

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

APRIL 28, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Susan McIntyre	Tina Molé
	Dan Sanford	Lisa Henderson

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the April 7th and April 14th meetings were approved as presented.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy

- SM, I have two things that require your signatures; the first is for a lateral transfer from Delhi to Kelly Corners.
- Committee approved.
- SM, The second is an adjustment to a prior request. At a prior meeting, we requested authorization to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of the Forman for the Sidney Center Patrol. We have shifted several of our current Foremen around so that the actual vacancy will be filled in Delhi. This memo just acknowledges that the Committee is aware of this change.
- Committee approved.

• Personnel for 2022

- SM, In connection with what we discussed above, we need to have our requests into Personnel by June 25th. Brian's General Highway Supervisor II slot has typically been tied to Delhi, we have worked with Personnel to get that changed so that we can put Kevin Charles in that position. My end goal is to split the duties and have both General Highway Supervisors be IIs and equally split the workload between them. This is even more critical with the migration out of Delhi

• Safety Officer's Report

- Copy attached.

SOLID WASTE

• Behlen Building update

- The Behlen rep, Mark Smith is on site today. We are going to start the panel replacements on the door that was damaged last year.
- While the rep is here we are going to inspect the 112 section, where we are concerned about corrosion. Erik cut a couple of coupons out of the panel and it is not good. We are going to have to address this. The panel is going to be difficult to replace. However, we have addressed the air quality so once we get it replaced we shouldn't run into this again.

• Cell 4s status – ACOE

- SM, We did get some good news here. The Army Corps has issued a determination Nationwide Permit 3 which deals with pre-existing stormwater structures and modifications. In our case we have a very small wetland that we have to use in our next expansion, by issuing this determination it means we no longer need permission from DEC to do this action. We still don't have permission to go but we are getting closer

- PR virtual tour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96jQ7f5769I>
 - SM, BDP who manufactures the agitator used at the compost facility and makes dewatering systems that you will find in wastewater treatment plants throughout the County wanted to make a video of our agitator for advertising purposes. We agreed to this in return for a free video. The link above is a draft of the video. I think it came out pretty good.
- Tire disposal proposed fee schedule
 - SM, As a follow-up to our discussion at the last meeting about tires, Tyson has put together some pricing going forward for the roll-off boxes and the trailers that we provide to the Towns. Right now, we would have charged \$330 and \$480 for a trailer, those costs reflect the transportation expense, the new proposal would bring the \$330 to \$376 and the \$480 to \$547. The last time we made a price adjustment was back in 2018.
 - SM, Does anyone have any concerns about this? If not, can I please get a motion to accept the changes?
 - Committee approved the changes.
- Behavioral Health building site contaminated soils
 - SM, This is an FYI, there is some 400cy of contaminated soil, we will take that at the facility. This is not a surprise, we knew it was coming and this will facilitate a quick and timely conclusion to construction.
 - JC, I was understanding that there may be a bit of a timing issue.
 - SM, There is, our permit restricts how much we can accept every day, as it turns out, Hancock has an alternative location they can go to so we will be able to make it all work.

HIGHWAY

- Delaware Valley Ridge Riders snowmobile club CR17
 - SM, As a follow-up to this, I reached out to the Club President and we will work with them to extend the trail from Baxter Mountain Rd to the Horton gas station. The club will reach out to the property owners and try to stay on private property as much as they can.
- Northfield Lot subdivision T/Walton – waiting on County attorney
 - SM, Waiting on the County attorney's action on this. I have reached out to Jeremy and have not heard back.
- Elk Brook land transfer to T/Hancock – waiting on County attorney
 - SM, Waiting on the filing to be done by the County Attorney.
 - TM, How long have you been waiting?
 - SM, It's been probably 6 weeks on this one and 2 or 3 on the Walton one.
 - JV, Do we know why it's taking so long?
 - SM, I do not know because we have done all the legwork on these. If I could get someone on the phone I could probably get an answer.
 - TM, I'll speak to them today.
 - SM, Thank you. In Jeremy's defense, we have never had a problem before.
- NYC Roads contract status
 - SM, With Brian's departure, Kevin Charles will be taking over the City project. Kevin, Brian and I are meeting this afternoon to go over everything to make the transition as smooth as possible.
 - SM, The City continues to add to their list of things they want done, they are very happy with our work. But there are some things that we just don't have time to do so we will be telling them no. We need to balance this work with our own maintenance and that can be a challenge.

- CR 6 New Kingston Community Septic
 - SM, They want to start work this year. The project plans that were presented to us had some nasty road crossings. We have taken a hard stance that there will be no open cuts of our road. We have the crossings down to sleeved horizontal borings. This will cause some open cutting of the shoulders. We have given them some very strict terms as to how this can happen. We are trying to support the project and protect our infrastructure as best we can.
 - DS, There is one culvert where they will be boring within ten feet of our wing wall, we have asked that they take responsibility for any future work that needs to be done. There is a well there and they are really going to have to work to get through there.
 - SM, John Mathieson was going to reach out to Kevin Young and hopefully we can work something into the O&M agreement going forward. That is currently under review.

