

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 23, 2025

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Jerry Vernold	Tina Molé
	Jim Thomas	Jared Boice
	Lisa Henderson	Tyson Robb

GENERAL

• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

• Equipment Authorizations

- JT, we have a sewage pump for one of the pump stations, not budgeted, \$1,852.92.
- Committee approved.
- JT, New desks for Solid Waste because we have the Environmental Tech starting on the 28th so we are shifting offices around. \$2,497.46.
- Committee approved.
- JT, Last one is the end dump for the landfill. Budgeted \$501,000, came in at \$500,714.
- Committee approved.
- GH, Will you sell the old one?
- TR, Yes, once the new one is here and operational.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancies

- JT, We have a Civil Engineer to be filled with an Accounting Supervisor Grade A, this is to pay Meta while she is being trained for Lisa's job and also training someone to do her job. To go with that we have an Accounting Supervisor Grade B to be filled with a Principal Account Clerk to back fill Meta's position.
- Committee approved both.
- JT, We have an HEO II at Solid Waste. Sean Doenges decided to go back to his BMMII position, so we have now moved Harold Bukley into the Supervisors position and we need to fill his HEO II slot.
- A brief discussion was held on this situation.

• Travel Authorization – Highway School

- JT, We want to send eight people to Highway School, \$125/person. They commute.
- Committee approved.

• 4-H Camp

- JT, We have dug the hole and figured out what the problem was. Waiting on Dubbens to come fix the problem. We have two guys down there, hoping to be done today.

• Cornell Training

- JT, This went well. The consensus was that the morning session was better than the afternoon but everyone I talked to said they definitely took something good away from it.

- Pisgah (Bobcat) tower
 - JT, I just need to get over there to see it before I sign off on it. I need to talk to Steve Hood and get in touch with Chuck or Ira McIntosh and let them know I'm going to be there.
- Outer agency cars
 - JT, I got a call from Keith Weaver between meetings, he's upset about the cost of doing service elsewhere. I told him we just couldn't do it right now. We just don't have the people. He said he was going to take it to his committee.
 - JB, They are saying that we didn't let them know but Jim has been telling them for years it was coming.
 - JV, He didn't say anything in our meeting on Monday.
 - JB, They want us to stock wipers and windshield washer fluid and just let them pop in when they need something, that isn't possible, we can't be just bouncing all over.
- Lisa/Meta
 - JT, We kind out touched on this earlier. Meta did decide to take Lisa's job. Meta has talked to Sarah and Don, Don has no interest in moving up. Sarah may have.
 - Some discussion was had about this.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Copy attached.
 - JT, The biggest thing is that PESH came through a work zone and had some issues. Biggest thing was the flagman was next to a vehicle.
 - JB, And we have been on them for that for a long time. And when the inspector said something the foreman on site said yeah I know that's wrong.
 - JT, So nothing major but we are waiting for the official report.
- Cell phones
 - JT, Voice mail not working, so if you hear people complaining that we aren't getting back to them it's because we aren't getting the messages.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost
 - JT, We did use Pete's lift for some work at the Compost facility. Jared's guys picked it up one morning and brought it back the next.
 - JB, you just don't want it there all the time because of the dust and everything. It went well.
- Bioreactor replacement
 - TR, This did not go well, we only got one bid for each item, the building work came in at \$3.4 million, that should be about a million dollar job. It was not a good week for anything coming out of China. I'm not sure what to do. Everyone is very apprehensive. The bid for the equipment came in very high as well. It is twice the amount of a quote we got, those people did not bid, they just submitted a quote. The industry is just not geared to work with municipalities. I think maybe we have to look at doing this the same way we built the facility with GML 120W process. That might be an option.
 - GH, Can we order the equipment on our own? This needs to be done sooner rather than later.

