

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 24, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	Joh Kosier	Dennis Valente
	Susan McIntyre	Jared Boice
	Dan Sanford	Lisa Henderson
Via Phone	Jerry Vernold	

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the January 14th and January 27th meetings were approved as presented.

• Safety Officer Report

- Report was distributed. (Copy attached)

• Equipment Authorizations

- SM, We have several of these to go thru. We were able to get most of our equipment from State or other County bids this year.
 - Bomag for SWMC, this is our first new compactor since the 90's, this is from NYS OGS.
 - JC, what is the life expectancy of this machine? 10 years?
 - SM, Could be.
 - GH, So will we be retiring one of the old ones?
 - SM, Yes. And we will try to sell it. We sold one but nobody can figure out how to move it so we are going to sell it again.
 - \$697,832.00
 - Committee approved.
 - 3 New Pickups for Foremen, \$\$33,249.75 each, total of \$99,749.25
 - JB, these are ¾ ton Fords.
 - JC, The plows come with them?
 - JB, There are no plows.
 - GH, And the old ones get cycled down?
 - JB, Yes. And the oldest ones will go to auction.
 - JC, What's the turn around on them?
 - JB, We will probably see them in August.
 - Committee approved.
 - 2 Tractors with Flail mower – \$93,404.66 each, total of \$186,809.32
 - JC, Rear attachment or side?
 - JB, Side flail.
 - DV, Is that the State Bid?
 - SM, Yes.
 - DV, Can I get a copy of that?
 - LH, Yes.
 - Committee approved.
 - 1 one ton flatbed for guiderail crew - \$57,056.10
 - This was over budget by quite a bit, but we are still ok over all.
 - GH, Is there a reason why this was so far over?

- JB, I just messed up with what we needed, we haven't done a truck like this is a while.
- GH, What year is the truck this is replacing?
- JB, I believe it's a 2008. That truck will probably stay in the fleet and something else will come out.
- Committee approved
- 1 Medium Duty Crew Cab for Bridge Maintenance - \$87,144.10
- Committee approved.
- 1 Medium Duty Crew Cab for Sidney Center - \$72,121.10
- Committee approved.

- Authorization to Fill Vacancy

SM, We have two of these. First one is at Solid Waste, our long term scale operator is retiring in April. We do have someone in training to slide into that spot once Brenda retires.

- Committee approved.
- SM, The other is an HEO II out of Walton, he is retiring effective March 22nd.
- GH, So we will pull an HEO II from someplace else?
- SM, No, not unless someone wants a transfer. And it will be filled at the HEO level because due to arbitration the HEO II slots are frozen.
- GH, Do we have a good pool of applications?
- JB, I wouldn't say it was great but we are holding our own. 90% of the people we hire don't have a CDL, we have to train them.
- GH, I know we can't find drivers and it seems that no-one wants to work.
- Committee approved.

- Salt Usage

- SM, We are having our first real winter in a while and we are at 95% of our requested allotment. We are 3,400 tons away from the 120% mark. Once we reach the 120% mark it may be difficult to get salt and we will be paying a premium for going over our requested amount.

- JC, But we budget for 125% correct?
- LH, I only budgeted for 100% this year to keep the use of fund balance down. To be clear, this is our OGS requested amount that will be over is September, not our budget amount, they are separate issues. We really only need to make it to spring with this requirement, it will be renewed in August or September.

- CHIPS, EWR, PaveNY

- LH, Not much to report here, we have put in for the full amount of EWR, PaveNY and all of our 2018/19 roll-over balance. They did call and say they may cut the EWR by 20% but they will move that over to our CHIPS payment so I think we will get all that we asked for. We'll know when it comes in March.

SOLID WASTE

- Soil & Water Contract

- SM, this is the annual contract that we have had for years. \$20,000.
- GH, We get our money out of them right?
- SM, yes.
- Committee approved.

- Cell 4s status

- SM, We are still working through the permitting process with responding to final comments and getting final approval from DEP and DEC. We did work up a budget estimate for construction costs which includes the General Contracting work, the electrical work and the engineering which includes construction inspection and administration, having someone on site during construction. That estimate is coming in at \$5,000,000.00. We will have to make a budget amendment to go forward with the project this year. We only budgeted \$1,500,000 because we weren't sure we would be able to pull it off this year. We do have \$5,000,000 in the operating budget we will just have to move things around. I am not optimistic that we will have this on the street this spring, it may be late summer with a 2022 buildout.
- GH, Is that a problem?
- SM, It is going to be if we don't get moving. We are nearing capacity and we need that cell to be operational by then end of next year.
- GH, So what is the hold up?
- SM, Just slogging through the permitting process. But we will keep moving.
- SM, I do need approval for a supplemental on the engineering to take us through the next step.
- GH, Who is doing the engineering?
- SM, GHD. This estimate will take us through construction, I am not asking for that today because we aren't far enough along to need it all. The \$5,000,000 includes \$600,000 for onsite inspection during construction. Today I am only asking for an additional \$59,300 to get us through the final piece of permitting unless you want to approve the entire amount now.
- DV, Might as well, what's the difference?
- GH, Is the number going to change?
- SM, I don't believe so. To be clear, \$610,605.00 is the total.
- Committee approved the entire amount.
- SM, This cell is just an expensive cell to build for a lot of reasons. We need to move electric lines and poles, we have pump stations that need to be relocated, the earth work is relatively small but there is also a reclamation piece in there where we shave into Cell 1.

