

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 10, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes

Joe Cetta

John Kosier

Bill Layton

Dennis Valente

Jerry Vernold

Susan McIntyre

Jared Boice

Dan Sanford

Lisa Henderson

**GENERAL**

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

• Equipment Authorizations

- LH, we have an issue with the Foreman's pickups. We were taking the toolbox out to get the price we wanted. Turns out that removed a whole package, not just the tool box. So they are going to be more expensive than we thought. Still working on a price. We are now looking at Dodge instead of Fords. Will revise the request once we have a firm number.
- GH, So are you thinking the Dodge will be more?
- JB, I'm hoping it will be less. Worst case it will be what the Fords are with the package, so they would be \$36,000 for each Ford instead of \$33,000.
- GH, Why did we quote Fords to begin with?
- JB, That is what we have always gotten from OGS. When the quotes were high we thought why not look at Onondaga and see what Robert Greene can do.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy

- SM, we have several of these.
  - Guide Rail Crew Supervisor (Ben Balcom was promoted to engineering)
  - Looking to fill that vacancy with an internal promotion.
  - Committee approved.

Season approvals

Solid Waste, 3 Seasonal HEOs, 2 for SWMC, 1 for Compost.

- Committee approved.

6 Seasonal MEO's for Highway

- Committee approved.

14 Seasonal Laborers (Summer kids)

- Committee approved.

Promotion from MEO to HEO (James Milea)

- Committee approved

Promotion from HEO to BCM (Tom Cobane)

- Committee approved

Temporary Upgrades from HEO II to Working Foreman

- Two of these that we do annually for Vac Truck and Striping Crew
- Committee approved.

- Salt Usage

- SM, We are currently at 95% of our allotted requirement. So if things hold we should be fine.
- LH, To be clear, that's our OGS commitment, not the budget amount. The OGS "season" runs from September to September whereas the budget runs January to December. We are fine budget wise.
- GH, Will we go up to the 120% on the old price?
- LH, I would say we'll hold off until April until it maybe stops snowing and see where we are. We have done that before.
- JC, Do you get enough notice of the price change?
- LH, You usually get a month, so you can take advantage.
- JC, Well I would fill them up, I can't imagine the price will go down.
- GH, Sometimes that's hard to do.
- LH, Exactly, it's a fine balancing act. Because if we fill them, and then it doesn't snow, the next year we have the problem where we can't get to the required 80%. It really is a guessing game each year.
- SM, To be clear the Committee is in support of going up to the 120% if we feel we should?
- Committee agreed.

- Federal COVID relief bill

- SM, The federal bill that passed did include \$350 billion to go to States and Cities and \$10billion for local infrastructure.
- BL, We had a Board meeting last night and Ron had a paper saying we were getting \$130,000. Where did he get that from?
- SM, I have no idea.
- JV, I did a webinar on it and what struck me was that once the State gets the money, they only have 30 days to disperse it. But I didn't see where the Towns were getting any money directly. I think there is another webinar tomorrow.
- SM, Can you send me the email for that please.

## **SOLID WASTE**

- Ag Land bid – award April 14

- SM, Bid is on the street. Due back on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is for the land that runs between the railroad bed and the river.
- GH, How big is that 15/20 acres?
- SM, It's in the 20 acre range. We have trimmed it down over the years. There is basically two fields.
- SM Don Wickham took over Lenny Piper's lease and we need to get that renewed.

- Waste tire management bid – award April 14

- SM, this is going out as well. It will be interesting to see how this comes out.
- GH, When are they due back?
- LH, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- JV, So I should hold off scheduling a tire day?
- SM, You can schedule it, but the pricing may be very different than before.

- SWMC Permit Modification

- Site Investigation Plan approval
- All comments to NYSDEC for landfill construction submitted
- All comments to NYCDEP for SWPPP submitted
- Hoping to see progress soon.
- GH, At what point are we going to know if we can do this or not? It's been 10 years.

- SM, It hasn't been that long, we completed the Solid Waste Management Plan and the SEQRA in 2017. We then in November 2018 we submitted the application for the modification. It is a process but we aren't dead in the water yet. It's just very slow but nothing looks bad.

