

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

August 25, 2021

8:45 A.M.

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

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior meeting minutes

- The minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

• Budget 2022

- George will try to get some answers from Finance today as to what numbers we should use. Committee is in agreement that we should go for the full 1% of the sales tax and an increase in our contribution from the general fund. A lengthy discussion was held on this.

- We will meet here at 8:30am on the 2nd to do a review and sign the budget for submittal.

• Equipment authorization – pipe level

- Our pipe laser died and we had to replace it. \$3775.

- Committee approved.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy

- This is for an upgrade to BCM for one of the Bridge Crew members. He will be eligible for this upgrade in September.

- Committee approved.

• Mohawk Valley payment for TA trucks

- SM, The trucks that we ordered last year finally came in. They have had several issues, the vendor has not been very helpful in resolving them so we are holding payment until we are sure everything has been worked out. We have had the trucks for six weeks and have been able to use them for two days. So if you hear any grumbling, that is the story.

• DPW Safety Days – September 22 & 23

- SM, We will have our safety days scheduled for September 22 and 23. We have opened it up to the Town Highway Superintendents. Only two of them have responded that they are coming.

SOLID WASTE

• NYSDEC Permit for Landfill Expansion

- SM, We finally have the permit in our hand from DEC for our landfill expansion. This is a two-part permit, covers two things. First it authorizes the construction of Cell 4S so we will go back out to bid for that work this fall hoping to get better numbers and get the work done next spring. The second thing is the permit authorization for busting the 1977 permit limits both on the north and south sides. That gets us our 40 to 60 additional years. This is a huge deal!

- DV, Is there any time constraints on the execution of this?

- SM, Permits are only good for five years, so we have to build Cell 4S within five years which we will absolutely do. But by virtue of the fact that it was issued it codifies that we have DEC authorization to go beyond that. It lays the groundwork for the next permit authorization, anything within what we have defined that we want to do and have identified in that big circle is open for us to pursue.
- DV, So this is about synchronicity, we finally have this permit and we are seeing a bumper crop of sales tax, so the two are tied together and we need to emphasize that.
- SM, agreed.
- GH, And Cell 4S is going to be five or six million?
- SM, Yes.
- GH, And how soon after that is done will we need to do the next one?
- SM, Within five years. Cell 4S is a very small cell. It is expensive because of the work that needs to be done.
- GH, So we will need another five or six million then.
- GH, How much do we have in that account now?
- SM, We are going to drain it with Cell 4S. We do have the post closure money but you don't want to touch that if you don't have to.

- Nelcorp SW3-21 EC status

- SM, we have the contracts and bonds. Have had initial meeting, will have on-site meeting Friday. We are very pleased with the progress. Meeting is open if anyone wants to attend. Starts at 10 am.

- Compost Behlen building repair status

- SM, We have had a series of meetings with all the involved people, I think we have a good plan in place for the patch repair. We are looking to do that work next year. We will install some scaffolding this winter to support the weakened interface.

- NYCDEP biosolids generation & disposal

- SM, We take in biosolids from all the waste water treatment plants in the County, including Margaretville which is operated by DEP. In 2018 they had approached us about being able to take in non-dewatered, treated septage from Pine Hill (out of County) and dewater it at the Margaretville facility and would we be willing to take that at the Compost facility. At that time, Margaretville was struggling with having too much copper in their biosolids. We agreed to work with them to be able to take that material provided they didn't substantially increase the amount of biosolids they were bringing into the facility.

- SM, A lot has happened between 2018 and now. Management has changed and I wasn't really paying attention, they have almost tripled their volume. It is not an unmanageable volume but it is certainly in violation of our agreement. So we are going back to DEP and nip this in the bud. I am looking for some guidance from the Committee. If you remember we had an agreement with Walton a few years ago when they were taking in material from Sunrise farms. We were able to bill for that material as it was out of County waste. Again, I am not concerned about the volume, we can manage that, I am concerned about DEP paying their way and being clear about what they are bringing us. We need to have a mechanism to control this and hold them accountable for their costs.

- JC, So they are paying for it now?

- SM, No, they are paying nothing now. That's the problem. Under our tipping fee structure for sludge, any out of county waste will be billed at \$80/ton, if it was a new facility, all of the material was billed at \$80/ton. So if you take Andes as an example, that was a new facility, so all of the material is billable. Walton on the other hand was a preexisting facility, 20% of the sludge is billed. This waste is out of county so it would be 100% billable. It also needs Board approval.

- After a long discussion the Committee agreed that we need to hold the DEP responsible for their out of county waste import and to make them aware of the ripple effects of the programs that they create.

HIGHWAY

- Sidney GOSR demos – windows, asbestos, etc

- SM, We have 6 houses that need asbestos inspections before we move forward.
- We did have a homeowner approach us about buying windows, given the history we have told them no. So if you hear any whining that is the story. It also violates our contract.

- NYC roads work status DPW

- SM, We continue to work on the City roads. We have finished the paving. Need to do line striping on Roads.
- SM, We have submitted the request for the final payment.
- LH, It has been accepted into their system so that's a good sign too.
- SM, So in 30 to 60 days we should see the money.