- Waste tire disposal

- SM, We had quite a discussion about this at the last meeting. I do have a bid drafted, it is not out there yet. We discussed adding a fee. I had Tyson put together some figures of what it cost to dispose of tires in the surrounding area. It ranges from \$155/ton in Chenango County (which only takes tires from Chenango County) to a high of \$350/ton in Fulton County (they will take tires from anywhere). We are approaching that \$300/ton amount with transportation. So Chenango and Broome are at \$155/\$165 so I think they are clearly subsidizing the program. If you go to the others, Otsego is \$240, Schoharie is \$240, Sullivan is \$300, Madison is \$200/ton that is a little low but they sit right on the Thruway so there's an advantage to that.
- GH, And there is a limited amount of places you can take them.
- SM, Yes. Catskill or Buffalo. So if you look at the tipping fees at these places, the user fee is a low of \$3/tire to a high of \$20/tire for passenger tires. The truck tires range from \$7.50 to \$30/tire. \$3/tire is the most common fee for passenger tires. \$15/tire is the average for truck tires. So we will get that bid out and we'll see what the pricing comes in at and we can revisit this then.
- DV, \$20/tire is going to put a lot of tires over the bank.
- JC, Didn't we try this once before and that's how we got to where we are?
- SM, No, we actually went to no fee disposal was that we had a great deal and it was easier from a cash flow perspective. We had no good way to handle cash at that time. That is no longer true at the SWMC, where I see this having a bigger effect is the transfer stations if they continue to take tires instead of just having "tire days".

- Village of Delhi WWTP Sludge

- SM, They have a pipeline that is tied into DOMO, Saputo and the new Clark facility. There sludge is currently spiking for arsenic content. It is so high that we are landfilling all of it until they can get a handle on it. The content is too high that we cannot legally compost it. We believe it is coming from Saputo and DOMO as they are both changing some of their manufacturing processes. They are very difficult to talk to and are not very candid with their information.
- GH, That has to be a cost to us to landfill that material.
- SM, Yes. And it could become an issue for the Village if they can't get it under control.
- DV, There is a lot of issues going on with that pipeline right now. Economic Development is involved, I can see what I can find out.
- SM, That would be helpful.

COMPOST

- Quincy Air Compressor

- SM, We ordered an air compressor for the Compost Facility last year. The machine we ordered is still in Italy, the company has agreed to give us the next size up for the same price. We have vetted that it will fit and it should be delivered today.

- 602 Conveyor

- SM, This conveyor is the real workhorse of the facility and Erik Christensen, the Plant Manager has been working on replacing it. It is in a highly corrosive area. They are building it in sections and it should be ready to send for galvanizing by Memorial Day and then we can get it installed. By doing this in-house we are saving a ton of money so kudos to Erik and his staff for taking this on.
- GH, Will we have to shut down to install it?
- JB, It will go in in pieces, the whole thing will have to be cut out and put back in.
- SM, The plan is to do that during our normal shut down to keep the impact on the landfill to a minimum.

- 112 Bioreactor Inlet Air Handling

- SM, The other project they are working on is the air handling in the bioreactor inlet area. At this point we have held off on any additional design here as the plan is to build an enclosure around that and put it under a vacuum and get that air right out of there to minimize the moisture going into that 112 area. If you remember that area is where we are having corrosion issues.

HIGHWAY

- Northfield Lot

- SM, We have been asked to put this back on the tax roll. Dan has gone through the deed description, he has a suggestion as to how the property could be divided and keep the description simple. We could end up with 3.5 to 7.6 acres and the balance would go back.
- JC, It is just a simple subdivision correct?
- SM, Yes. Does the Committee have a preference on how much we keep?
- JC, I'd like it all to go back but I'm only one person.
- GH, I think we need to keep enough in case we need it.
- JC, But what is our five year plan for that?
- SM, The five year plan would be that it's a storage lot. If we needed to sell more, I would say it would be to the neighbor and just require a boundary line adjustment.
- We will keep the 7.6 acres.
- JC, Do we allow the land to be farmed?
- SM, Not formally. But if we are going to allow it, it should be formalized.

