

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 24, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees: George Haynes Joe Cetta
John Kosier Jerry Vernold
Jim Thomas Jared Boice
Lisa Henderson Tyson Robb
Elizabeth DeFalco

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, Printer in the scale house died, we got quotes from IT for an HP LaserJet Printer, \$1,480.17.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next we have running and landing gear for the leachate tanker, \$9,878.93, budgeted \$10,000 so came in just under.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, 1 ton plate clamp for Bridge Crew, \$808, this will come from the \$5,000 for small tools. After this balance is \$1,981.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Fuel Master Upgrades for Walton, this one hurts, budgeted \$60,000, current quote is \$85,659.00.
 - JB, the last ones we did in the fall of 2022 we right around \$50,000 so the price has definitely gone up. But those pumps are dying and we need to do something.
 - Committee approved.

- Authorization to Fill Vacancy (Max Bevins resigned, upgrade Compost employee)
 - JT, We had another HEO II resign in Delhi to go to the private sector.
 - Committee approved filling the vacancy.
 - JT, This is an upgrade for a current employee. Want to make Ed Winner a CEO II, he has his license and has the experience.
 - Committee approved.

- Flood Insurance for Page Ave Complex
 - JT, This is mostly for the old building but does include Wickhams and a few others in the Complex.
 - LH, We still have stuff in the old building too, so I don't think we can let this go just yet. Maybe we don't get the increased coverage but I don't think it would be wise to let it go completely.
 - Committee approved option A.

- Travel Authorization - Highway School, 6 people commuting
 - We would like to send 6 people to Highway School, its \$125/person plus travel. Meals are included.
 - Committee approved.

SOLID WASTE

- TR, It's springtime, lots of new customers, none of them know what they are doing. We have new haulers, they don't know what they are doing. I just got yelled at for fifteen minutes because I asked a new hauler for their routes. I need to make sure they know the rules, they need to tell me this information. This particular person felt I was overstepping my bounds but I'm not backing down. There's just a lot of new people, I am trying to deal with each one individually as we come across them.
- TR, I'm also working with NYSAC on the purchasing and recycling act, that should help us if it goes through.
- TR, Also it was Earth day and I fielded a lot of phone calls about people worried if we are recycling. I've been doing a lot of tours and presentations. Trying to keep up on our education and outreach.
- JC, Do you have any help with that?
- TR, We don't have an education team.
- JC, But can other people do tours and such?
- TR, Yes, Andrew can do it but we have a new compost manager so I need to be there for that. Also if other Counties are coming in I need to be there because I think peer groups are very valuable, we can learn a lot from each other. This is just a busy time for tours.
- TR, Working on transport permits. We were going to combine the permits but now I'm not sure what is happening with C&D so I'm going to push that off as long as possible unless the DEC forces us into it. I'd rather just do one permit package depending on what we end up doing with C&D. I met with our engineer the other day and we are coming up with possible solutions and a good way forward for that. Assembling data on how many customers we have, how many trucks, what's the tonnage? What is the history of our C&D cell? I'm getting them all this information. They want to move quickly, I support that because we need to keep this moving. We are under the gun. It just means I have to be responsive. I am hoping to have rough numbers by budget time. That means meetings with DEC and others. It was a good meeting.
- TR, For some reason we have an air permit. Nobody, even DEC knows why we have one. It's for the bio-filter, I have no quantity on it. So we are replacing the bioreactor, which means we have to remove the ventilation so we need to make sure everyone is on the up and up, are we discontinuing the biofilter or providing some other rerouting for that ventilation. I brought this up at the organics summit last week to the DEC organics people and they found it interesting. They are going to help guide me through the process as I have no idea who to even reach out to about it. I guess that wraps up permits for the most part although reclamation is supposed to be referenced in our permit but they haven't yet. But I do think that reclamation is in our best interest to move ahead on sooner than later if we have the funding because given the questions around C&D and maintenance around compost at the landfill, it's really our only thing to fall back on. The reclamation process is probably going to take years so not that I want to take on more but we need to secure that capacity and start that ball rolling.
- GH, Especially when we know we have times coming that we are going to use it.
- JT, We have the capacity for the required shut downs, the question is how far beyond that do we have.
- TR, There are a number of other questions either way, the default is to send it to the landfill. Not that I want to but that's what happens. So that could take four years, so I think it's good to start moving on it.
- TR, So back to Compost for a minute, I met with a fabricator yesterday, it was great, really good that they came down, it was a very helpful meeting to work through some of the design considerations with the engineer. Very practical folks, they were the original folks who helped

