

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 28, 2025

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes
Bill Layton
Tina Molé
Jared Boice
John Kosier

Joe Cetta
Jerry Vernold
Jim Thomas
Lisa Henderson
Tyson Robb

GENERAL

• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the April 23, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

• Equipment Authorizations

- JT, We have a couple. Compost Agitator, we are working with the original one from around 2005, we budgeted \$550,000 for it, it came in at \$518,000. Resolution is prefiled.
- Committee approved.
- JT, Roll off boxes, 4 of them budgeted at \$50,000, these four came in at \$32,188 so there's money for more at the end of the year if we don't need that money for anything else.
- Committee approved.

• 4-H Camp

- JT, it's done, went pretty well.

• Lisa/Meta/Sarah

- JT, everyone's working together and it's going well.

• Safety Officer's Report

- JT, attached, nothing really stands out.

• NYS County Highway Superintendents Dues

- JT, \$550, we are late on it, it's a good resource.
- Committee approved.

• Flood Insurance for Page Ave Complex (18-24 Page)

- JT, another yearly thing. 2 options. Option A – bldg. covered for 149,000, contents for 108,000. Option B – building for 164,000 and 114,000 for contents.
- LH, That's for the old building.
- JC, The one that we're getting rid of?
- LH, Yes, but I don't think you can get rid of that until you get rid of the building because if something happened before we sell it and we don't have flood insurance we won't get any federal aid.
- JK, Are there a lot of contents in it now?
- LH, No
- GH, What's the cost?
- JT, \$6341 for option A, \$6621 for option B
- TM, Bev Shields is working on the auction. She was going to contact you and Kent and we're hoping that we can have a resolution for the next meeting at the end of June for the board to

vote in favor of selling it. Then it would go for auction. I believe the phone company has done what they need to do.

- JK, Can we do insurance without contents?

- LH, It's not about that building. If a flood happens between now and when you sell it, and you don't have flood insurance on the building you are not eligible for any FEMA money because you didn't have flood insurance on the property. I don't believe you would be eligible for FEMA anywhere in Delaware County because you didn't have insurance. You can cancel it when you sell it and get your money back.

- Committee agreed to go this route with the lower amount.

- Weights and Measures – Schoharie

- JT, Schoharie County lost their Weights and Measures director, and it sounds like they are a mess even when they had one. Brian hit me up yesterday asking if he could help them out and either get reimbursed or hired by them on a part time basis.

- GH, He's part time here, right?

- JT, Yes and he can only earn up to \$35,000

- LH, Does anyone have any concerns about him helping them out?

- Committee was fine with him helping out if it works out.

- JT, While we're talking about weights and measures, the laundromat next door has some kind of scale he needs to certify. The owner asked Brian about getting a tour of the old building. Do we want to give interested people a tour?

- Committee said go ahead and give a tour.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost

- TR, Slow without transmission

- TR, the primary is down still we are waiting on the transmission. We got a quote back on that for 300,000 for rebuild which seems a little steep. We have 2 transmissions, so we're trying another company to rebuild the other one. Hopefully it comes in under \$300,000. I think that would be an emergency fix. I sent it to the attorney, and I haven't heard anything.

- TM, I talked to Amy, and she wasn't understanding what your e-mail meant.

- TR, Right, so for the last month and a half I've been proposing times that I am available to meet because she mentioned that she didn't understand it and I wouldn't expect that she did. I was just asking for some face time. I sent her the law that I am proposing that we follow for procurement of the bioreactor.

- TM, I'll have her get back to you today.

- TR, At the department head meeting she mentioned she was going to get back to me that day. I respond to her, and I get nothing from her. There's been no response. It's just zero, silence, which is a little frustrating because my last directive from the last meeting was to get this thing purchased. I'm watching this thing sit, I'm watching it crack and deteriorate and there's literally nothing I can do without some cooperation.

- TM, Ok, you'll get a call today, I'll be with them today for the meeting.

- TR, Also, waiting on Amy for a response on the soft starts too. All soft starts are bad.

- GH, Just out of curiosity do you know what the cost of a new transmission would be?

- TR, So, its time, that's probably what's it's going to come down to.

- GH, It's costing \$300,000 to rebuild that, what's a new one cost?

- TR, Right, the difference would be time, maybe \$400,000. Because they can reverse engineer it quicker than they can design it.

- GH, So there's not one sitting on a shelf somewhere. They're fabricated?

- TR, They are all engineered specifically for their task.
- GH, So it's not really much of a benefit to find a new one.
- TR, We're trying. You have to design engineer it so it's all specific to the application in the way that it's put together.
- TR, So the soft starts, I'm waiting on Amy for that contract and what happened with that, cause that's been a month and a half too, if we turn everything on, the valley goes dark. The last time this happened I got a call from NYSEG when I was out of town. My buddy at NYSEG calls and says dude you got a big problem. It's the soft starts so we've been staggering that. It's not a huge deal because primary is not running, but if it was we wouldn't be able to operate without the soft starts. If every contract needs approval, we need approval for every contract. Or we could shut down, that's the other option. That's where we're at.
- TR, Computers, were working on it. I think I found a good company maybe RASP out of Saratoga Springs but I'm still trying.
- GH, Now is that something you want to put out to bid too?
- TR, I would consider a lot of this very unique and specialized equipment which there's provisions to work with within the law, as long as the county's okay with moving in that direction. And I'm not a lawyer. I'm not here to convince you of what's legal and what's not. I could make this thing run. I'm more of a physical and systems guy. Not a lawyer. But yeah, emergency, whatever you want to call it. You know specialty purchase of sorts. I mean I've been looking for years to try and find somebody to do that. But I can't tell how much it's going to cost so it's hard to figure out how to purchase it if it's under, you know what I mean?

