - Finished in south
 - Most CWC structures complete
 - SWMC during shutdown
 - Bridge Maintenance – about 130 of 187 done
 - About 70% done so they are doing well.
 - Future paving
 - 27 - 4 miles, starting today.
 - 35 – 3 miles
 - 21, 23 shoulders complete
 - Mowing roads
 - all have 1 pass, starting second
 - Driveway pipes (21, 35), ditching (35), rain/wind clean up
 - Snowmobile trail

- What we approved on CR 17 is a little longer than we thought but State is fine with it as long as we are.

- Delaware North

CRC bike challenge

- JT, they do this every year. They provide us with insurance.

- Committee approved.

CR 2 paving

- JT, done yesterday.

- JT, Town of Andes called today wanting us to stripe the old Village sections of CR 1 and CR 2. They don't want white, only yellow. Told him we would do it if we had enough paint.

Mowing

- JT, All roads are done, starting the 2nd pass.

Painting centerlines

- JT, all done except 27, 35, and 1/2 of 2.

- JT, Starting white lines

- JK, While we are talking about painting, at the Hidden Inn, 75% of the parking is on the other side of the road. Would it be possible to get a crosswalk in there?

- JT, We will have to look into that.

- JK, OK. Let me know if you need anything from me.

- JT, Once we get done with the white lines we will go back to yellow and finish up for the year.

CR 2 rail and shoulder repair – done

CR 5 pipes

- JT, We did the pipe at New Road. That went well.

CR 5 mill and fill, that is done.

Grind stumps

Future work

Trees on CR 18

Ditch CR 5, CR 18

Grader patch CR 9

- Bridge Crews

Deck and post and blockouts

- scheduled **73** (Harper Road) – done and open,

- 124 (Turk Hill) – done, waiting for paving

- 135 (Van Akin), will get that next year.

Shotcrete BR 43 (Bodoit Road) and 28-1a

- Still needs to be done.

Bovina Catchbasins

- Hope to start this next week.

Sidney Demo's

- We have 23 of the 31 we can do done.

- 4 still waiting on SHPO/Planning

- Going well but for the one resident who is complaining that we didn't abate the lead, very concerned that the lead is airborne. We have followed all the Federal and State regulations that are out there.

Contract demo

- JT, Not sure what is going on here. Got an email from Amy late yesterday asking if Jeremy talked to me about rebidding this.
- LH, So they are concerned that there were documents missing in the submittals, they want us to rebid it. The State was ok with the documents being accepted after the fact. I talked to Amy, she is fine with going forward with the Resolution because it wasn't for award, it is just appropriating the funds.
- TM, Did she tell you that they were contacted by someone's attorney?
- LH, No, she did not. But we will sit down and talk with her later and get it sorted out. I really don't want to have to rebid this, that would be a nightmare.

130 (Sidney)

- JT, Work has finally started on this. This has been flagged forever. We will reimburse them our share. Long term that bridge is a problem. The abutments and piers are not good, the deck isn't good. It was built in the 1930's. We have talked about getting it on the State program but it is going to be a nightmare. There is electric attached to it, water and sewer lines run under it. No way is Sidney going to want it closed but it will have to be replaced at some point.

68 (Covered Bridge Road – Sidney) pave deck

- JT, Jared's crews will get the deck fixed where the Town didn't go all the way to the edges when they went across it.
- JB, Hopefully it doesn't come unraveled when we get there.

150 (Odgen Street) – Red flags – section loss

- JT, Got a call from DOT this morning about a second red flag on Bridge 150, Odgen Street in Walon. The beams are rotten, we have known this for a while but haven't done anything because the Flood Commission wants to put a big bridge in there. I will talk to Graydon and see what is going on. If it is up to us, we are just going to replace the superstructure and move on, it will be good for another 50 years. If we don't do anything, it is going to get closed at some point.
- JC, I say just move forward. If we start moving it may create a reaction in others and get them moving.
- JT, We are looking at next year for construction. Because that is bad at this point, if the State inspects it again, they are going to close it.

94 (Fitch's)

- JT, Got a Red flag on this as well. The upstream, route 10 side wingwall, a short section of the wing wall that was cracked has fallen. It is all grown up and brush around there but it looks to me like there are gabions that extend from there on. But we need to get the brush cut and see what is going on there and get it fixed. It's a long way from the road and the bridge is not in danger but we need to get it addressed.

