

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 6, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Susan McIntyre
	Jared Boice	Dan Sanford
Via Phone	Jerry Vernold	Pat Davis

GENERAL

- Payment of Comp Time
 - We do this annually for personnel.
 - Committee approved.
- Personnel upgrade rollouts for 2021
 - SM, We are going to start rolling out the approved upgrades for 2021. They were all approved in the budget. Now we have to have authorization again.
 - SM, We are holding off on the HEO II positions as that is still in arbitration.
- Committee schedule 2021 – special committee meeting before 27 Jan meeting
 - SM, Proposed schedule was sent to everyone. We are sticking with the 8:45 because we anticipate that we will still have people on finance and that finance will still be meeting at 10am on Board day.
 - SM, I would like to throw in one more meeting next week to go over the bonding and the purchase of the property in Bloomville. I would like the Committee to have time to review that before it goes to the entire Board.
 - Additional meeting was scheduled for the 14th at 10:00 am.
- T/Harpersfield speed limit request Titus Lake Rd
 - SM, The Town of Harpersfield continues to ask for speed limits on all their roads, they are trying to get as many as possible done. They are getting pushed by their insurance to do this.
 - BL, Is the State approving any of these?
 - SM, That have approved the last few we sent for Harpersfield. I have seen it go both ways.
 - GH, So would the town have liability if there was a speed zone and it wasn't signed?
 - SM, Yes. They are responsible for the signs.
- Safety Officers Report
 - Copy attached.

SOLID WASTE

- Two NYSASWM membership renewals – Tyson & Sue
 - SM, need approval to renew two memberships. \$75 each.
 - Committee approved.

- Cell 4s /GHD update – stormwater, wetlands, waste relocation
 - SM, We have notice of complete application from DEC. We are now pursuing the stormwater application. We met with DEP for a pre-application perc test. The perc test went well, however, we came across a huge layer of buried tires in the area of the storm basins. So there will be some reclamation that will need to be done. We are going to have to just relocate them into Cell 6. We need authorization to do this.
 - SM, we don't know exactly how much is there, we have found the bottom, we found the top... and there are boundaries laterally so we can estimate.
 - JC, Is any of that hazardous?
 - SM, Hazardous, no. Problematic yes. The current solid waste regulations say that you can't bury tires so we are going to have to get a variance to do this.

- Compost Behlen Building/EDR update – 112 walls & ceiling
 - SM We met at the facility on Monday to look at the 112 area, we have a lot of corrosion in this area, the problem is exacerbated by the fact that all of the utilities come into the building there. We are waiting for a response from EDR but there was talk of taking an external approach to the repair as opposed to an internal approach. I'm going to turn this over to Dan.
 - DS, The design of the building is different. The corrugated panels on the exterior that you can see are structural, then there are clips and 2x4's and they sandwich into the interior sheeting. And as Sue said all of the utilities are in that area, any way we do it we will have to scaffold the building to support the roof because the roof is a truss, with the ceiling being the bottom of the truss and the roof the top of the truss, then the load bearing wall panel attaches to that. It is all corrugated, bolted together every six inches. On the interior you would have to put scaffold to support the ceiling truss, on the outside we talked about putting up another wall, if you could build a steel type frame building with foundations or off the wall and temporarily attach the utilities to the scaffolding, put that wall up and then put them back. It is going to be about impossible to get anything up there on the interior.
 - JK, How big of an area is it where the utilities are?
 - SM, There's 15 3 foot sheets but the utilities span about half of that.
 - DS, And they are up tight to the wall.
 - JK, Can you put a support wall behind the utilities?
 - SM, Not really.
 - JB, Basically the utilities hook the kindorf to the interior panel and that whole wall has to go, and it's all in conduit so you can't just move it over.
 - It's a very complicated situation, we will continue to work with EDR to come up with a plan that's going to work. We need to find the best way to do this financially because once those utilities go off we are shut down until they come back on. This is a bad area to have to work in.
 - SM, The good news is that we found no corrosion in the ceiling. We are going to relocate some of the duct work to fix some moisture issues as well. We will do that ourselves.

HIGHWAY

- Winter Storm Emergency 16-17 Dec 2020
 - SM, Steve Hood reached out for an estimate as they are going to try and get a declaration for the snow storm on the 16th. We gave them an estimate of \$144,674.24.
 - LH, I just pulled the last snow storm and applied the appropriate percentages to it.
 - JC, Do we know what the regional total is?
 - LH, No, I do not.
 - DV, It is disappointing they are even considering this.
 - SM, I won't disagree, but they asked for an estimate so we gave them one.

- Christmas Day Flooding Bridge & road closures (BR 136)
 - SM, We did have a handful of road closures. We did close BR 136 in Deposit as a precautionary measure.
 - GH, Did that take a lot of damage?
 - JB, No, it really took it pretty good
 - SM, We had CR 38 closed for a short time. CR 2 in DeLancey by the bridge. CR 18 was closed for a while.
 - JB, We did go over to Pine Lake and clean that debris out yesterday.
 - SM, But we really had no damage to speak of.
 - SM, I did take a drive around to look at the flooding and I checked in at the Bloomville site just to see how it looked and it was high and dry.

