

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MAY 26, 2021

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Tine Molé	Sue McIntyre
	Dan Sanford	Jared Boice
	Lisa Henderson	

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

• Conference Authorization – CLRP Highway School – virtual conference

- Would like to send 10 people to the virtual highway school. \$25 person so \$250 total.
- Committee approved.

• Stoddard Lot Shed Sale

- Sold the shed via sealed bid. We received one bid for \$210. With Committee approval, we will accept the bid.
- Committee approved.

• Personnel Changes for 2022

- SM, For the 2022 budget we are looking to make 4 changes. Three of them are ones that got lost in the last round of upgrades. All of this is due by June 25th. First thing I would like to do is the General Highway Supervisor. We have Delaware North and Delaware South and it used to be that the duties were stacked more to the North so that was a General Highway Supervisor II. With Brian's retirement, we have spilt those duties up and evened things out. I would like to make both positions a level II. We have the duties statement done and Personnel is on board.

- Committee approved.

- SM, Second request is for Automotive Mechanic II. We did this last year but we forgot the mechanic at the SWMC. This is really just paperwork at this point.

- Committee approved.

- SM, Next we have one MEO spot remaining, I would like to make this an HEO slot and eliminate the MEO slots entirely. As a reminder we can always fill with a lesser title so we can still hire and have MEO's, they will just hold an HEO slot.

- Committee approved.

- GH, So is it our policy to hire MEO's?

- SM, It depends on if they have a license or not. If they have experience.

- SM, The last thing we have is an upgrade for the Safety and Training Officer. Position is currently at labor grade 20. With the added responsibilities we have put on this position I would like to make it a grade 22. With the new facilities we will need someone to keep track of building maintenance operations (does the septic need to be pumped? Are we meeting our stormwater requirements?).

- GH, Why would that be her responsibility?

- SM, Because these are things that are currently not being done and we need to stay on top of them.

This is not a big jump financially but it is a meaningful jump. So what I would like to do is make a level II position as we have with the other positions.

- GH, What kind of salary are we talking about?
- SM, Currently base of \$22/hr and capped at \$23.81. Would go to \$22.61 at base to \$24.69.
- GH, And these are 35 hour week positions?
- SM, It is a 40 hour week. This position has grown over the years and the responsibility has increased significantly from what it used to be.
- Committee approved.

- Weights & Measures – update on past due payments

- SM, You will remember at a previous meeting you requested that we try to recover the past due funds. Lynn has made a concerted effort and has had a lot of success. In 2018, we had \$520 outstanding, which is now \$220. For 2019, we went from \$572 to \$452. In 2020, we went from \$6070 to \$2374. That is good progress. It seems we just needed to find the appropriate contact people to get things moving.

- Riccelli salt shed damage recovery update

- SM, This is just an FYI, if you remember back in March, Riccelli did considerable damage to the Fishs Eddy salt shed. They were going to pay us directly and not put it through their insurance. We had not received any payment so we reached back out to them, we should have a check from their insurance company by the end of the week.

- Flood Insurance Bill – Page Ave

- SM, Annual payment is due. We generally pick option B.
- Committee approved option B.

- HEO II Arbitration date set

- SM, We have finally heard from the arbitrator. Date is August 20th. I'm going to pass around the email thread for everyone to see so you can see what we are dealing with. The grammar and spelling are atrocious. In August of 2020 we received a PERB number and an arbitrator was agreed upon. It is up to the arbitrator to set a date, we had heard nothing until this email. We have a hearing date scheduled for August 20, 2021. It has been a full year.
- TM, and that is binding correct?
- SM, Yes.
- DV, So it's my understanding that if we lose we have the option to go back to what we had before. We don't want to go to a tenured promotion system, it needs to be merit based.
- SM, I agree and I wouldn't have gone to arbitration if I thought we would lose. I feel our case is solid.

- Safety Report

- Copy attached.
- A brief discussion was held about the legality/consequences of transporting injured employees in a County Vehicle not an ambulance. We will be careful.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4s status - SWPPP approval received from NYCDEP, still waiting on NYSDEC

- SM, We think we have some good news here. We got approval from DEP for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Now we are just waiting on DEC. We have a follow-up meeting with them later this week. We have been trying to push to make this happen. I wish I could say with confidence it will happen but I can't do that right now.