- JC, So I think we need to look into formalizing it. The guy that lives next door thinks he can just go do it.
 - SM, You and I can discuss that later.
 - JB, The snowmobile runs across that too.
 - SM, All of that is on the parcel we are putting back correct? So if we subdivide that becomes someone else's issue.
 - JC, So are we moving forward with the subdivision?
 - SM, Yes. I will get the information I need and keep that moving.
- Acquavita – old Elk Brook Rd
 - We have put together a deed description between his attorney and NYSEG that we feel will address all of the issues. We sent it to Amy for a few questions and she came up with more questions. Our initial question was do we file the transfer to the Town with the Clerk, she said yes because it makes it easier to track. She then had questions about the old deed description, which doesn't exist. So, we are currently waiting on Amy. So if anyone talks to her, please remind her we are waiting to clear this up.
 - Kelso – old RR bed CR33
 - SM, I have been in touch with Tim Kelso and we are out of this.
 - CR21 lawsuit status
 - SM, Ongoing.
 - BR 83 Knox Ave status
 - DS, Hopefully cutting the checks for the ROW this week, Lisa should have them Friday.
 - DS, We are putting this out for an early May letting, if things go well we may get it out a little earlier.
 - GH, So as you head into Downsville, Champlin is where?
 - DS, You would come to Doig first, then cross the bridge and get to Champlin.
 - GH, On both sides of the road?
 - DS, No, only on the right hand side where the temporary will be going.
 - BR 80 Bridge St Pedestrian bridge status
 - DS, Plans are basically done. Working on the special specs. Bid will be available to bidders on March 10th, open on April 1st and award on the 14th.
 - JC, How long has this been going on?
 - DS, Since 2011.
 - GH, Are we going to be able to get that done this year?
 - DS, That would be great but with the prefabricated structure there is a really long lead time. So we may be able to get everything done but actually setting the structure. In theory we could get a lot of it done. We have kept DESHS in the loop to try to keep things moving. But realistically it will probably be next spring.
 - Bridge Policy – approaches & NSCO
 - SM, I haven't got to the draft policy on this yet so we will push this to the next meeting.
 - Fishs Eddy Salt Shed
 - SM, We received a salt delivery, the driver failed to lower the box before exiting the building, he pulled the first third of the roof down. We have some impressive pictures.
 - JC, Our driver?

- SM, No, a Riccelli driver. So we have notified Christa, she reached out to our insurance company. They have recommended that we reach out directly to Riccelli. We plan to do the work ourselves, we have an estimate of just over \$22,000.00. I have reached out to Rich Riccelli, have not heard back from them yet.

• Overhead Door at Wickham Building

- SM, Just an FYI, last year we replaced one door in the Wickham building, last week the other one went so we will be replacing that to the tune of \$6,700.

- GH, What size are they?

- SM, 14x14.

• Bodoit Road

- SM, Jerry, Dan has received an email from Tracey Brown @ TU.

- DS, I was confused because I thought we were staying out of this unless the Town of Soil & Water asked us too. I sent it all on to Soil & Water and you. I don't think I should respond until you or Soil & Water ask us to.

- JV, I just want to make sure it is done correctly so if Soil & Water and TU are working together.

- SM, We have no problem working with Soil & Water on the slope stabilization issues and sharing information with them. But we still feel we shouldn't be directly dealing with TU, we should be dealing with the Town or Soil & Water. So at this point we will stand down unless the Town or Soil & Water contact us.

- JV, I just wanted everyone to know what was going on.

- DS, If there is something with the bridge we need to know, I just don't want to get in the middle of something.

• NYC Plow Contract – Roxbury

- SM, there is an agreement with NYC and the County that filters down to the Town of Roxbury, it is for about half of a mile on Van Aiken Road from SR 23 down to the waste water treatment plant. The City has questioned why they were paying for it and said they weren't going to pay for it anymore. This all goes back to a 1927 agreement between Roxbury and the City because it is the only entrance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The agreement states that the City will pay for maintenance going forward.

- SM, I bring this up because the City is looking for places to save money. And they are looking at everything. The agreement was tweaked slightly in 1996 when the treatment plant was updated. The City paid for the road to be widened and stated again that they would take care of maintenance going forward. This issue is compounded by the fact that the Town has not been billing the City for anything, only the County has been billing them for snow removal. It is further compounded by the fact that the Town is claiming the entire length of the road on their CHIPS inventory.

- SM, So, just so you are aware. We'll keep you posted. I have an appointment with Paul Rush next Monday to just talk about the relationship between DEP and DPW going forward, I will add this to the conversation.