- CR 4 Village of Sidney GOSR development work
 - SM, CR 4 goes from State Route 8 on the South side of the Village into the Village by the golf course. The Village got some GOSR money to do additional development, they are putting in an access road and a sewer extension. So the boundary line of the County/Village speed zone is right in the construction zone. We have a property owner who thinks the project is crazy and that there is not enough signage and notice to slow people down. We have reached out to the contractor and the construction supervision firm, we have gone out and looked, we feel this is a very safe zone. But just so you are aware, we have an unhappy resident.

- GOSR house demolition status
 - SM, We continue to take houses down. Mowing should start next week. There is supposed to be a meeting with GOSR next week to discuss budget. Tina, I'm not sure if you want to be in on that.
 - TM, Yes please. I would like to sit in on that.
 - SM, Ok we don't have it scheduled yet but I will be sure to include you. It will just be a conference call.

- Sidney Center old DPW Patrol Garage
 - SM, we have gotten a request, it first came from Jamie Roberts, the highway superintendent. The property below our old patrol garage lot has been made into a community playground. The Town would like to take over that parcel that the patrol garage sat on. This would give the Town better access to the playground. I have talked to the Foreman and General Foreman, they see no reason for us to keep the lot. There is another property that was purchased by the IDA, I don't know about that one. So my question is would the Committee be opposed to this?
 - After a brief discussion the Committee was fine with us shedding our lot. We are not certain as to what the obligations are on the IDA lot. Any maintenance responsibilities we have would be transferred to the Town. We will move forward with trying to shed this property.

- BR 130 Main St V/Sidney Otsego County request
 - SM, BR 130 is the big bridge on Main Street, it is half owned by us and Otsego County. They approached us to see if we would work with them on getting some work done this year. We told them yes as long as they took the lead because we do not have the time to manage it. Jim Thomas has said he will look at the plans and if they are ok he will stamp them as they don't have a PE on staff.
 - SM, So I'm not sure if anything will get done but at least they are looking at it.

- BR 80 Bridge St V/Fleischmanns – NYCDEP comments on sewer line
 - DS, CI will be with Delaware Engineering. They will provide support along with Modjeski & Masters, just to have someone there.
 - SM, Estimated cost of \$110,000. This is 100% reimbursable.
 - Committee approved.

- DS, We have submitted the permits to the DEC and the Corp. DEC sent it to DEP, they came back with some comments on the sanitary sewer. There was basically a sheet pile wall with a sanitary manhole behind it. The plan was to remove the sheet pile wall eventually. DEP wants to leave the sanitary manhole. Everyone on our end feels this is a bad plan but we may have to do it to get the permit. We will make it clear that this is a DEP requirement, not anyone else. I have sketched something up and we will meet with everyone and make sure it will work. There is more review to all of this than I even imagined. We do not typically deal with sanitary sewer. We will work through it but it is a challenge.
- BR 83 Knox Ave T/Colchester status
 - DS, Bids are due back next week. We do have a CI proposal from MJ, that's around \$127,000, that is higher than expected but they did provide an explanation. It has to do with the changes that were made during design. Those cost increases will be County cost because Bridge NY doesn't allow for changes once the original estimate is accepted.
- BR 93 S Worchester Hill Rd T/Harpersfield
 - SM, This is really an FYI, this bridge is another that sits in 2 different counties (Delaware/Otsego). We received a complaint from a property owner in Delaware County because of some erosion that is happening. We went out and looked and do not feel that the erosion is any immediate hazard to our structure. We agreed to keep in contact with the property owner to ensure that nothing they do jeopardizes the structure as well.
- BR 43 Fish Creek T/Hancock
 - SM, I understand the Trout Unlimited and FUDR are continuing their efforts to do streambank stabilization on Fish Creek. Again, we are just paying attention; the work that is being proposed is on private property and out of our jurisdiction; however we are somewhat concerned if they put in something that can become mobile in a high water event that it could affect our structure. We are not endorsing their work. We don't feel this is a smart decision.
 - DS, did Jimmer talk to you about that? Apparently someone was in there this past weekend doing work. No one was aware; there are no permits or anything. Jimmer was going to have Kevin take pictures and we will talk to Graydon and Charlie and see if they are aware. It must have been the private landowner, there is no equipment around or anything so they were in and out and gone.
- NYSDOT Notice of ADA work PIN 9ADA20
 - They will be installing sidewalk ramps, they are in several places throughout the county. Everyone affected should have received the notifications.
- NYSDOT Bridge Replacement SH 8 T/Deposit PIN 905642/D264366
 - Bridge work being done on Route 8 in Deposit just south of the Masonville town line. There will be one-lane traffic and width restrictions on this project.
- NYSDOT Speed Reduction Lee Hollow T/Bovina
 - SM, We did receive notification of reduced speed limit on Lee Hollow. Will be down to 45 MPH. The town will be responsible for that signage.
- NYSDOT Speed Reduction CR5 T/Bovina
 - SM, CR 5 also got the requested reduction. The County will take care of those signs. This goes half a mile up from the intersection. Tina I will get you copies of both of these.

