

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MAY 12, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Pat Davis (via phone)	Tina Molé
	Susan McIntyre	Jared Boice
	Dan Sanford	Lisa Henderson

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the April 28th meeting were approved as presented.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy (2)

- SM, First position is to replace someone who was promoted. The position is an HEO II slot. It will be filled with an HEO. This will be temporary until the test is given and permanent appointment is made.

- Committee approved.

- SM, Second is also an HEO II slot, this one in Kelly Corners, we are losing an employee to the Town of Middletown. This will be filled with an HEO at this time as well. To refresh everyone's memory the HEO II positions are still subject to a grievance with the union, we won't fill anymore slots until that is settled.

- Committee approved filling the vacancy.

• Equipment Authorization

Water pump

- JB, this is for the bridge maintenance crew. They are washing bridges and were using a regular water pump to pump out of the stream, the pump died. Proposing to purchase a trash pump that will hold up better. \$995.

- Committee approved.

Smart Phones

- SM, Because our flip phones are no longer supported, we are transitioning to all smart phones. We knew this was going to happen and have budgeted for it. All the phones are past due for upgrades so there is no charge for the actual phones. There is an increase in the charges per month but we knew this was coming and increased the budgets appropriately. Christa is insisting we need an equipment authorization even though there is no fees.

- Committee approved.

SOLID WASTE

• Compost LED lighting proposal

- SM, so NYSEG is running an energy efficiency program. They are working with 3rd party vendors to provide upgraded lighting. We have gotten two proposals for the Compost facility. This would upgrade our current lighting to LED lighting. The lights do need to be replaced because they are getting old. We do not have this in the budgeted, right now I am just looking for feedback. LEDs definitely create an actual savings that you can see.

- GH, So how does it work? They pay for the lights and we pay for the installation?

- SM, The proposals I have now are for supply and installation. NYSEG will cover 65% and the balance would be our expense. We have the option of a lump sum payment or making payments. The one proposal which is for the "office" portion is for \$14,281.55. The other proposal in the heart of the plant which requires vapor tight lights is for \$15,541.63. It is a lot of money. This would pay for itself in about 2 years at current electric costs.

- GH, Most of the lights are 15-20 years old now right?

- SM, Basically. We have been replacing them in kind as needed but the majority are in need. Replacing them all at once is not a task that we could take on on our own.

- After a brief discussion the Committee approved going forward with replacing the lights. We will figure the budgeting side out.

- SM, I would like to say the Erik Christensen has done a great job of doing repairs and fabrication in-house which has saved us a ton of money.

• Behlen Building repairs

- SM, Just a follow-up on the work we have been doing on repairing the door. Mark Smith was here to assist, the work is done, it looks good. Mark was super helpful and imparted a lot of good information to our staff on how the building works and how the loads are transferred.

- SM, We still need to tackle the 112 area that has the corrosion but we are much more confident in doing that work now.

• Compost sales

- SM, We are having a great year for compost sales. Moving a lot of material.

- GH, What is the cost?

- SM, Selling it bulk at \$3/yard.

- JK, Who is a typical buyer?

- SM, Contractors and landscapers.

- DV, Can you put it on your garden?

- SM, You can. We recommend it for landscaping. However, the regulations do allow us to use it on gardens now.

• SW/OET mower

- SM, A few years ago Solid Waste bought a mower that was used by OET to do the mowing in Sidney. OET is not mowing over there this year so that mower will be coming back to the facility. The timing is good with the new building going in down there.

• Plastic bag recycling shipment

- SM, we have been collecting plastic bags for years (not Ag Plastic). We have never been able to move this material. We have found a market and are shipping it. It's not a revenue maker but it's not going in the landfill so that's a win!

• Cell 4s status

- SM, At the last meeting we reported that we had Corp approval.

- SM, Looks like we will have the approval from DEP for the SWPPP soon.

- SM, That will leave us waiting on DEC for approval to go forward.

HIGHWAY

- Modjeski & Masters 2021 On-Call Services

- DS, This is just something we do every year. It's nice to have them available when we need something.
- SM, This is the annual contract for On-Call services. Not to exceed \$15,000.
- Committee approved.

- Sidney Center shop property to town

- SM, At the last meeting we discussed this and the Committee wanted to know if there were any strings tied to turning the property over to the Town. I have looked into it and there are no strings. So with Committee approval I will prefile a resolution for the next meeting declaring it surplus so it can be signed over to the Town.
- Committee approved.

- Delivery of 2020 trucks – (1) SA crew cab (2) tandem plows

- SM, Trucks we ordered last year are starting to roll in.

