

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 28, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Jerry Vernold	Jim Thomas
	Jared Boice	Lisa Henderson
	Tyson Robb	Alyshia Korba (Reporter)

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the January 24th meeting were approved as presented.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Report was distributed. Copy attached.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy (Summer & Seasonal)
 - JT, WE have a bunch of these for all of our seasonal positions.
 - Paint Crew Supervisor (5/27 - 10/12, Move HEO II up to labor grade 19).
 - Vac Truck Supervisor, same as Paint Crew Supervisor.
 - One summer person for engineering (\$19/hr).
 - Seasonal laborers for the road crews (7 North, 7 South. \$18/hr).
 - Seasonal Mowers (3 South, 3 North. \$20.93/hr)
 - Seasonal MEO for Solid Waste (\$20.93/hr)
 - Seasonal HEO for Solid Waste \$23.20/hr.
 - Committee approved all of the positions.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, First up we have a rolloff truck for Solid Waste - We budgeted \$234,076.00 - price came in at \$274,073.60 - higher than anticipated but nothing we can do about it.
 - GH, Is that a firm price or is it subject to change?
 - JB, All prices are subject to change until delivered.
 - GH, So it went up \$40K since we did the budget.
 - JB, Yes it did.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next we have a skidsteer for the Compost facility. Budgeted \$68,000, quote came in at \$61,894.16.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next we have a loader for the highway side, budgeted \$285,000, quote is for \$274,073.60, that is the same price as the one we got in the fall.
 - JC, Do they have to build that yet?
 - JB, No, John Deere has one.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, We are holding off on the tandems for right now because we have two in the budget and the pieces are way over what we had budgeted.
 - GH, If we need them, we just have to bite the bullet right?
 - LH, Yes, but I just want to look at where we are money wise before we take that leap.

- JB, We also have Western Star throwing a hat into the ring as well, they have open build spots but the trucks are about \$30K more than the Freightliner, they are saying they could have trucks here by the first of the year.
- GH, Do we know when we might get the ones we have on order?
- JB, They are currently saying Fall for the trucks we ordered in 2022.
- LH, We just got the Tractor we ordered in 2022.
- JB, And we never got it on the road and it had a puddle of oil under it so it went back.
- JT, And the Durango we just got made it to the shop and the tranny pan is leaking so that went back as well.

- Flood Insurance for Compost Facility

- JT, We do this every year. Option A is \$13,760 covers \$10 million for the building and \$331,000 for the contents with a \$1,250 deductible. Option B \$13,871 covers \$10 million for the building and \$343,000 for contents, \$1,250 deductible.
- Committee approved Option B.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4s

Certification

- TR, We have our certification so we can move in whenever. Will probably be later this summer at the earliest. We want to stay in cell 6 as long as possible to reduce leachate generation.

- Reclamation

- TR, To wrap this up with the permits I need to rewrite all the facility manuals for the site and combine them into one and that's a big job so it will take me a while to do that.

- TR, DEC is also looking at the generation of greenhouse gasses. I'm not sure where it is headed but there are fees coming.

- TR, We are also increasing the capacity of our storm pond. We don't need the added capacity right now but this is the time to do it.

- TR, I am still struggling with closing out the Nelcorp contract. I'm not sure at what point I really start pushing them. They are done, they just need to do the paperwork to close it out.

- JC, Don't they want the retainage?

- TR, Well that's part of the issue, there's some back and forth because there is work I took out of the contract. I wasn't comfortable with their proposal to fix the electric in the old MRF so I told them not to do it.

- Compost

- TR, We installed the variable frequency drive and it is up and running. I have some questions they really couldn't answer but it's working.

- B&L contract

- TR, We had a kickoff meeting on the 7th. They are back tomorrow to start design.

- TR, other than that I just have a bunch of reporting due tomorrow.

JT, I just want to point out that there are some major projects coming up that are going to cost a lot of money so we need to be aware of that.

ROAD

- Delaware South

Winter

Routine maintenance – Trees and brush, equipment maintenance

Trucks – 1 spare

- Delaware North

Winter

Routine maintenance – Trees and brush, equipment maintenance

Trucks – 393 down so no spare

Culvert inventory

- JT, Doing a good job of getting lists together of what needs to be done.

- JT, We are getting through the winter and it has gone way better than we anticipated.

- Clean Path electric line. 16, 2, 26, 17

March 6th meeting - will include all the towns that will be affected. Construction probably won't start until next year but we need to be aware and protect what we have.