install the bioreactor originally, they brought one of the welders who did a lot of that welding, so that was neat to hear how they went about it. And with some of our things we have learned over time. The original design was good but with our experience there are some things that we would change so to go through that with a fabricator and our engineer was good, and helpful for me and the engineer. Along those lines I think that both myself and the engineer need to get to Sevierville Tennessee and see what they are doing down there. They are putting in a new drum, they will be fabricating it between May and June, I think it's in our best interest to see how they stitch that together.

- GH, Is that smaller than ours?

- TR, No, I think it's bigger. So right now, it's just David from B&L and myself figuring out how to put this thing together and I think it would be really good to get him over there and I have a ton of questions myself and whoever else is interested, I just think it would be in our best interest to be there and learn as much as possible. I have talked to Tom on the phone about different design considerations, he's got a different way of doing things, he hates engineers, but boots on the ground how are you doing this? He just goes straight to a fabricator and he encouraged me to do that but I feel the engineer's stamp removes a lot of liability off the process and puts it on the engineer. So I don't know who wants to go, I'll just head that way when the time is right, I don't have a travel authorization because I don't know who.

- LH, But you will need one before you go.

- TR, Sure, that's what I was stating, I'm not proposing a travel authorization, I'm proposing the idea we should move that direction.

- GH, I don't have a problem with that.

- JV, It's a great idea.

- TR, You don't have this opportunity ever, the timing is just lining up.

- JV, There's always something to learn by being on site and seeing things.

- JK, It will bring us up to date and be a good refresher.

- TR, OK, So I will figure out who wants to go and get dates together and that type of stuff.

- TR, Other compost stuff, we have a new chemistry lab doing our chemistry and there's some fun stuff to work through on that but we are getting there, there's a few extra tests but should be close to budget on that but we are selling a lot of compost. It's a good year for sales.

- TR, Then just working on grants on the side.

ROAD

• Oil and stone hauling

- JT, Starting to haul stone in for oil and stone. Carver has the bid this year. That is new as Cobleskill has had it for years. We also have a new operator in the lots pushing up stone as the guy who always did it retired.

• Delaware South

- JT, Not much to report here, still doing tree trimming, some driveway pipes and ditching.

• Delaware North

- JT, Have a tree on CR 14, right in Treadwell, the lady wants us to take it down. It's more than a mower width behind the ditch, it's in wires, I don't think it is our responsibility. She is not happy.

- LH, She called me and asked my who Jim's boss was because she wasn't taking no for an answer. So she will be sending letters to someone I'm sure. She is definitely not happy.

- JT, I don't see where it is a danger to the traveling public or the road at this point. She says we took a tree down in her yard before. I don't know when but she says we did. She talked to Ben, she didn't like what he said so she called and talked to Lisa, then I called her.
- JC, When did you take the other tree down?
- LH, Probably 20 years ago, there's nobody here who was here then so we don't know.
- JT, We just wanted you to be aware if you hear anything or get a letter.
- JT, Otherwise they are just continuing tree trimming, they are scheduled to do some pipes and rail work on CR 6 in Bovina on the New Kingston side of LaFever's shop.
- GH, What's the short crews?
- JT, they are just down people. Everyone who has left is from Delaware North.
- GH, So how many are you down?
- JB, 2 in East Meredith and 4 in Delhi.
- JT, Summer help is also still short so if you know any kids send them our way.

- Salt usage

- JT, we did get to 70.3%. Will keep our order the same for next year. We need to fill Bloomville, if we have another weak winter we'll work to get to 70, if we have a hard winter it should be ok. It's always a crap shoot.

- Fuel islands

- JT, Bloomville is operational. Delhi is out of unleaded but still has diesel. We had a little internal miscommunication about that and our trucks were going to Bloomville. But we have that sorted out.
- JT, So if you need fuel, it's probably best to go to one of the patrols, but not Walton because we are having issues with those pumps.
- LH, So with what we signed today, depending on how the parts come in, we may hit Walton before we do Delhi.
- JB, That location sees a lot of volume so it's a problem when it isn't working.