- County COOP update – Continuation of Operations Plan DPW specific
 - SM, The State has asked the County to update the COOP to include pandemic plans. Planning is coordinating the compilation of the data. We have to have our stuff back to Planning by the 12th. Once the Unions have approved the information it can be sent to the State.

- Knox Ave BR 83 update – owner agreements
 - DS, Working on ROW acquisition. Landowners have a few concerns, we met with them last week to discuss the issues and we are hoping to have them addressed in the next week or so. DOT has requested a bridge detail that would require approach slabs that we don't like, this could extend the work area and we are already limited in space. There is also a cost associated with that and the Bridge New York amount is fixed so we won't get any more money, any additional cost would be borne by the County.

- Bridge Preservation Program FY21 approved (BR 1-3, BR 20-9, BR 16)
 - DS, We are working with DOT to get the local agreement. Then we can start design and maybe get this bid before October.

- Bridge Preservation Program FY 20 - Update
 - DS, 41 steel repairs should be done today, then going to little Red Kill to do steel repair there, that should be done by the end of the week, then going to East Hubble Hill next week and get the steel repairs done there. They have another crew coming in behind them to do the painting so they should hopefully be done by the end of next week. It's our goal to get this year's out so we can be done by October and not have to fight the weather.

- Bridge St Pedestrian BR 80 update
 - SM, DEP has closed on the Grossman property.
 - DS, I have reached out to Modjeski & Masters that we should have the right of way soon so we can change the plans to reflect owning the Grossman property and not having to work around that. There are some trees we need to get down before March. Just waiting to hear back from Modjeski & Masters.
 - SM, We did receive a time extension through June 30th. We will continue to move forward on this Project.
 - PD, Do you think you'll be done by then?
 - SM, No. But they will only grant them in 6 month increments and as long as we continue to show progress it shouldn't be a problem.

- GOSR Sidney demo status – contract requirements & historical features triage
 - SM, We have had success in negotiating an agreement in how to deal with the historic features that we have no storage for. DCHA has told us they have no more room to store things. So GOSR and SHPO agreed if we have no home we can just document it and destroy it. We don't have to remove it.
 - JB, The sad thing is we have already removed a bunch of it.
 - SM, The good news is that we don't have to going forward.
 - SM, We also have verbal confirmation from our 2 biggest contractors that they can meet the MBE/WBE requirements. And Amy did agree that we don't have to re-bid those items.
 - SM, We did also get approval to move ahead with the contract with Sullivan Contracting for the asbestos work we bid last year.

- DPW Buildings Project update – financing & Bloomville purchase next
 - SM, George and I had a conference call with Fiscal Advisors, Orick (bond counsel) Bev to go over our options. Reviewed current state of interest rates. Last time I gave this report they were very low, they are still very low. So BANS are at ½ %, bonds are 1¾ to 2 %. We did confirm a maximum of 25 years for bonding terms. BANS are subject to annual renewal. We went through several scenarios. We have asked Fiscal Advisors to come back to us with a financing plan that we can tweak and modify. We are expecting something this week, I don't have it yet or I would share it with you. That proposal will include a series of bans for initial cash flow as well as the long term bond. This will allow us to have cost estimates for interest and servicing fees so we can do an analysis.
 - SM, I did ask Art to join that call but he had a previous commitment. He did confirm that when we come to the Board we bring a fat number. This doesn't mean we have to finance that, you can always do less but you can't do more. Right now that number is 30 million. That gives us legal authority to bond up to that amount.
 - GH, I agree with him because then we don't have to come back and ask for more.
 - GH, So we would ban for a few years and then figure out what we actually needed to bond for.
 - SM, Yes. And once we get those figures we will reconvene next week to go over it all. Then we can prefile for the 27th. Once the resolutions passes there needs to be a 20 day notice of estoppel that needs to posted in the legal papers which will turn into 30 days because of publication dates. There is then a 6 to 8 week lag time before you actually get your hands on the money. We have enough in reserve that I am not worried about that. But we need the approval in place before we can award the bids.
 - JC, Do we have any bonds that will be ending?
 - SM, The jail. And I want it on the record that we did get confirmation that the bond payment will come from the general fund and that we won't take a hit to our operational funds to pay that back.
 - SM, So we will have the bond resolution and the resolution to go forward with the purchase of the Bloomville property. We would do the bond resolution first and then the purchase.

- Acquavita Property
 - SM, So this has raised its head again. We have reviewed the history and in April we agreed to give the property to the Town and they will in turn deed it over to Acquavita. What we need is a deed description. The Committee agreed that cost should be borne by the Town or Acquavita. The Town said Acquavita should pay. So, I believe we need to draft a letter to Mr. Acquavita with these terms so that he has it in writing what is required. Once we have that description we will prefile the resolution and get this cleaned up. I will draft a letter to the town that Jerry can pass on to Acquavita.
 - DS, I thought the Attorneys were taking care of it but clearly that hasn't happened.
 - JV, I thought the same thing.
 - SM, So I will draft a letter and hopefully we can get it cleared up.

RESOLUTIONS

4-Day Work week

Change Order #1 Prop 34-20 (no cost time extension)

Appropriation of Fund Balance – Fund 41

Machinery Rental