- Warm mix asphalt

- The State no longer recognizes hot mix asphalt. We have kept bidding it but Cobleskill has really put pressure on to go to the warm mix. So we changed our bids to warm mix. For our FOB bid we did keep the hot and added the warm. We will keep an eye on it and see how it performs.

BRIDGE

- Geotech Contract with Keystone - \$22,220.00

- JT, We have a proposal from Keystone to do the Geotech work for 4 different bridges we want to work on this year and next.

- Committee approved.

- BR 32

- JT, Payment received 2/14/24. All caught up until they start work again.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

Out to Bid - opening on 3/14

McFarland Construction Phase Contract - \$427,035.00

- JT, This will get us through bidding and construction. That is then supplying the inspector and reviewing all the bids etc..

- Committee approved the contract.

- GH, What do we think this will come it at?

- JT, I forgot to look at that before the meeting so I'm not sure.

- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million) - Survey

- JT, Still waiting on the weather to get the survey done. Then they can start design.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - Contract with Modjeski & Masters - \$9,806.03
 - JT, This is kind of after the fact but Modjeski and Masters prepared the applications. This is the contract that authorized them doing that.
 - Committee approved.
 - Mid-March awards?
 - JT, State is saying notices should be ready by mid-March, we shall see. I am on the review committee for that and we have a meeting next week.

- Bridge painting 2024
 - Out to Bid - Opening on 3/14
 - McFarland Construction Phase Contract - \$70,586.00
 - JT, This is the same as above, will get us through the bidding process and construction.
 - Committee approved.

- Bridge painting 2022 – final close out phase
 - JT, Just working through the closeout process. State is asking for a few little things.
 - GH, What happened to 2023?
 - JT, We combined it with 2024 to get a bigger project.

- 4 rail bridge system
 - JT, The State has changed their specifications for bridge rail. It has been a two-rail system since I started. They will no longer support that so it goes to either three rails and a curb or four rails. It's not anything we have to go out and do but if we touch a structure we have to upgrade it. It will add about \$15-\$25 thousand per bridge. So that will be a chunk of change going forward.
 - GH, Does it make the rail that much higher?
 - JB, Not really, it's just going to be a little more work and money.

- Bridge Crew
 - Equipment maintenance
 - Fabrication
 - Crane training
 - JB, This is going to be an issue. They have changed all the rules and regulations again. We can hardly find anyone to come and do training for NYS. NYS has rules and regulations beyond the NCCO regs. The current quote I have is \$2000/person/crane. We have four cranes. That's \$8,000/person.
 - JC and how many crane operators do we have?
 - JB, That depends on what you call a crane. The 1-ton hoist if you hook on a signpost, is considered a crane because its being used for construction.
 - JB, They also require that you have at least 100 hours per year on each crane, we don't use them that much so what we have to do is pay someone out of title to get them the hours.
 - JC, So how many people do we need?
 - JB, I would want everyone certified on the knuckleboom, that's 8 people. This is why we've gone to using the excavator when we can. It's not the best option but it works.
 - JB, I guess what I would like to do is start with the knuckleboom this year and see how it goes.
 - Something we really need to look at.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

- JB, Working on fuel pumps. J&K has most of their stuff cleaned up. Hensor came and did a walk through yesterday.
- GH, Have they fired the boiler yet?
- JB, Not yet. Probably be a couple weeks. Supposed to have a meeting today at Walton. J&K has a crew down there throwing tin up. They are motivated to get done before they start any new projects.
- JK, I actually had a chance to stop in and take a look, it looks good.

- JB, Landfill pumps are done.
- GH, What do we have left to do for fuel pumps?
- LH, We have to get Bloomville running, then we can do Delhi. Once Delhi is done we will do Walton.
- GH, But only Bloomville is part of the construction project?
- LH, Correct.
- JB, But, by the end of the year we should be fully upgraded. It's been a long time coming.

RESOLUTIONS

Appropriation of Funds for Bldg Project

JT, Does anyone have anything else before we go to executive session?

JK, At my last town board meeting the majority property owner on Rich Road approached us saying they want the road to be private. What happens if we do that? Do we lose CHIPS? Do we have to take it back if they sell the property in the future?

JT, You would have to abandon the road, you would lose CHIPS funding for the part that you abandoned. You do not ever have to take it back. You would need to get the other property owners to sign off on that unless you just start the abandonment at their property line. It definitely can be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Proposed sale of public property

No action was taken and the meeting adjourned immediately after the executive session.