

SPECIAL MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR

MARCH 26, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

TRANSCRIPTION OF RECORDED MEETING

Chairwoman Molé: I will call this meeting to Order and ask that Christa please call the roll:

Wayland Gladstone – Here

Tina Molé – Here

Art Merrill – Here

Dennis Valente – Here

Mark Tuthill – Here

Tom Axtell – Here

Jeff Taggart – Here

Wayne Marshfield – Here

Jerry Vernold – Here

Jim Eisel – Here

George Haynes – Here

Betty Scott – Here

Jim Ellis – Here

Carl Patrick Davis – Here

Allen Hinkley – Here

Eugene Pigford – Here

John Kosier – Here

William Layton – Here

Joseph Cetta – Here

Chairwoman: Great Everyone is here. So, we have two not-prefiled resolutions that I will waive Rule 10 without Objection. First Resolution is No. 58 – This is the DPW Resolution – George I will need you to bring that up please.

Haynes: I will bring that up and move for its adoption, I second it Patrick Davis.

Christa: Authorizing the implementation of funding 100% of the cost of a transportation project which may be eligible for federal aid and/or state aid or reimbursement for Bridge, NY funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

**TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING 100%
OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT WHICH MAY BE
ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL AID AND/OR STATE AID OR REIMBURSEMENT
FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, a Project for the replacement of BIN 3352080, Knox Avenue over Wilson Hollow Brook, PIN 9754.77 (“the Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware will design, let and construct the Project: and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware desires to advance the project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Delaware to pay 100% of the cost of the Preliminary Engineering/Design and Right-of-Way Incidentals work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal-aid, State-aid or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the additional sum of sum of \$72,187 is hereby appropriated from 34-15112-54000000 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the County of Delaware shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal-aid, State-aid or BY Bridge funding awarded to the County of Delaware; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs not covered by Federal-aid, State-aid or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County of Delaware hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Delaware all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal-aid and/or State-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the County of

Delaware's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairwoman: Are there any questions? Sue McIntyre is here as well.

Question 1: How much is the project?

Sue McIntyre: The Bridge is in Colchester. The contract amount for the full estimated construction is about \$800,000. The regular resolution is a supplement to the existing contract that we have with DOT when it went out for public comment on that bridge the need for a temporary bridge that would be large enough to accommodate tractor trailers, tanker trailers for the farmers in the community and to be able to maintain pedestrian crossing on the temporary bridge during the original bridge's reconstruction increased the cost. So, this particular resolution that you are working on today will allow us to modify our contract with DOT for supplemental expenditures for just the engineering and design and right-of-way, incidentals and acquisitions. There will be a later resolution sometime this summer ___ LVDV that will cover their construction cost changes. We will have a better number on the total construction costs at that time.

Question 1: Thank you.

Chairwoman: Are there any other questions for Sue? If not, Christa, please call the roll.

Christa:

Gladstone: Yes
Molé: Yes
Merrill: Yes
Valente: Yes
Tuthill: Yes
Axtell: Yes
Taggart: Yes
Marshfield: Yes
Vernold: Yes
Eisel: Yes
Haynes: Yes
Scott: Yes
Ellis: Yes
Davis: Yes
Hinkley: Yes
Pigford: Yes
Kosier: Yes
Layton: Yes

Cetta: Yes

Chairwoman: Ok. The next not-prefiled Resolution is No. 59.

Taggart: This is Jeff Taggart from the Planning Department, I would like to bring up for this Resolution No. 59 to have it approved. Seconded by Jim Ellis.

Christa: Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month – Planning Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 59

TITLE: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 clarifying the prohibition of discrimination regarding the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex and as later amended, disability and family status; and

WHEREAS, it has been 52 years since the enactment of the 1968 Act and Delaware County continues to work to uphold the Fair Housing Law and the principle of equal opportunity on which it is based; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is deemed Fair Housing Month and should be a celebration of laws and efforts by citizens to remove impediments to equal housing opportunities and to emphasize and ensure the rights of all citizens in an effort to provide housing choice; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity housing can best be accomplished through leadership, example, education, and mutual cooperation of all of those affiliated with the real estate industry and the public; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware supports the ongoing efforts of the many organizations working in and around Delaware County, including housing and service providers who support continued education and outreach to affirmatively further fair housing, who seek and help distribute funding to provide for safe housing, and those who work diligently to encourage programs to further fair, affordable, and safe housing for all in Delaware County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of Delaware County does hereby proclaim April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Delaware and asks the people to join in reaffirming their commitment to fair housing opportunities for all and to wholeheartedly recognize those rights throughout the year.

Chairwoman:

Any questions? I am going to have Chris call the roll just so we have a record.