- DOMO material to MRF

- SM, DOMO has these blue 55 gallon plastic barrels that we have been accepting for years at the recycling facility. The last batch they brought us had significant residual quantities of undiluted hydrochloric acid in them which gave us a pretty good scare from an employee health standpoint. So we have put the screws to them. They have some serious housekeeping issues that they need to fix.
- DV, On the same line, did we figure out where the arsenic is coming from?
- SM, No, not yet. The WWTP was taking samples but they don't have the results yet. DOMO is the main suspect. It's a 10 day test.

- Compost Facility Virtual Tour

- SM, We are getting a free video. BDP is coming down to do some video footage for the sale of the agitator they manufacture. We have 2 of them in our facility. And in return for letting them shoot we get a free video tour.
- GH, Where are they in the facility?
- SM, in the 600 area, it is the tiller that runs on the rails.

## **HIGHWAY**

- Acquavita resolution for March 24

- SM, We have the final deed description. We have the resolution drafted, we intend to pre-file for the 24<sup>th</sup> and we can then give that to the Town. Amy is strongly recommending that we file the transfer from the County to the Town so that there is a clear trail on the transfer.
- SM, the other issue is the filing fee for that transfer.
- JV, that would be his responsibility.
- SM, I'm not sure how we actually do that. Is the Committee ok if we incur the fee for that transfer? We will then bill the Town and they can reimburse us and work out the details with Acquavita?
- Committee approved.

- Northfield lot subdivision resolution for March 24

- SM, Dan has created a deed description that gives us the 7.5 acres. We will be putting in a subdivision application to the town of Walton. I have been working with Sean Leddy to make sure we get the paperwork right. There was some questions as to whether or not we needed SEQRA. Long story we have determined we do not. We will pre-file a resolution for the 24<sup>th</sup> that will do two things, it will designate an agent to act on behalf of the County to broker the deal for the subdivision and then authorize Bev to sell the residual property.
- GH, So that will put 22 acres back on the tax rolls?
- SM, Approximately. It's a 29 acre lot, we are taking 7.5, and the balance will go back.
- GH, So we will have a resolution before the Subdivision?
- SM, Yes, we have to have it to authorize the Subdivision. So that will be pre-filed on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- JC, I've had some people reach out to me, they are concerned that a certain person will get the property and cut off access to the snowmobile trail. And that this is a primary trail for the entire system.
- GH, I don't think that's our concern.
- JC, I know there's nothing we can do, it's just been brought to my attention.
- JB, There is a way around that trail. The main trail crosses 23 above that.

• BR 80 status

- DS, Should be on the street today if we can get it together. On target to open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and award on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- NYC/Grossman Eminent Domain court approved, we have that signed.
- NYCDEP Land Use Permit for tree removal has been submitted.

• BR 83 status

- Paperwork has been signed for ROW and the papers have been filed at the Clerk's office. Waiting on some more paperwork from R.K. Hite. Hopefully we can keep it moving forward and get it out on the street soon.
- GH, So we are looking to do that this year?
- DS, We have to do it this year because of Bridge NY.

• BR 32 Arbor Hill status

- SM, We are working on the ROW for this, we are dealing with SUNY, and there is one small piece of property that we needed a permanent easement on. SUNY has asked that we include that portion in the Fee taking. Does the Committee have any issue with that?
- GH, I don't see why we would, it will just make things easier later right?
- SM, Yes.

• Meeting with Paul Rush

VanAkin Rd/ROW snow and ice removal

- Dead end road to the Waste Water Treatment plant. From the County owned bridge out to the WWTP is a ROW that the City has paid to maintain. In our discussions it would appear that the City is desirous of continuing to pay for the maintenance of that ROW.

Snow and ice removal contract from 1991 continuation

- There is a contract between the City and the County; the County then contracts the work to the Towns. Somehow VanAkin Road got lumped in with that and the City was wondering why they were paying to plow a Town Road. Now that we have cleared it up I believe all is well.

- We are reimbursed on a time and material basis. It was determined to leave the snow contract as it is and not mess with it.

- GH, So this one we invoice them for what we do; unlike the Construction contract which they pay in advance?

- SM, Correct.

Reservoir road reconstruction contract 2016-2024 (DEL-416R) dam road repaving

- SM, This contract is set to expire in 2023. The City is very happy with the work that has been done.