BRIDGE

- BR 32

- JT, Should be starting next week. I haven't seen anything moved in yet.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, We will have a resolution for Supplemental #1 to prefile for next meeting for \$3,045540.00. This is just paperwork for the State to show we have the funding.
- GH, So the design and everything is done on this?
- LH, Yes, this was awarded at the meeting you missed. We just haven't issued the notice to proceed yet because that starts a clock for the contractor and we don't want to short them on the front end.
- JT, Equipment slowly showing up down there.
- JC, How long will that be closed?
- JT, Two years.
- JC, Is Rebecca aware of this?
- JT, I will talk to her, we have been in contact with the Highway Superintendent and he has met us on site several times so hopefully everyone is aware. But I will make sure.

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

- JT, Design has started, letter have gone out to landowners. That's hopefully a next year project.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- JT, Still no word on this.

- Bridge painting 2024

- JT, This has also been awarded. Notice to Proceed was issued for a May 6th start date. We will also have a Supplemental prefiled for this at the next meeting for \$490,000. Again, it's just paperwork for the State to cover the funding.

- Bridge Crew

- JT, Still working fabricating for 2024 construction.

- JB, Also doing work on equipment fabrication.

- GH, Any big projects this year?

- JB, We have the bridge in Lordville, that's getting a superstructure replacement so that will be closed once school get out. We have a deck and post replacement on 67 so that will be closed at some point. The bridge on Ogden street will get done this summer. We just cleaned up a FEMA lot in Fleischmanns that had a bunch of trees down. We have 9 or 10 bridges that need new railing. There's probably more on the list than we will get done. It's just a matter of where to send them so we don't get too thin anywhere. But we won't lack for work.

- JT, And you never know what Red Flags will turn up.

- JB, Exactly, expect the unexpected.

- JV, And the bridge rail have to have the fourth and fifth rail on them?

- JB, Yes, the third and fourth rail.

- GH, Which crew does the bridge cleaning?

- JB, That's the bridge maintenance crew. We will be closing Sherwood's on May 7th to clean that. They tried to do it under traffic but it's just too much and that bridge is a mess after the winter.

- GH, They made a mess when they cleaned the one at the end of Bloomville. The people had cleaned their lawn and they blew stuff all over it when they cleaned under the rail.

- JC, How long will Ogden Steet take?

- JB, 6 to 8 weeks.

- JC, But you don't have a date yet?

- JB, No. The steel is still in the shop. Hasn't been galvanized yet. I'm waiting until after Memorial Day for any of the major closures. We will have some temporary closures on Doe Brook in Colchester but that's a dead end and the crew has been talking to the residents so they are aware.

- JV, When you galvanize something how do they do that? Do they dip it?

- JB, Yes, they do an acid wash to clean it and then dip it.

BR 122, State Road Andes

- JT, Stream has eroded behind the wing wall, we have been working with the property owner and Soil and Water on this. We have a permit to do this. Once it dries out a bit we will have to go in and fix that.

- JB, She might not be really happy when we are done but we have to do what we need to do to project our bridge and road. She has lost a lot of lawn. Right now I can park a truck behind the wingwall.

- JT, I forgot to put it on the agenda but Otsego County is applying for a grant to replace Bridge 130 in Sidney. That will be a huge project. But that bridge is old and it needs to be replaced.
- JC, What's the detour?
- JT, Route 8 to River Street.
- JC, So that's not bad.
- JB, It's all how you look at it. Ogden Street isn't bad unless you use it. But it needs to be done or it's going to be permanently closed and then it will take forever.
- JT, It's almost 90 years old.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

- JT, They tried to fix the sewer trap for the elevator but it didn't work.
- JT, They were moving crews to Bloomville.
- JB, They moved back out already. They were there last week but today I didn't see anyone.
- JT, So I don't know how much they got done. I know Walton was pushed back to July. Bloomville is close but the punch list is pretty extensive.
- GH, We'll have to push them tomorrow.

RESOLUTIONS

None

JK, I have a question about mowing vs spraying. What do we need to know about spraying.

JT, We just spray our rail and we find that it kills a lot of vegetation and then your ditches erode.

JB, The ditches and the shoulders erode.

LH, And you need a permit to spray, so you have to hire someone or get you people trained.

JT, It's your decision but I can't imagine if we sprayed everything, we'd never hear the end of the complaints and you really need the vegetation to stabilize things.

JK, All good to know, we'll keep mowing.