- Paint and beads - deliveries for 2021

- SM, Paint and beads for road striping have been delivered so we are ready to go once the weather cooperates.

- CR 6 New Kingston community septic

- DS, We are trying to work out how we can get money for future repairs to the culvert. It is super tight between the well, the house, the new line. They will be within 10 feet of the one abutment.
- SM, We have talked to Kevin Young and the suggestion is that there should be money put into an escrow account for any future needs. Because there will be a need. Kevin was going to take that suggestion back to CWC.
- TM, I know they want to work with you and make this project happen.
- SM, Pat I would like your input on this. We don't have a dollar amount in mind at this point.
- DS, The issue is that when that box needs to be replaced, it is going to have to be bigger. So odds are it is going to cause that new line to be moved. So we need to make sure that we are covered for that expense.
- SM, So what we are proposing is that we tie a condition to our permit that they create this escrow account to cover the future expense.
- PD, That would be City funds so I am fine with that.
- SM, OK. We will proceed with that train of thought.

- GOSR Sidney demo status

- SM, We haven't heard back from GOSR on budget issues. We have heard from them on timing, they want all work done by February of 2022. They want the closings done by October, that doesn't give us time to do what we need to do by February and we certainly can't seed and mulch in winter. Shelly wants to have the closings done by the end of June. That works better for us so I am going to hold her to that.
- JB, We aren't doing any demos last week. We will get back to it next week. We have been doing two a week. We will keep at it until we get permits to do bridges, then we will pull out and do bridges.

- BR 80 pedestrian bridge status
 - DS, we have come to agreement with DEP on the location of the sanitary manholes. We have to come up with the details but we are all in agreement. Notice to Proceed will be issued to Hubbell today, then they can get moving. The bridge will be fabricated down south so we had to hire an additional inspector to do that inspection work.
 - JC, What's the length and width on that?
 - DS, I think it's 70x7. They wanted it wide enough to handle a UTV in emergencies.

- BR 83 Knox Ave status
 - DS, ING Civil is the low bidder. Bids have been reviewed and will be submitted to DOT for approval so we can hopefully make award at the next meeting.
 - DS, ING was able to come in low because they are working in the area so there is a financial advantage to that so we may come in better than we initially thought.

- BR 43 Fish Creek status
 - SM, At the last meeting we discussed that it appeared there was some work done, upon inspection of that the work was done a while ago. So we got a bad report.

- BR 136 Dug Rd – BridgeNY application
 - SM, This is the twin pipes in Deposit. We have submitted this for the next round of Bridge NY funding. As we learned with Bridge 83, if you exceed the initial cost, you eat the difference. So this estimate is extremely conservative so that we are sure we will have it covered. We are at \$4 million right now because we do not want to be burned again.
 - JC, Is there an action plan for this? It was two years ago when we looked at it.
 - DS, Yes, if there are flood warnings we have to either close the structure or monitor is 24/7. We close it so we don't have to sit there 24 hours a day. There are signs, cones and barrels in Deposit so they can set it up for us. And we check it once a week regularly.

- Stevens Road – Town of Hamden
 - DS, Received a call from Skippy on Monday. Stevens road has about 600 feet in the Town of Hamden and then 2,000 feet in the Town of Andes, the town hasn't done anything to the road in years. One property owner wants it abandoned, there is another owner with some money behind them that wants the Town to fix the road and start maintaining it. There is apparently some litigation involved at this point. The lawyers are telling the Town it will cost about \$20,000 to fix the road. I'm not sure what can be done for \$20,000 but not much. The Town wants us to come up with an estimate to fix the road. They can't even really tell us what they want, he keeps saying we have to put drainage in. The way I understand it there are stone walls on both sides of the Road, he didn't think he could get any right of way. He has gone back to Wayne and says they still want us to come up with something. I'm not sure how much the Committee wants us involved, if they are in court I don't want to give them a rough estimate and have them take that into court. If they are going to have to contract this out they are going to need plans, you may need permits, it's a lot. There are a lot of unanswered questions. I just wanted to warn everyone we are going to send a couple people out to look at it.
 - SM, I guess the question is do we want to put ourselves in the middle of this if there is litigation involved?
 - After a short conversation, the Committee decided that Sue will talk to Wayne and see where he thinks this is headed. If they are going to court we should not get involved. They need to hire someone to get them an estimate.

- 2021 Bridge Preservation

- PS&E is ready to be submitted to State. Hopefully we can get this out earlier than in the past and not have to deal with snow and bad weather.

DPW buildings project status

- SM, weekly meeting tomorrow at 10 am if anyone wants to come. Pre-Construction meeting with contractors next Wednesday.

RESOLUTIONS