Reservoir road maintenance agreement TBD

- The City would like to develop some type of road maintenance contract. I have taken a neutral position on this, I have put the ball in their court I have made it very clear to them that they need to be very specific about what they want and present that to us and we will determine if that is something we can do. We have a 4% administrative fee on the current contract, which is too low. There is a lot to think about. If it's on going that's a lot.

- GH, So you might need dedicated staff.

- SM, Dedicated staff, dedicated equipment, there's a lot into that if it's on-going.

- JC, And you would make it a prepaid situation correct?

- SM, That's all up for negotiation. I don't want commit us to something that we can't handle.

Road salt discussions with NYSDOT Regions 8 and 9

- The State is getting pushed in the Adirondacks by environmentalists and home owners groups to reduce the salt usage. The City sees this coming their way and wants to try to stay ahead of it. They want to meet with DOT for Regions 8 and 9. I have asked to be a part of those conversations.

- Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force amendment
  - There was one change in the legislation that was passed, originally the 20 year study was going to be made available to the task force and then the public. In January the retracted that and the information will stay solely with the task force. This is important because if it was made public it could be used in personal injury lawsuits and such. The take away from this is that we need to be careful how we share ouT data.
- Fishes Eddy salt shed repair – Riccelli settlement
  - SM, We are dealing directly with Riccelli. We have sent them an invoice for the repairs.
  - JB, I met with a representative and showed him the damage. They had no problem paying for us to make the repairs.
- V/Sidney infrastructure improvement – fee waiver request
  - SM, CR 4 runs from State Route 8 into the village right by the golf course. The Village has some GOSR funding to run sewer lines out towards the golf course. The long term plan is to develop housing to replace some of the houses lost to the flood buyout. There is an \$800 permit fee from the County for work in the ROW, the Village has asked that the fee be waived.
  - Committee approved.
- GOSR Sidney demolition status
  - SM We have started knocking houses down.
  - JB, 34 Oak came down Monday and was loaded out yesterday. 11 Camp coming down today.
  - 6 homes scheduled for demo thru end of March (average 2/week)
  - GOSR contract approvals received for Tweedie C&D hauling
  - AECC contract approval pending
  - GOSR approval as to form to solicit bids for gravel, controlled demolition (whole home asbestos), C&D hauling
  - SM, GOSR is now pushing to have all the houses down by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, which is completely unrealistic. If they want it done that quickly we are going to have to contract it out. Planning is totally against doing that, they fear the GOSR regulations will eliminate the majority of the local contractors.
  - GH, And how many houses need to come down?
  - JB, 60.
  - GH, And 2 a week is what we can do?
  - JB, Pretty much, it's a lot of logistics, we need to get the hauler in there to haul the stuff out and we can't line 20 trucks up in the Village. It's pretty tight to get down some of these streets, we are going to have to load some of them into a dump truck and take it somewhere else to load it into a trailer because there is no way to get a tractor trailer down the street.
  - SM, It's just an unending mess. Every time we think we are making progress, something else pops up.
  - Committee agrees that once we can start building bridges, we will go build bridges.
- DPW Buildings Project status
  - Pre-bid meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had at least half a dozen viable contractors that attended. We had a follow up meeting on Thursday, we did agree to extend the letting date out to the 25<sup>th</sup>. That was at the request of the vendors. They wanted it extended longer but we want to stay on track of an April 14<sup>th</sup> award.
  - JC, This was a mandatory pre-bid meeting?
  - SM, It was not mandatory, it was strongly recommended.
  - SM, I got an email from Lillian Browne asking if design was complete as Mark had told his Board that we went out to bid with incomplete plans.

- JC, He brought that up at a meeting of the behavioral health committee as well. I was just glad he didn't bring it up when the contractors were there.
- SM, The design was complete enough to go out to bid. Do we expect that there will be tweaks and changes? Yes. You don't build a project this big without some changes. - JC, There are people out there who are not happy that this project is not being handled by the Capital Project Committee.
- SM, That's been an issue since day one. My issue with that is that the Capital Projects Committee has literally no experience with this size projects. We at DPW do them all the time. I am perfectly comfortable with how we are progressing.
- Committee is happy with how things are moving forward.
- SM, I will talk to Mark.