

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 24, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Susan McIntyre	Tina Molé
	Jared Boice	Dan Sanford
	Lisa Henderson	

GENERAL

- Approval of Prior meeting minutes
 - The minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - SM, We have an authorization for 2 tandem dump trucks. They are over budget by \$14,500 each so we have blown our equipment budget.
 - LH, What I propose to do with Committee approval is withdraw the approval for the 3 foreman's trucks. That allows us to order the tandems and stay in the overall budget. For the next meeting I will appropriate \$25,000 of fund balance from the Machinery fund to cover the overages and give us a little wiggle room for the rest of the year.
 - GH, How did the pickups come in?
 - JB, We are going with the Fords, Dodge came in \$3,000 a truck higher than Ford. So they are over by about \$3,000 each.
 - GH, What was the reason the tandems are so much more?
 - JB, I think most of it is just the price of steel. The Tenco portion went up over \$10,000 from the original quote.
 - Committee approved the authorization and appropriating \$25,000 of Fund Balance to get us through the year.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy
 - SM, We have two authorizations, both Highway Crew Supervisors. Wayne Krom and Tim Fairbairn have submitted their retirement papers. It is our plan to fill these from within. That will create actual vacancies once it occurs.
 - Committee approved filling both vacancies.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Copy attached.
- Weights & Measures – Old Revenues
 - LH, Fiscal Affairs has notified me of outstanding revenues for 2018 and 2019. There is \$440 in 2018 and \$1,402 in 2019. They need to know if we want to write them off or carry them for another year.
 - After a brief discussion it was decided that we will carry them for another year. Sue will talk to Amy Merklen about what can be done to collect these fees as it isn't fair to just let people off the hook. Can it be added to taxes? Can we make people prepay?

- 2021 Delhi Bridge Run – June 5, 2021

- LH, CLASI is going to try and have a live event this year. We have changed a lot of things to meet social distancing and other Public Health requirements. In the past we have used electric from the salt shed to power the timing company. This year we will need to use the parking lot to corral people for the start of the race. Asking for permission to do this. An insurance certificate will be supplied.
- Committee approved.

- Sheriff's Cars

- JB, This is really just an FYI. The Sheriff's department has been taking their cars to Mid-County since the beginning of February. This started because they didn't want to buy tires from the State bid. Yesterday they stopped in to say they were having some mechanical issues with wheel bearing issues and want to come back to us and have us fix them. I have taken the position that they can take it back where the problem started.
- GH, How can they go there and buy tires that aren't on the State Bid?
- SM, That's an excellent question.
- JB, They went because we wouldn't buy tires for them that weren't off the State Bid.
- DV, I agree, we aren't going to be responsible to fix someone else's mistake.
- SM, we just wanted you to be aware of what was happening.
- Committee supports the Department's position.

SOLID WASTE

- Ag Land bid – award April 14

- Bid is out, due back April 6th.

- Waste tire management bid – award April 14

- Bid is out. We have issued one addendum. Bids are due back April 6th.

- Cell 4s status

- SM, we continue to work with DEP and DEC. We are setting up a series of conference calls to try and get the final approval to go out to bid.

- Delhi WWTP biosolids status

- SM If you remember we are having an issue with arsenic. We did have the biosolids tested, they are not hazardous which was good but the arsenic continues to be elevated so we are still putting the material on the cell. We are seeing progress, the last few tests have been getting lower so we are hoping it was a one-time thing.
- TM, What causes that?
- SM, We don't really know and that's part of the challenge. We have reached out to DOMO to try and get some clarity. We suspect that they have been doing a series of acid washes in the pipe line that runs to the waste water treatment plant, we believe that the chemical treatment is taking the arsenic which generally binds to particles and washing it down. This would occur because the acid liberates metals. That's really the only thing that makes sense because it would make no sense that they were adding arsenic to their process.
- TM, So they plan to put a 6" pipe in?
- SM, They need to. When they put the 4" line in it was acceptable.
- DV, The 4" pipe was not configured properly. When they were trying to figure out why the pipes were coming apart at the seams it was due to the presence of milk which should have been calculated prior to the initial install. So it looks like we need to take that out of there.
- SM, So it needs to come out of service?

- DV, We are having that conversation. But as you can imagine that will be quite a project.
- SM, So as you have that conversation, there are different ways to connect pipe sections. You can fusion weld them and put in cleanouts every 500 feet.
- DV, That's a great concept.

- DOMO status

- SM, we have put a lot of pressure on them to up their house cleaning processes. They have been good since the incident.

HIGHWAY

- Acquavita resolution – Pre-filed

- SM, This will let us transfer the property to the Town of Hancock

- Northfield lot subdivision resolution – Pre-filed

- SM, This will let us do the subdivision and get most of this back on the tax rolls.
- BL, Where is that?
- SM, On CR 23.

- BR 80 Fleischmanns

- SM, Bids are out on the street. We have cleared the trees from the last property.
- DS, Bid opening is the 1st.

- BR 83 Knox Av

- SM, We did get an extension on the bidding time line for this.
- DS, Now waiting on DOT now.

- BR 214 Ingels Rd

- SM, County bridge on a town road. Surrounded by New York City property, we will need to put a temporary bridge in so we will need to get a land use permit from the City.
- TM, What town is that?
- JB, Middletown, in New Kingston, on Thompson Hollow Road. We were going to try and do it without a temporary but there is just too much traffic going in and out of there. And we had no luck getting a hold of anyone so to keep moving we will just use a temporary.
- SM, This is a completely in-house project.