- DS, And the other issue is the County bridge only serves one house. So other than the wastewater treatment plant, there is one person served by that bridge. A separate issue is all of the land they are buying, it is hard to work with them when they own property all around our bridges.

- SM, So do you want to join me on that call?

- DS, No, I just wanted to point out that it's an issue. Especially looking at Ingalls Road.

- JB, Yes, we need to do something there or that bridge is going to be in the creek and we have no access, the City owns all around

• Town of Hamden Speed Limit Request

- SM, We have a request from the Town of Hamden for a reduced speed zone in the Hamlet on State Route 10. It is currently 40 MPH, they want it reduced to 30 MPH
- LH, There are new owners for both the Hamden Inn and the Lucky Dog. They are really the driving force behind this. They want the speed reduced and crosswalks installed in the vicinity of the Inn and Store and the bank and the Post Office. They feel the reduction will bring more attention to their businesses.
- JC, I don't think the speed reduction is unreasonable, but the crosswalks? That's a bit much. But I don't disagree with Wayne making the request.
- DV, But we have nothing to do with this correct?
- SM, No, it just has to be filtered through us.
- JC, But you comment correct?
- SM, Only if it has an effect on us. This one does not.

• DPW Building Project status

- SM, Bids are on the street. They are available only online. You can review them for free, if you want to download them it's \$49.
- SM, Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Opening is scheduled for March 16th. We have included in our planning pushing the opening out until March 30th or April 6th and still try to hit the spring construction season. If we open on the 16th we will award on the 24th. If we open later we will award on the 14th of April.
- GH, Are you confident we can stay on that schedule?
- SM, Ask me after the pre-bid meeting.
- GH, When is the pre-bid meeting?
- SM, Tuesday. That will be a good tell as to what we are looking at. I anticipate that meeting will take most of the day as it includes site visits.

RESOLUTIONS

- Award of Prop 1-21
- Award of Prop 6-21
- Award of Prop 7 & 8 of 21
- Award of Prop 9-26 of 21
- Award of Prop 22-21
- ROW BR 83 – Champlin
- ROW BR 83 – Doig

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 2/24/21

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 1/27/21 to 2/24/21.

1. Accidents

- Accident #6-21. 1/29/21. While performing winter maintenance on CR37 in the town of Fleischmanns vehicle #437, a 2016 International, slid off of the roadway into the ditch. Driver reported that while traveling on Lake Street in the town of Fleishmanns enroute to CR37 to perform winter maintenance, he maneuvered to the right to allow room for an oncoming car to pass. Due to the narrowness of the roadway and road conditions, the truck slid in to the ditch. Gerster's Towing was called to the scene. Vehicle was pulled back on to the roadway and driver continued on his route. Slight damage to the passenger side step was noted.
- Accident #7-21. 2/12/21. While delivering salt in to the storage building located at the Fishs Eddy Patrol, the box of a dump trailer caught the front rafter of the structure causing partial collapse of the building. While Riccelli Enterprises was unloading salt in to the building, the dump body of the pup trailer attached to a dump truck was fully extended upright when the vehicle attempted to pull away from the building. The right front corner of the dump body made contact with the front rafter of the structure. As a result, the dump body of the pup trailer became wedge in the front metal rafter and the front 1/3 of the building's roof system collapsed on to the trailer and ground.

2. Spills

- Spill #1-21. 2/3/21. While plowing at the Oxbow Storage lot in Walton with equipment #692, a 2015 721 wheel loader, a hydraulic line failed resulting in approximately 1 to 2 gallons of hydraulic oil being lost on to the snowy surface. Hydraulic line was replaced and spill cleanup material as well as the affected snow was then transported to the Solid Waste Management Center for proper disposal.

3. Facilities

- Fit testing is scheduled for personnel working in the Shop/Mechanics facility for 2/25/21 and 3/9/21.
- A Workplace Violence Committee meeting has been scheduled for 3/3/21.
- Fyr Fyter has conducted annual fire extinguisher inspections for all patrols.
- SH-900 Injury and Illness logs have been received. There were 8 recordable injuries. There was a total of 89 days away from work as a result of 5 of the recordable injuries. One injury resulted in the most time away, totaling 63 days.

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Facilities Continued...

- Two Defibtech AED's have been obtained. One AED has been mounted in the Main Office on Page Avenue, the other will be mounted inside the scale house at the Solid Waste Management Center. A trainer AED has also been obtained so that personnel can become familiar with the active AED's placed at the locations.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Schedule annual Certified Excavator refresher training.
- Install AED at the Solid Waste Management Center.
- Continue working on Safety Days for 2021.