- New monitoring well installations and old well abandonments

- SM, Because of the new cell development we are installing two new monitoring wells to replace two wells that will be eaten up in the construction of the new cell. We got a great deal from the company that did the abandonment of monitoring well 14. Northstar Drilling is doing the work for just over \$10,000 for the two wells. The other quotes we got ranged from \$19,000 to \$27,000.
- SM, They are scheduled to be here next week.
- JC, What do they do when they abandon a well?
- SM, They pull the casing and fill it with bentonite.

HIGHWAY

- CR 17 snowmobile trail – Delaware Valley Ridge Riders

- SM, I have been working with Andrew Matteson who is the President of the Club. He has gotten one landowner to agree, the other landowner they have been unable to find or contact. So we will approve what they have. Will run about a half-mile stretch to get from Baxter Mountain to the Horton Store. It will be done through the State Association so we are provided with liability insurance and such. There is actually an official sign off form for this. It is renewed annually so we can always rescind if it becomes a problem. And we can add stipulations as well.

- CR 6 Crosswalk in Bovina status

- SM, Crosswalk is in, have you looked at it?
- TM, Yes. Thank you.
- SM, For reference, we went through this issue with solar speed signs in Sidney Center and we have developed a policy on them. That policy is that the signs will be owned by the Community. The cost of acquiring the signs and the approved posts is also the burden of the Community. We will do the installation.

- CR 6 New Kingston community wastewater treatment plant status

- SM, At the last meeting we discussed that we had concerns over the proximity to our structure. We had been talking with CWC about an escrow account and that seemed to be going well but now I'm hearing that they are not comfortable with that so we are waiting to hear from them. We just want to hold the community and the County harmless going forward, I'm just not sure what that will look like at this point. None of this really affects us as it isn't our project. I will keep you posted.

- NYC Road work status

- SM, We continue to move forward. Currently working on the intake chamber. The transition from Brian to Kevin and Ben seems to be going well. They have approached us about a new 10 year contract for maintenance, at this point I told them we need more details. I don't plan on even looking at that at this point. We need to clear up this contract first so that is on a back burner for now.

- BR 10-2 East Meredith – Yellow Flag

- SM, We received a yellow flag from DOT.
- DS, I've never seen anything quite like this so I have reached out to Modjeski and Masters.
- JB, I went out to look at it Friday, it isn't good. Eventually that whole beam is going to look like that. And the way these are fabricated you can't just go replace one beam.
- DS, I'm afraid it's worse than what they have flagged it for. I'm not sure it can be fixed. We are waiting to hear back from Modjeski and Masters.
- SM, So it is on our watch list now. We will keep you informed.

- BR 80 pedestrian bridge V/Fleischmanns precon, DHES ext, & supplemental for QA
 - DS, Preconstruction meeting is set for June 2nd. Biggest thing is the pre-manufactured structure. M&M has found an inspector down south. So hopefully we can keep this moving.
 - DS, We have submitted the new plans for the sewer, haven't heard back from DEP on that.
- BR 83 Knox Av T/Colchester status
 - DS, Award will be made today. Then we can get preconstruction meeting set. Again, the prefabricated beams are going to be the hold up there.
- BR 32 Arbor Hill T/Delhi status
 - DS, Still waiting on SUNY on the ROW.
- BR 119 Lower 3rd Brook T/Walton status
 - JB, Steel is galvanized, scheduled to pick it up tomorrow. Don't have the bridge on the schedule yet as the crane we use to drive sheets is in 100 pieces in the shop. We need to get the parts and get that back together.
- BR 214 Ingels Rd T/Middletown status
 - JB, Have everything ready for this. Waiting on DEP to let us know if we can put a temporary on their property.
- NYSDOT Bridge Preservation for 2021 status
 - DS, We are working hard to get this out to bid next month. Have the PS&E ready to go to the State.
- GOSR Sidney demo's status
 - JB, We are muddling along
 - SM, We are still waiting to hear back from them on budget. We will be stopping work next week.
- John Kosier, I got a report of a sink hole where Red Rock Road meets CR 18.
- SM, We'll get someone to look at it.