104 (Baker Street)

- JT, This is a dead end road now, the bridge has been flagged for section loss in the beams. It is an old plate and rail structure, it is in bad shape, it really needs a full replacement but people have built decks right onto the bridge.
- JB, There are buildings on two sides now with drainage running through the wing wall, I'm afraid if we try to build a new structure we will own some houses.
- PV, So what is going to happen with that bridge?

- JT, We don't know yet. We just got the red flag. The simple fix would be new beams but that is not the right fix for the shape the bridge is in.
- PV, And it goes to a dead end?
- JT, Yes. We could probably get a temporary in on the other end, there is a stream we put in when Amphenol relocated. It is not going to be a simple project.
- JB, And all the power lines run right over the bridge so we'll have to deal with that as well.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

Construction status report

- JT, I'm told we will be getting a CO tomorrow for the office building, I wouldn't put any money on that.
- GH, Did DiGesare get their work done?
- JT, Yes, then they found a leak that is apparently J&K's problem but they can't find it.
- JB, Bloomville, they are pouring the rest of the aprons and pads.
- GH, Will they pave up to the aprons?
- JB, Yes.
- JC, Rico was trying to get a new paving company because the one he usually needs has pushed him out to October.
- JT, Overhead doors were going in. I think they are making good progress.
- JT, I think Neale Road is going well too. We have a meeting this afternoon to go over the grading issue. The design wasn't great to begin with, and I wasn't happy with the price they came up with for the fix so hopefully we can come up with a compromise. Byler is going to work on the stuff for the interior slab until we get this figured out.
- GH, So they don't have the interior slab poured?
- JB, they have one section done in the back. Not the garage section.
- GH, What are the big boxes out beside the doors on the Walton end?
- JB, That's the canopies over the walk doors. It's the architect's design.

Builders Risk Insurance

- JT, Once we get the CO we can end this policy.

RESOLUTIONS

Appropriation of Funds – Traditional Demolition

- LH, The State Weights and Measures people want permission to use a bay of the skeleton building for propane testing next week.
- Committee approved.
- GH, How do they test them?
- JT, I don't know.
- LH, I think they are just testing the meter, not the truck per se.

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 8/22/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 7/26/2023 to 8/22/2023.

1. Accidents

- Accident #6-23. 8/8/2023. While operating roller #616, a 1996 Dynapro, operator misjudged distance between the roller and parked vehicle #311, a 2021 Dodge 5500. As the operator was backing up with the roller, a bolt on the roller drum made contact with the left rear utility body of the vehicle. As a result of the contact, the utility body sustained a large scrape in the paint. In addition to the scrape to the utility body, the rear left fender flare and rear platform sustained scrapes.

2. Spills

- None Reported
- All previously reported spills have been closed by the NYS DEC.

3. Facilities

- Bassett Healthcare Healthworks conducted PFT testing on Compost personnel. Testing was conducted on 7/26/2023 at the Compost Facility.
- NYMIR will conduct distracted driving training at the 2023 Safety Days. All trainers have now been secured for the event. This years topics of training will include:
 - Pre-Trip Inspections – Conducted by NYS DOT
 - Universal Hand Signaling and Construction Site Hazards – Conducted by NYS DOL
 - Tire Safety – Conducted by NYS DOL
 - Spill Response – Conducted by NYS DEC
 - Basic First Aid as it relates to operations conducted by DPW – Conducted by Del. Co. EMS
 - Distracted Driving – Conducted by NYMIR
- Hands on events for the 2023 Safety Days include snowplow obstacle course and skid steer obstacle course.
- SWPPP inspections on Bridge 26-1 and Page Ave wetlands were completed on 8/21/2023.

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- Annual walk-through inspections continue. Common items frequently found include:
 - Secondary containers not having proper labeling.
 - Bench grinders out of proper adjustment
 - Fire Extinguishers not receiving monthly inspections
 - Eyewash stations not maintained in a clean and sanitary condition
- Bloodwork has been scheduled for Bridge Crew in accordance with current medical protocols.
- Letter of invite to the 2023 Safety Days have been sent out to all towns and villages. At this time, 3 municipalities have contacted the Safety Officer and requested to be included in the event.
- Safety Committee meeting was held on 8/16/2023. The next meeting has been scheduled for 9/13/2023.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Finalize all items in preparation for Safety Days
- Complete all facility inspections
- Go through bulk storage tank reports to ensure all tanks are receiving their required monthly inspections.