

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 25, 2025

8:45 A.M.

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

GENERAL

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes from the May 28, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, Forks for skidsteer, \$1400, not budgeted but there's \$149,000 left.
 - LH, We're under on quite a few things in solid waste.
 - All in favor
- Authorizations to Fill Vacancies
 - JT, Assistant to the Commissioner, HEO II - 3 of them to promote 3 HEO's, CEO II - 2 of them - one resigned, one transferred
 - All in favor
- Lisa/Meta/Sarah/
 - JT, Moving along,
 - MR, We have a new girl coming on the 8th, Laura Mills, hired her for Sarah's position.
 - LH, We had 3 good candidates, all of them were very qualified.
 - JC, Could any fill the positions elsewhere in the county?
 - MR, I thought the gentleman we interviewed would work out well for IT if they needed anyone.
 - TM, what was his education?
 - LH, He has a 4 year degree in like music history or something like that.
 - MR, The other girl already works for the Treasurer's Office, she just wanted to transfer.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - JT, Main thing is PESH investigated a fall at the Compost facility. Kevin Brown fell and got pretty hurt, PESH did an inspection and verbally said they found nothing wrong, waiting on the actual report. He was on a platform and somehow fell off. It had railings and all that.
 - TM, How is he now?
 - MR, He's out until August 1. I have a doctor's note that he has to go back and see a surgeon so I'm not really sure if he had surgery but he's home.
- Town of Hamden - Parade and 5K Race 7/12&13
 - LH, Th bicentennial is this year. Parade is at 11 on Sat, they want to close the covered bridge for a few hours for the parade and again on Sun for the 5K. The 5K race will come on CR 2 also. They sent us an insurance certificate.
 - LH, Bovina 5K - 7/26 - CR 6
 - LH, Sidney 5K - 9/6 - CR 23
 - All in favor.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost

- JT, they are still composting wood chips and sludge
Slow without transmission

- Accident
 - JT, talked about with Safety Officers report
- Bioreactor replacement

Bid did not go well again
Waiting for Amy/Jeremy
Got answer – going to RFP

 - JT, Tyson caught up with Jeremy and got the go ahead for a different way to secure the drum so we're working on that.
 - GH, so were going to secure the drum out to bid ourselves?
 - JT, Basically an RFP
 - GH, Just going back on the transmission. Did he get that down there?
 - LH, It is there. I think I saw a PO for it to ship back.
- Cell 1 Reclamation
 - JT, Finishing up little things. That project went pretty well.
- Rain Cover
 - JT, Going on cells 5 and 6. I guess it's been a huge pain. Contractor's mad at everything.
 - GH, Is that the one we just awarded?
 - JT, Yes.
- Leachate Breakdowns
 - JT, We have 2 trucks and 2 tankers but one truck is down so we rented a truck and the second tanker went down. They're hauling whenever they can but the wastewater plant is only open certain hours. I don't why they don't let us haul 24/7. So we're hauling with 1 truck whenever we can.
 - JC, Have we requested extra hours to dispose of leachate in the facilities?
 - JB, The problem is the sewer plants are overfull too. They really don't want it either.
 - JT, I don't know what Tyson's done. I don't know if we need someone there when we deliver or how that goes.
 - JB, We don't have enough equipment to haul any longer anyhow.
 - JC, But at different times if it was available would that help?
 - JT, At certain times, but right now it probably would not.

ROAD

- Snowplow contracts
 - JT, Going out to the towns that plow for us or the city.
- 6/21 flood
 - JT, Really didn't affect us too bad. A couple little shoulder washouts but nothing like some other counties I saw.
 - TM, Walton got hit right, Joe?
 - JC, Water over the roads because storm drains weren't cleaned out.
- Delaware South

Paved CR20
Fix stream washout
- Delaware North

CR33 Albano's mess – Bill has been sent
Adam's Hill Road

- Paving CR 12 – completed
- EM shop land
 - IG Dent property for East Meredith patrol
 - Wants what the land is worth
 - May split the parcel
 - Waiting on appraisal

BRIDGE

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3
Completed! In time. Walkthrough went well
- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
Design underway
Temporary fix
Done – went well
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
BR5
Inspection 4/15
BR 41-2
Survey done
41-2 Old Mill Restaurant deck
- 2026 Bridge Preservation
- Bridge Crew
 - Fab/Concrete work
 - Training crane operators
 - Compost catchbasin lid
 - Construction started – concrete availability – a week to 2 weeks out
 - 27-5- outside Trout Creek, scheduled for a box culvert this year
- Fish Creek bridge with FUDR
Planning drone flight
- DCSWCD \$3 million grant
Mead Street
- BR 130 (Sidney)
- 11-1 deck
Needs repairs

Engineers

In house designs
Permits
Driveways

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report
 - Next stage of project
 - Mancini closeout
 - I need to sign and return letter
 - Wickhams – Cabinet shop
 - Paving

Parking lots for Admin
Kortright
Walton shop relocation?
Other 2 outside patrols?
KC offer

- JT, sounds like there's momentum toward doing this project, so I'll get better numbers soon.

RESOLUTIONS

Surplus Equipment

Meeting went into Executive session to discuss personnel upgrades - Committee approved upgrades that were presented.

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 6/25/2025

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 5/29/2025 to 6/24/2025.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- Received PESH Notice of Violation and Order to Comply for PESH inspection in work zone on CR-14. Item 1 included employee flagging was standing in front of a vehicle and not visible to oncoming traffic. Item 2 included traffic control signs not deployed in accordance to Part 6 of the incorporated MUTCD. One lane road ahead sign not utilized. Item 1 has an abatement date of 8/14/2025. Item 2 was corrected during inspection.
- PESH conducted an investigation on 6/11/2025 at SWMC-Compost facility for fall incident. At this time the PESH investigator has indicated that no citations will be issued based on their findings. All requested information has been provided to PESH. Safety Officer should receive report within a few weeks.
- Annual hoist inspections were conducted by American Crane on 6/16/2025. One hoist was deemed out of service. Reports have been received and distributed.
- PFT's have been scheduled for Compost personnel for 7/16/2025.
- Bloodwork has been completed for both bridge crews in accordance with current medical protocol.
- Bloodborne pathogens and sharps handling policy and procedure training is being conducted with SWMC-Landfill personnel by the Safety Officer on 6/25/2025.
- In-house general vehicle maintenance training has been completed with one patrol remaining to complete training.

Safety Office Report 6-24-2025.docx

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- ELDT – 1 employee passed road test, 1 employee scheduled for road test, 5 employees in or need training.
- 6/11/2025 Safety Committee met.
- Facility walkthroughs continue. Bridge shops are the only locations remaining. Report of findings for each patrol are being completed.
- Lockout/tagout policy was updated for SWMC-Compost personnel. Personnel received retraining and informed of changes to policy.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Complete abatement for PESH CR-14 violations and forward information to PESH for closure. PESH will conduct follow-up inspection.
- Complete preparations for Safety Days.
- Go over new hire orientation training material and make updates.