- TR, I've sent an email to our legal counsel, I haven't heard back.
- JC, Why can't we sole source it? We have bid it twice.
- TR, I just need someone to tell me what is legal.
- TR, I just need to know what our options are going forward and what we are comfortable with.
- TM, I'll nudge Amy.
- TR, OK, that would be good. So yup, that's a thing, yup we have a way forward with that, that's good.
- TR, Rain cover is out to bid, that's due back on May 6th.
- TR, Agitator is out to bid, that's due back on the 24th.
- TR, Working on rebuilding the gear box at compost. That should come back with a one year warranty. That's a specialty unit so it is taking a while. So the primary at compost is still down. We are taking biosolids which is great, that's working. They are tracing some electrical issues but we are able to handle the rest of it for now. So, getting, yeah yup, trying to get some soft starts installed but it's little convoluted again. That may be a Jeremy and Amy thing. I have reached out to Jeremy, I haven't heard anything back yet. The C&D cell is still operating in its current location, we are probably going to move those operations down to Cell4S once things quiet down with Cell 1.

- Cell 1 Reclamation

- TR, We found the bottom just this week, so that's good. So we should be within a month done with that reclamation and then try to get a rain cover on there as soon as possible afterwards and then state the design of Cell 1RE. Cell 4s is growing fast, filling quickly, like 3 or 4 times as quick because compost is down.
- GH, So Cell 1 where you found the bottom, that's lined correct?
- TR, No, that's why we are moving it. It just has soil. Once we get the new Cell built it will increase our capacity. It's torn up now but this will be a huge environmental win in the end. Byler has been good to work with, the project has gone well. It's been dry which helps.
- TR, The local solid waste management plan is going to take a lot of attention here. They have quite a few more comments than they did a few years ago on my plan. Which I submitted it in the same format as I did two years ago but it's just now they have a lot more comments than they used to so that's going to take some time.
- JT, And you said that's statewide, not just us.
- TR, Yes, every Solid Waste planning unit has had a struggle trying to conform with climate laws and various things, there's a lot to it, so what flew in the past is not anymore.
- TR, There are some grants that we have out there but that's through the Statewide Financial System, hopefully the environmental tech starting Monday, hopefully he can work through that system would be nice if he wanted to take that over.
- TM, Is he from the outside?
- TR, He's from Unadilla.
- LH, He does not currently work for the County.
- TR, He doesn't work for the County. He has a Master's in Biology, and he was a science teacher and then he works at a lab up in Hartwick right now. Yeah, he should be a good fit in a number of different ways hopefully.
- TR, The DEC has been down stocking fish at our site so that's a cool partnership to have. This is the second year doing that.
- TR, Waiting on Delhi Telephone for a quote to try and get the facility on the County network. I've been playing IT for whatever years now but hopefully we get the County network down there. Maybe, I don't know what the time line is on that, that's kinda an IT thing, but we are

working with them this year, maybe next year sometime. The phones are scratchy, I don't know if you call down there. You don't know who you are going to get sometimes, you call the scale house you might get compost, it's working active, I don't know.

- Middletown transfer station

- JT, We had a final meeting with them, sent them our original and final plan.
- TR, I know Davenport has still been struggling with people from the outside, they are enforcing their permit though. Do we know? Do they take stuff from Meredith too?
- GH, I think they will take from anywhere in Delaware County but there's a fee for the permit if you aren't in the town.
- TR, Yup and they have a permit system, you have to go see the clerk there though. Yup so that's kind of a change.
- TR, Andes is considering options for their C&D management as well. From the County's perspective we are hauling stuff, it's moving.

- Env tech

- JT, Starting Monday, the mess in the hall is because we are shuffling offices.

- Personnel changes

- JT, We covered this earlier.

ROAD

- Delaware South

Cutting Brush

- Delaware North

Brush, trees. CR30 and 18

Cleaning lots

Doing a pipe on 29 today, 12 next week.

- GH, Overall how did the roads hold up this winter?

- JT, I think pretty good.

BRIDGE

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, They are working again. Started on or about the 14th. They set beams last week, hoping to pour the deck next Friday.

- JT, We did have a big supplemental at the last meeting, it was \$118,000.

- JT, The contractor wanted dispensation for 6-10 hour days, we told them no, we aren't going to pay anymore for construction supervision. Then they asked for 5-12 hour days, we told them to apply for that, haven't heard anything since. Their big argument is that they thought it was working days not calendar days. It is clearly written as calendar days. There were some delays but not to the extent that they should need more time.