- US Compost Council Dues - \$540

- JT, another every year dues. All in favor.

- Cell 1 Reclamation

- TR, Cell 1's going. We're finished, we're down to the floor. We have the north wall is defined. We have that hydroseeded, it's looking good. The floor of the cell is looking pretty good. Other than that it's just the bottom and the sides, trying to figure out how far to go so we're just going with the contract on this for now. Trying to stay under the contract price. There might be a little bit of garbage left but we can do some of that work if we need to.
- GH, What we got for the contract now is just cleaning and emptying the cell not re-lining it. That still has to go out to bid yet, right?
- TR, Yep.
- GH, At what point will we be ready for that?
- TR, Hopefully in the fall I would think, seems to be a good time to do those kind of bids.
- JT, GHD has been working on the design so we know where the bottom is, stuff like that.
- GH, So it's kind of contingent on where you ended up?
- TR, Yep, so hopefully in the fall time for next summer construction.
- GH, What kind of money are you thinking that's going to cost?
- TR, I think we are only going to do 1 1/2
- GH, 2 million, 5 million?
- TR, Yeah
- GH, 5 million?
- TR, Sure, yeah.
- JC, Was hydroseeding part of that whole contract?
- JB, The county did that themselves.
- JC, You got the hydro-seeder from Jeff?

- TR, Yes, there's no reason to include it. I think as a contractor your supposed to see the floor but that north wall we did with the hydro-seeder.
Was that just a clay lining?
- TR, No nothing, there's, nothing down there, just gravel. It's kind of weird. When you get to the edges there's like 20 feet of clean soil and like 3 feet of garbage. Some of that finesse we could work out, but right now we want the contractor to move the bulk of it. It's a big area. It's going good. It's still looking like July. The raincover is a separate contract but that is in the resolutions. It's a fair amount of money, but it is for a fair amount of acreage. It should stay there for the next 20 or 30 years. We are using a 60 mil which is a heavier plastic. Heavier than we've used before for the raincover and were putting a rain defender on it. It's a different ballast system. In the past we've used tires, but the tires, they hold water and rain and I think the rain defender will last longer and hold up better.
- GH, Are there other bidders that could have bid on this or are these guys basically the only ones?
- TR, There are other people. Nobody put a bid in.
- GH, You don't know why, I mean timing-wise or?
- TR, I mean it could have been timing. We had a couple bidders. Their main competitors bid some years ago and the main competitor split off of this company years ago and they bid on a project we had a little while ago and it was challenged and we just went with whatever the balance was. So the other competitor has a bad taste in their mouth of how we awarded one of our bids in the past.
- GH, Just so we have some answers in case someone questions why we have just one bidder on such a substantial amount.
- JT, It was advertised legally and all that stuff.
- TR, Yeah
- GH, I don't imagine there's a lot of people that do this stuff.
- TR, No, there's like 3 companies, there's 2 main ones specifically in this area that would work for us if we want this done quick. It's like 8 grand a week depending on how much rain we get. I'm happy we're getting it in this meeting so we can move forward cause they're going to run out of time too because they have other projects and stuff. Cell 4 is filling because compost is down. I figure we have a year and a half on that before we have to climb up the old cell 4. We should have 7 years total in that I think all the way to the top.
- TR, We did have some radiated bio come in from Walton which showed that our radiation detectors are working. Small amounts that decay really quickly.
- JC, Source?
- TR, Medical. We've worked through that the last few weeks. We just need to make sure our employees are safe and get permission from DEC to take the material. We don't take radioactive material on principle but we also work with the treatment plants on principle. The exposure is really low.

- Env tech

- TM, Did you hire your new person?
- TR, Yeah, good right?
- TM, Were they from within or outside?
- TR, Outside
- TM, Have they started?
- TR, Yep, he's been here a number of weeks. He's doing well. He's never on his cell phone, it's incredible. Keeping him busy. We're moving through stuff so we might stand a chance.

- Delaware South

- JT, CR 67 pipe- We had a pipe on 67 come apart underneath one lane. It's been one lane there for awhile. We'll have to close that road for a couple days.
- JB, It's a pipe that's known to unravel over years of exposure and this did underneath the road. With further inspection it's doing it in more than one spot so the whole thing has to be ripped out. It goes 100 feet down behind the barn. About 180 feet of pipe and different structures to get it straightened out. There's a cattle path buried underneath the road which is falling apart so that may have to come out once we get the road opened up too.
- JC, What size?
- JB, 3 foot.