DPW buildings project status

- BAN results
 - BAN money is in the bank as of yesterday.
 - SM, Bans sold for 1% interest with a premium of \$154,638.00. So overall interest rate is .219%. It's funny accounting but we get a good rate.
 - SM, In addition there are service fees, we have two bills and I anticipate one more. We are on par with what we had budgeted for this.
 - DV, What will the bond retire at?
 - SM, That will be determined when we actually go to bonds from the BAN.
- Pre-construction meeting & schedule
 - SM, Meeting went well. Looking at starting in early June. Primary focus on Bloomville and Delhi
- Vacant lot between DSS buildings
 - SM, This lot is our emergency egress when we are under water. As we are discussing staging for the Delhi facility I reached out to DSS to say we are planning on using that lot as a staging area. Sylvia

informed me DSS is planning on putting a modular there this summer because they need more housing. I have since talked to her and they have backed off that plan. She was under the impression that we were completely vacating this facility. I brought her up to speed on that and I think we are good for now.

- DV, I recall that lot being ear marked for DSS. You are going way back.

- TM, I think we need to get official clarity on this before we go too far, we need to get together and talk about it.

- SM, I will reach out to Sylvia and see what her long-term needs/plans are.

RESOLUTIONS

Appropriation of Fund Balance – Fund 41

Bloomville Easements

Sidney Center Property

Award Prop 27-21 (BR 83 Downsville)

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 5/25/2021

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 4/28/21 to 5/25/21.

1. Accidents

- 4/29/21. Accident #10-21. While working on CR14 near the intersection of Mostert Road, a road crew was clearing a tree that had come down during a storm the previous evening, when a DPW vehicle rolled backwards striking a DPW employee. The driver of DPW vehicle #845, a 2006 Sterling roll off, had pulled up in front of the backhoe that had been loading debris on to the vehicle to allow for traffic to pass. After the traffic passed through, the driver heard an all clear on the radio. After hearing the all clear, the driver allowed the vehicle to roll backwards to get back in to position for the backhoe to continue loading. The driver was not aware that a DPW employee had been positioned behind the vehicle nor could they see them in the mirror as they rolled backwards. Due to the driver not placing the vehicle in reverse but rather allowing the vehicle to roll backwards, the backup alarm was not activated and the employee standing behind the vehicle, who was facing the opposite direction of the vehicle, did not see that the vehicle had begun rolling backwards and was struck. The employee standing in the roadway was struck in the back causing them to fall to the ground. The employee was able to roll away from the vehicle, however, the employees hard hat had fallen off and the vehicle then run it over. The employee struck by the vehicle was transported to O'Connor hospital by the Safety Officer for medical evaluation. The employee was released from the hospital later in the day and picked up by the Safety Officer.

2. Spills

- 5/7/21. Spill #2-21. NYS DEC #2101159. While unloading an empty container at the Town of Middletown Transfer Station with vehicle #843, a 2019 Freightliner roll-off, the lower hydraulic line on the horse cylinder failed resulting in approximately 10 gallons of hydraulic oil being lost on to the concrete surface. Before the driver could contain the spill, some of the lost oil migrated to the hard packed driveway material in front of the concrete slab. The area was addressed with speedy dry and oil absorbent pads. Spill closed by NYS DEC on 5/17/21.
- 5/21/21. Spill #3-21. NYS DEC #2101677. While conducting operations at the intake of the Cannonsville Reservoir with equipment #677, 2013 Bobcat T190 Skidsteer, something on the machine failed, causing approximately 10-12 gallons of hydraulic oil to be lost on to the gravel ground surface. At this time a failed hydraulic line has been found, however, the equipment is at the Shop/Mechanics facility to determine if additional components had failed.

Safety Office Report 5-25-21.docx

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3. Facilities

- Bridge and Guiderail crews were scheduled and have received routine bloodwork.
- Orientation training continues for seasonal personnel and new hires.
- SWPPP inspections were conducted on the Page Ave. wetland and 26-1 bridge.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Update the drug and alcohol consortium
- Update the LENS database
- Complete the database that will help monitor routine maintenance and required action. Items such as annual facility inspections, bulk petroleum tank inspections, storm water structures, septic tanks, furnace/boiler maintenance, etc.. will be monitored for completion.
- Schedule annual hoist inspections
- Meet with the General Foreman for Delaware South to address items found during the SWPPP inspection of the bridge 26-1 location.