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

- JT, working on design, trying to come up with a temporary fix to get us to construction.

- JT, We have 2 resolutions today, the negative declaration and then the de minimus. Surveyor has been out and I think everyone is on board with this.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - BR5 kick off meeting with M&M on 3/25
 - Inspection 4/15
 - BR 41-2
 - Kick off meeting 4/10
 - Survey this week
- 2026 Bridge Preservation
 - JT, Pretty quiet.
- Bridge Crew
 - JT, Still moving stuff from old building. This week they are moving offices here. They did pour a Catchbasin on CR 12.
 - JT, Training crane operators
- Fish Creek bridge with FUDR
 - JV, This is pretty much dead.
- DCSWCD \$3 million grant
 - JT, We need to figure out how to spend that money. We have some ideas so we will get with Graydon and work that out.
- BR 130 (Sidney)
 - JT, Nothing new to report. Will have to figure out what needs to be done.
- Engineers
 - In-house designs
 - Village Hobart
 - Maple Ave structure
 - We met with them this winter and you couldn't see much so we went back.
 - High Street length
 - Helped with issue here, they had a complaint that they shouldn't be plowing it but it is on their inventory so they are fine doing what they are.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report
 - J&K claims
 - Final CO
- DiGesare
 - Final CO not matching payments, working with them to sort it all out.
 - JT, Will hopefully have both change orders for the next meeting.
 - GH, Have we settled with Mancini?
 - JT, No, they have to be last because they are the prime. I think we are pretty close with Nelcorp too so hopefully soon. I don't see any hold ups with either of them, we just need to get it done.

Wakin survey

- JT, Needs to be filed
- JT, Waiting on answer from Amy/Jeremy, I just emailed them again today. Would like to get that done.
- TM, What is Delhi Telephone doing up there?
- JT, They need to reroute the fiber. The main line to the public safety building runs through there.
- TM, Do we know when that will be done?
- JT, I don't know, Joe thought it would be done by this weekend but I don't know.

Paving

- JT, Meeting with Cobleskill Stone tomorrow, will do the parking lots for Admin, Kortright and the Public Safety lot. Will get everyone out of the mud.

- Walton shop relocation

- JT, IG Dent property for East Meredith patrol, this is on SR 23, he is willing to sell. I've tried to call a couple times but get no answer. I'll keep trying.

JK, What has happened with the propane at Bloomville?

JT, I haven't looked since it warmed up.

RESOLUTIONS

BR 7-3 Negative Declaration
BR 7-3 Deminimus Impact
Budget Amendment
Tipping Fees

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 4/22/2025

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 3/26/2025 to 4/22/2025.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- 4/15/2025. PESH inspection conducted at work zone on CR 14 on 4/15/2025. Waiting on official report of findings. Preliminary findings included violations for placement of signage and placement of vehicles next to flaggers. All requested documentation to this point has been provided to their office.
- Training room on Neale Road has been set up. Waiting on IT for equipment to utilize during trainings and/or meetings.
- Annual workplace violence committee meeting was held on 3/27/2025.
- Hearing tests continue. 212 hearing tests have been administered for DPW and outside Municipalities. Hearing test results have been mailed to municipalities. DPW employee results are being distributed.
- Mandatory annual Workplace Violence Prevention and Sexual Harassment training is being conducted. During training Safety Officer also went over mobile meth labs and how to spot them and what to do if they are found along the roadway by DPW personnel.
- Walkthrough facility inspections are being conducted. 6 patrols have been completed.
- ELDT – 8 employees in or need training. 2 road tests have been scheduled.
- SH900 logs have been reviewed by Safety and Workplace Violence committees. No concerning trends or injuries as result of violence had been identified.

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- Animal carcass handling procedures have been finalized. A meeting will be scheduled with personnel at the SWMC facility to inform them of the additional procedure being added to the Landfill manual.
- Working on Safety Days. 4 out of 6 trainers have been secured for the event.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Complete facility walkthroughs and complete reports
- Review medical protocol for due dates and schedule any screenings
- Continue working on Safety Days
- Respond to PESH when official report is received