Christa:

Gladstone: Yes

Molé: Yes

Merrill: Yes

Valente: Yes
Tuthill: Yes
Axtell: Yes
Taggart: Yes
Marshfield: Yup
Vernold: Yes
Eisel: Yes
Haynes: Yes
Scott: Yes
Ellis: Yes
Davis: Yes
Hinkley: Yeah
Pigford: Yes
Kosier: Yes
Layton: Yes
Cetta: Yes

Chairwoman: Ok that concludes the Resolutions. I do want to give you all the latest update from Mandy Walsh. As of 9:45 am this morning, we have three new cases of the COVID-19. Two of the three new are people down in NYC that are down in the City who have registered their main primary address as Delaware County. So right now, the latest information, there are 8 total cases, three of those cases are people that are down in NYC. So, we have five people up here in Delaware County with COVID-19. Are there any questions, concerns....anything that we are not doing right or that you want to see done differently?

Gladstone: Are these cases, this is Bud, have these cases spread around the County or are they all in one location....without giving the location, I guess.

Chairwoman: I have not been given the location. Public Health does not...they are very adamant that nobody knows, because they don't want to ostracize anybody or any towns.

Gladstone: I understand.

Chairwoman: I truly don't know.

Gladstone: Ok thank you.

Valente: Has any decision been made on amending the tax deadline on the real property tax deadline?

Chairwoman: On the real property tax...are you talking about foreclosures?

Valente: The whole process. We have a deadline at the end of the month. The late notices go out...I guess they are going out as usual....are we going to delete that penalty because of the circumstances. We have so many closed tax collector's offices...it makes it much more difficult for the pay process. I was wondering if any consideration towards that April penalty.

Amy: I can speak to this a little bit. At 7:00 we had phone conferences with NYSAC and this is one of the things that they did address last night. They said that the State is leaving it up to the local municipalities as to whether or not they want to waive the penalty and that the local municipality can do that by resolution. I had NYSAC send me a sample resolution.

Chairwoman: Can you send me that resolution Amy through the email?

Amy: Sure can.

Chairwoman: I think that that needs to be a part of that discussion as well with the finance.

Amy: OK

Valente: Thank you.

Chairwoman: I will get that answered and consult with all of you like I have been through the email. So that we are all on the same page and don't have different answers. Are there any other questions or concerns? I know Wayne you had something.

Marshfield: Yeah, I did. Out of those 8 cases, were 3 of them transferred to NYC?

Chairwoman: They were always down in NYC. They were not here. They just listed their primary address as Delaware County.

Marshfield: I see, so they are not in the County.

Chairwoman: No. They are not.

Marshfield: And do we know out of the 5 are there any of the 5 hospitalized? The last I know there was like 1.

Chairwoman: I did not get an update on that. I don't know. Again, I can get that answered and send that out.

Marshfield: Not a big deal...I just wanted to know. Thank you.

Taggart: And thank you Tina for keeping everybody in the loop.

Chairwoman: You're welcome. Does everybody agree that...I have heard from all of you many times...so I think that the email right now is the fastest way. I would like to have our regular scheduled April 8th County Board meeting at our normal time, whether it is through this way or through Zoom. I know Shelly is working on setting up a Zoom account. But that way we would have time to get the packets to everyone so you can review them and again if we have to do it this way, we have to do it this way. But at least we can keep the business here going. Does anybody disagree with that?

Group: Sounds good.

Chairwoman: Are there any other questions or

Taggart: On the 8th. Would there be any way that the finance committee could come in and look over the travel and equipment and books and invoices and stuff before the meeting?

Chairwoman: I'll tell you what the Highway Committee Meeting did yesterday. Some of the committee called in on a conference call, but there were about 5 people that came in and we just kept it at the social distance of 6 feet. If that is what finance wants to do, we could set that up in the Board room so that we just keep the distance between everyone.

Taggart: Ok. Let me know what's going on.

Chairwoman: Is finance in agreement with that?

Group: OK

Merrill: This is Art. I think that is a good idea. So 10:30 on the 8th then. OK. Thank you very much.

Chairwoman: OK does anybody else have a question or concern?

Scott: I just have a comment. In terms of where in the County these people are. We have to assume they are everywhere and we have to not act about how to ostracize people, but each of us have to act as though we have it and how are we going to keep somebody else from getting it from us. If we conduct ourselves that way, we will curb the spread of this.

Group: Excellent point Betty. Thank you, Betty.

Chairwoman: Anybody else want to make a comment or a questions? I'll get answers to the two questions that were asked and get an email out to you and continue to update you as fast as I get updated. So, we will plan on Finance meeting, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, and then either through Zoom or the way we did the meeting today we will have our regular scheduled board meeting on April 8th at 1 p.m. Does anybody else have anything? Thank you all for joining this meeting and I declare this meeting is over. Thank you