- BR 119 Third Brook

- SM, This is in Walton.
- JB, Right by Ballard's trailer park on lower third brook. This will be closed. There will be no temporary. We are fabricating the steel in the shop now. It will be done in-house as well.

- County road load postings – none

- SM, We will not be posting the roads this year.

- All hazard mitigation plan status

- SM, Planning is working on the comprehensive hazard mitigation plan. We are working with them on that.

- Erosion and sediment control training - SWCD

- SM, Working with Soil and Water to get some erosion and sediment control training.

- Stream sized culvert training – Shumaker Engineering

- Shumaker is offering a no cost training so we will send some of our engineers to that. Will get some PDH's for it as well.

DPW buildings project status

- SM, Bid opening is tomorrow at 1:00. There are three sites, each site has 4 contracts (general construction, plumbing, electrical and heating systems). Each contractor is required to submit a bid for all three sites. There are 18 vendors on the GC list. We will get a lump sum number and then go back to at least the lowest two bidders and get a detailed breakdown of that number and they have two days to get that to us.
- GH, So the bid opening is just the big number?
- SM, Yes. It just won't have the details we really need to crunch.
- GH, Where are you doing the bid opening?
- SM, Down stairs where we did the pre-bid meeting. Summary will be maintained here.
- DV, I'm very curious. I mean what mechanism do you have to deal with these catastrophic changes that are going on?
- SM, You don't really, other than force majeure.
- DV, And things are so volatile right now.
- SM, There is cause to be nervous but we will know tomorrow.
- DV, And you are going to break ground this year?
- SM, It's a 365 day contract. So we will break ground and start construction this spring.

JV, I sent you an email last night Sue, I have one highway employee who is refusing to get his Covid shot. The other guys don't want to work around him if he isn't vaccinated. I don't know what to do. And our court secretary also refuses to get it. Everyone else in the office is vaccinated and she refuses and that isn't fair.

SM, To be clear, the vaccination does not keep you from being a carrier. So I'm not sure there is much you can do, the shot is voluntary, not mandatory. In the County Highway Superintendent's group, what some communities are doing is that if you don't get the vaccine and you get sick you aren't eligible for the Covid time. But there is no protocol. I will say that after we had a positive on one of our crews and they all had to self-monitor and quarantine, they were all wanting to get a shot, so that worked in our favor.

JV, So I guess I just live with it.

RESOLUTIONS

Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Town of Hancock for the Sale of Property
Authorization for Subdivision and Sale of Property

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 3/24/21

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 2/25/21 to 3/23/21.

1. Accidents

- Accident #8-21. 3/2/21. While performing roadside brushing operations on CR18 in the town of Hobart, a chunk of wood come through the front windshield in to the operator's cab. Personnel was performing brushing operations with a Gradall that was equipped with a Tiger Saber Tooth Mowing head when a chunk of wood was thrown through the front glass of the operator's cab. Both the upper and lower glass window sections were broken. Operator sustained minor injury. Replacement parts totaled \$1993.23.

2. Spills

- SWMC MRF Incident. 3/2/21. 55-gallon drums and 5-gallon plastic containers originating from DOMO were delivered to the facility by DelTon. One of the drums delivered into the facility had an unknown liquid in it. It is believed that when the drum was unloaded on to the concrete tipping floor, the bung of the barrel popped out, causing some of the liquid to spill on to the floor where it began to react. The liquid was said to have begun bubbling and steaming. Approximately ½ gallon of liquid was spilled on to the floor from a drum with the handwritten description of hydrochloric acid. DOMO was contacted and informed that they must remove all receptacles from the facility as soon as possible. As has been past practice, DOMO is to triple wash all drums prior to transporting them to the SWMC. The Solid Waste Manager has been in contact with DOMO to address this issue, as well as any future requirements. No personal injury was sustained by facility personnel.

3. Facilities

- The AED obtained for the SWMC has been installed in the scale house.
- Dig Safely New York Certified Excavator training was conducted on 3/15/21, 3/17/21 and 3/19/21. 14 employees received new certification training and 37 employees received annual refresher training.
- The Safety Officer participated in a Temporary Traffic Control webinar given by David Orr from the Cornell Local Roads Program and hosted by the ESSA.
- Patrols are continuing to receive tailgate training assignments. To date 11 of the 14 patrols have completed all training on 9 assigned topics. 5 topics of training were assigned in February and 4 topics of training were assigned in March.

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Facilities continued...

- The drug and alcohol consortium has been updated. Changes to the consortium have been forwarded to Emerson Testing.
- To date the following has been secured for the 2021 Safety Days:
 - Simulator
 - NYS DOL – Instructor
 - NYS DOT – Instructor
 - DCEC – Bucket Truck Instructor
 - In house instructor for pre-trip inspections and preventative maintenance

4. Near Future Objective

- Meet with the General Foreman to work on Safety Day obstacle courses.
- Obtain services for 2021 Audiogram Interpretations. The Safety Officer is currently working on obtaining quotes for services for the upcoming year. The audiologist currently performing audiogram interpretations is not meeting the needs of the department.
- The Safety Officer has registered to participate in another ESSA sponsored webinar on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The webinar will cover Walking/Working Surfaces. All ESSA sponsored webinars are free to members.