- CR 6 proposed pedestrian bridge at MacPherson farm

- SM, When we last met there was concern over who actually owned the property. We have looked at the plans that we have, there is no real clarity as to who owns the property in that area; it is clear that the County does not own the property. We have told Mr. Finn it is his responsibility to find out who the owner is. We do retain permit authority because it will access the County road so we need to make sure that it doesn't adversely affect the road. We have shared all of this information with Mr. Finn. I think he is ok for now.
- SM, The other thing they wanted in this area was a crosswalk. We have decided that it needs Community endorsement and that DOT needs to approve the speed limit reduction so that we have site distance for the people in the crosswalk.

- CR 53 and CR 7 Greene County maintenance

- SM, This road is a bit of an orphan. We are looking into the possibility that this should be paid for by NYC. I did meet with Greene County yesterday. They have lost a significant amount of documents to a fire. But it is believed that the agreement with the City was part of the original Schoharie Reservoir contract, however nobody can find the contract. I just want the Committee to be aware that this is an issue and we are working on it.

- CR 6 New Kingston sewer district proposed license agreement

- SM, Very slow progress on this. We have been negotiating with CWC through Kevin Young to make sure that the County and the sewer district are held harmless for any extra work that may need to be done on future projects as a result of the work proposed. We do have a draft license agreement that has been reviewed by Amy Merklen, she had no issues with it. We have internally reviewed it and it functions like a permit although it lasts in perpetuity and provides a mechanism for funding to cover the cost of future expenditures.
- TM, And how much is that?
- SM, That is the sticking point, they are currently proposing \$13,000 that covers the cost of the replacement of 50 linear feet of pipeline. We think that is insufficient. It is excessively low. I have challenged Kevin to come up with a better figure. I understand the project is scheduled until next year so we have a little time to work this out.
- TM, Stay tough on that.
- SM, I can do that.

- Bridge Preservation status of work Rover
 - DS, They are ready to start Monday.
- BR 119 Lower Third Brook T/Walton work status DPW
 - JB, Bridge is in. Working on backfill. Will open as soon as we can get a paving contractor in there. Everyone is backed up and it's a problem trying to get them scheduled.
- BR 155 Reservoir Rd T/Stamford – temporary closure of logger bridge & NYSDOT inspection
 - DS, We got a call from DOT, they found a bridge over our bridge. Bridge is closed because we have no load ratings or anything. We closed it so that DOT wouldn't. That gives us some more control over the situation. There are a lot of people involved. There is a forester from Walton, a logger from Nineveh doing the work; Wagner lumber is buying the logs. It is apparently Wagner's temporary bridge. It is a big mess right now. We are working on getting it resolved but the bridge will remain closed until we can get the answers we need.
 - JB, From what I've gathered Wagner and the forester arranged the work and put the temporary bridge in and just subcontracted with the logger to cut the trees.
- BR 80 Bridge St V/Fleischmanns status of work Hubbell
 - DS, Hubbell would like to be in there tomorrow, we are still waiting on DEP and DEC permits. Once we have that we can maybe get something done.
 - GH, But aren't we running out of time this year to be in the water?
 - DS, Yes, but we aren't really in the stream because it's a superstructure replacement.
- BR 83 Knox Ave T/Colchester status of work ING Civil
 - DS, Working on temporary lights, putting silt fence in. Did get a call from an unhappy landowner, made a few calls to try and get that worked out. He has been fine up to now so I'm hoping we can work this out. It's just really tight in there.
- CR 38 Sink Hole
 - JB, This continues to be an issue. Foreman is putting cold patch in there every week.
 - SM, last time we had this issue the water system said they aren't showing any leaks and they don't have any problems.
 - DV, Is there a spring or something that is running along the line and causing problems?
 - SM, It's hard to say. It is my understanding that it's plastic pipe and all of the fitting are going bad so this is going to be an ongoing problem.
- CRC bicycling events 2021
 - SM, Bike races are scheduled for September, these are annual events. Unless anyone has an objection we will just go forward as usual and make sure we have their insurance holding us harmless.
 - Committee approved.

DPW buildings project status

- Vacant lot between DSS buildings
 - SM, This is a site drawing that we had shared with DSS to show that we use this property as emergency access to Route 10 in high water events. I have discussed this with Sylvia and with what she wants to put in there; we can still have our access. They are proposing a 2,000 sq. ft building. She has \$164,000 that she needs to spend. As long as we have our access I don't care what they do.

- Discussion was held as to if we should put a road or some sort of permanent delineation in to establish what we will need.
- SM, I will keep in contact with her to ensure that this happens. I don't want to do a lot right now because we don't want to cause any issues with DOT. There is a curb cut there but we don't want to open a can of worms at this point with any permanent driveway.

- DPW Buildings Project status report

- SM, I have handed out a report to everyone, lots of photos. On the second page it has a summary of the work done to date. The last page has the contract completion schedule. It does show us several months delayed. At this point it is truly a supply issue, I'm not pointing fingers. But we are currently looking at this time next year before we are in these buildings.
- GH, Do you really want to hedge that right now? We still don't know about the pre-engineered buildings.
- SM, No, what I would propose is that we share something similar at the next Board meeting, we should have an better idea on those buildings by then. So look at this and let me know what you think.

- Bloomville land acquisition

- SM, The checks are at Harry Hawley's. I haven't heard about a closing but we have done all we can. I will pop in and check on this after the Board meeting today.

Meeting went into a brief executive session to discuss the arbitration. Meeting adjourned immediately after coming out of executive session.

RESOLUTIONS

None