- T/Bovina speed reduction & traffic safety requests

- SM, Regarding your requests for 30 MPH zone and 3-way stops. I have to work on the speed zone request. We have discussed the 3-way stops, there is no supporting evidence to support the need for these. The request for crosswalks, we could probably do one by the playground because there is sidewalk there.
- TM, Why do you care about crosswalks? Is there a liability?
- SM, You generally follow the engineering so that if there is an accident you have good documentation as to why it was there.
- TM, But why was it ok years ago and not now?
- SM, I can't answer that.
- DS, You would have to go out and study it, and it's going to look bad with a County car just sitting there all day to county people crossing the street. If you really follow the law, they are going to have to be ADA compliant, that's going to be an expense. It's not as easy as just painting some lines on the road. I'd like to know what the justification was for the one at Hanford Mills.
- TM, Do you think they slow people down?
- DS, No.
- SM, So what do you want us to do? Are the 3-way stops out?
- TM, Yes. I don't want to go there. But if we can so the crosswalks because they used to be there.
- SM, Ok, we will see what we need to have for justification to put crosswalks back in.
- DS, When did it come out?
- TM, I think when we did the sewer/water project. We just have a lot of people in the hamlet with young children right now and the speeding is really the issue.

DPW buildings project status

- Design Engineering Contract Amendment for Bid and Award Services

- SM, We had our first meeting yesterday with the management team. That work is starting. I do have a housekeeping issue. The design engineering contract with Delaware Engineering ended when the project went out to bid. We used them to review and administer the bids and make recommendation for award. They did this work within the financial terms of the design contract, there is no request for additional money. I just want to amend the contract to take us through award.
- Committee approved.
- SM, we do have them on board for the construction administration per our previous meeting.
- JC, I just want to clarify that as a County we need to standardize on security cameras. The cameras for the Behavioral Health Clinic have already been established so we will need to be aware. I have talked to Dave Ohman about this already.

- ACOE Wright Brook determination of no permit required

- SM, we have a crossing of Wright Brook to bring in power and communications, the Corp has said we do not need a permit so that is a win.

- Bloomville land purchase and easement -- waiting on Young Sommer

- SM, Waiting on Young Sommer to get this done.

- TM, We do have a resolution going before the Board today to up the mileage reimbursement to be the IRS rate.

- Brief discussion was held as to how this effects current contracts going forward. We will figure this out.

RESOLUTIONS

- Surplus
- Award Controlled Demo RFP

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 4/27/21

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 3/24/21 to 4/27/21.

1. Accidents

- 4/8/21. Asplundh Incident. While clearing trees on CR21 that had deteriorated due to Ash Borer activity, an employee from Asplundh tree service was struck on the head by a falling dead tree. Asplundh employee, Mike Day, with the assistance of DPW personnel had completed felling a tree, when for an unknown reason, a dead tree that had remained standing during the clearing operation, broke and fell. As the dead tree fell, the top of the tree struck Mr. Day on top of the head, rendering him unconscious. Mr. Day was airlifted from the Bennett Hollow storage lot to Upstate Medical in Syracuse. Mr. Day regained consciousness prior to being transported from the scene. In an initial update on Mr. Day's condition, it was reported that Mr. Day suffered three broken ribs. It was reported on a later date that one of the broken ribs had moved resulting in a puncture to Mr. Day's intestine and Mr. Day required surgery.
- Accident #9-21. 4/12/21. While towing trailer #77, a 2008 Cross Country, with pickup truck #115, a 2019 Ford F-250, the trailer come unhooked and fell to the roadway. The driver stated that they were traveling on CR47 toward Walton when they hit a pot hole or bump in the road and the trailer come unhooked from the vehicle. As a result, the trailer ran in to the back of the pickup twice before the driver could bring it to a halt. Damage was sustained to the rear bumper of the vehicle and the wire harness on the trailer sustained damage. It was determined that the diameter of the bolt used to secure the locking pin on the pintle hook assembly was too small and when the driver hit the bump in the road, it permitted the bolt to come out allowing the top jaw of the pintle hook to open which then resulted in the trailer coming unhooked.

2. Spills

- None reported

3. Facilities

- Erosion and Sediment Control training was conducted on 4/13/21 by M. Graydon Dutcher of the NYSDEC. 34 DPW employees received certification.

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- The Safety Officer participated in an ESSA sponsored webinar on Walking/Working surfaces. Webinar was held on 3/30/21.
- The Safety Officer participated in an ESSA sponsored webinar on Trenching. Webinar was held 4/27/21.
- Safety Days:
 - The event will be opened up to invite Highway Superintendents from outside municipalities. The Safety Officer will draft a letter to be mailed.
 - NBT Insurance has once again agreed to cover the cost of food and refreshments for the event.
- A Safety Committee meeting was held on 4/21/21.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Go over medical protocols and schedule any needed appointments.
- Update current post-accident drug and alcohol policy.
- Touch base with Brian O'Connor regarding chainsaw training.
- Prepare training material for seasonal personnel.