CR 47 ditching

- Delaware North

Ditching on CR 14

Mowing

CR 33

- JT, Albano made a mess with their flood water funded manure injection system - they truck it into a tanker, pump it from the tanker into a huge spreader. They dragged from the small field to the big field and made a huge mess on a Friday so our guys came in Friday to clean it up. I called Soil & Water and asked them what was going on. They were going to talk to Frank Albano, he then called me later that day.
- GH, Did we invoice them?
- JT, I did not yet. I want to see what everyone here thought of it. Should we send them a bill for our hours for Friday?
- Committee said yes, bill them.

Adam's Hill Road

- JT, I got a call asking if the County will take over the road. I told them the County does not take over roads.

Paving CR 12

EM shop land

- IG Dent property for East Meredith patrol, he is interested in selling his 9 acre field.
- JT, I stopped and talked to him about it. He wants fair market value. That would be a great location for us. Find an independent appraiser and have him look at it?
- Committee agreed we should have the property appraised.

City contract

- LH, It was approved by DEP lawyers, came back to our lawyers, then it went to NYC lawyers, came back again and they made changes. Amy went though it and said it was ok. Now it's a matter of getting it signed electronically. I have spent a lot of time trying to work with their system to sign it electronically. I spent three hours with the City IT Department yesterday.

BRIDGE

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

- Design underway
 - Temporary fix
 - Starting 6/2

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- BR5

- Inspection 4/15

- BR 41-2

- Survey done

- 41-2 Old Mill Restaurant deck – they were building to our white line, on top of our storm system, did not get a building permit so the Town's going to stop them anyway. It's in the flood way.

- 2026 Bridge Preservation

- Going fine.. slow progress but its ok.

- Bridge Crew

- Fab/Concrete work

- CR12 Catchbasin

- Training crane operators

- Compost catchbasin lid

- 27-5

- Should be fine.

- JB, We chained the deck on 11-1. Still need to do 130.

- Fish Creek bridge with FUDR

- JT, Have been back and forth with Shelley and Graydon, Jerry a little bit. I don't believe there's anything on our end to stop it. There's some vagueness in the application but they mention a 50 to 60 foot bridge. Ours calls for a 50 or 52 foot bridge. Shelley is dead set against it but talking to her and Graydon together looking through stuff, we actually got the application from Molly.

- Looking through it Shelly couldn't see anything that would mess us up so as long as the Town is still in favor I don't see why we wouldn't go forward with it.

- TM, So they were ultimately in favor of doing it?

- JT, They weren't against it.

- Committee said go forward with it.

- DCSWCD \$3 million grant

- JT, Still need to figure out how to spend this money.

Engineers

In-house designs

Permits - a nightmare to get this year

Driveways

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

Bloomville propane – still an issue

- LH, we've used thru mid-May, 5,572 gallons more than we used the whole year last year. We are on target to use 30,000 gallons of propane this year. Something's not right. It's up 43%.

- GH, Walton seems ok?

- LH, I don't have a lot to go on. We didn't fill it until May of last year and didn't move in until the end of the year but I think it's ok.

Next stage of project

J&K claims

Final CO

DiGesare call – LD's, closeout

2nd floor trap not working again

Fixed? - NO

Wakin survey

Has been filed

Moving rest out

Wickhams – Cabinet shop

Paving

Parking lots for Admin

Will get striped next week, Pete offered to paint the lines when he does Public Safety.

Kortright

Public Safety lot

• Walton shop relocation

- JT, You guys were going to talk to finance about this last I knew.

- LH, so do we get that land appraised for East Meredith or do we wait for you to talk to them.

There's no point in appraising it if it's not something finance wants to move forward with.

- GH, What was the total cost of the whole thing?

RESOLUTIONS

Award SW2-25

Award SW3-25

Change Order #1 SW2-24

Change Order #1 Prop 28-21 Plumbing

Change Order #3 Prop 28-21 HVAC

Budget Amendment Fund 41

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
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Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 5/28/25

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 4/23/2025 to 5/28/2025.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- Still have not received anything from PESH regarding inspection on CR14 on 4/15/2025.
- Mandatory annual Workplace Violence Prevention and Sexual Harassment training completed and training records forwarded to the Personnel Department.
- ELDT – 1 road test scheduled, 6 in or need training.
- Safety Days – NBT has agreed to sponsor the event again this year.

5 of 6 trainers have been secured for the event.

Trainers include:

- DOT
- DOL (2)
- DC Public Health
- DC Sheriff's Department
- Bridge Crews and Guiderail Crew are due for medical screenings in accordance with current protocol. Bassett has been contacted to schedule screenings.
- Annual hoist inspections are scheduled for 6/16/2025.
- Conducted orientation training for 14 seasonal employees.
- Reviewed sharps protocol and bloodborne pathogens training protocol for SWMC. Will schedule training for SWMC personnel.
- In-house general vehicle maintenance training has been scheduled for patrols 6/2/25 through 6/4/2025.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Schedule PFT's for Compost personnel
- Complete facility walkthrough reports and distribute findings to patrols.
- Schedule Safety Committee meeting
- Finalize Safety Days training topics and hands-on challenges.

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