

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 8, 2021

8:45 A.M.

### GENERAL

- Budget 2022

- The budget has been submitted. We have not heard anything from finance at this point.

### SOLID WASTE

- Solid Waste Cell 4s update

- SM, We met on site with the electrical contractor. They will be starting work next week. DPW is doing some in-house work milling off the asphalt on top of the highway to heaven. That will eliminate some of the work in the rebid of the project.

- SM, There is one small snafu, DEC in Albany has made an initial determination that the stormwater permitting that we just got approved may be subject to different stormwater regulations. We may need a multi sector general permit. This would be our first experience with an MSGP. We had gotten a determination two years ago that the facility was not subject to a MSGP so we are trying to get some clarification.

- SM, We usually have stormwater permits that are project specific. The MSGP is a blanket permit irrespective of construction activities. The MSGA program starts at the EPA level and gets administered down through DEC. It looks at the entire site and is based on SIC codes and the potential of a discharge site. Historically the MSGP has been used for sites with a point discharge in lieu of a SPEDES permit. The rollout of the MSGP program starts at the Federal level, however the State has been slow to roll this out so I'm not sure if this is the shot across the bow that we are looking to make this the norm going forward or just an error. I will keep you posted as this unfolds.

- NYSDEP Sludge

- SM, As a follow up to our discussion at the last meeting, we have shut them off for bringing the excess material and we have their attention. We have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Based on our last conversation will be trying to bring them into our regulatory fold so that they are playing by our rules.

### HIGHWAY

- New Kingston License Agreement for Sewer District

- SM, CWC is working with NYC to finance a sewer district to be installed a long CR 6. It involves a pipeline that comes very close to one of our structures. It raises a lot of red flags for future replacement of that structure. The pipeline could cause some serious extra expenses. This license agreement will sit on top of the actual permit in perpetuity, it puts the burden of impact on the sewer district and provides a \$30,000 bond upfront that would be good faith money to go towards the relocation of the pipeline if required by a rework of the structure.

- GH, That's fine because this is City money but is this going to set precedent going forward?

- SM, I don't know, that's a good question. It could.

- JC, But is that a bad thing?

- DV, What does the State do?

- SM, I honestly don't know.

- A lengthy discussion was held on how this could effect projects going forward. The City has big pockets, we don't want to use this as a template going forward to hit Towns and Villages. Each project would need to be addressed specifically. It is an on-going concern. We need to look at new construction going

forward, this can apply to that, not to existing features. We need to be consistent, not just look at big pockets.

- SM, So with your approval I will let CWC know that we are amendable to this agreement.
- Committee approved.

- Aquavita property transfer closed

- SM, the County transfer to the Town is complete. I emailed this to Aquavita's attorney. To the best of my knowledge the County is out of this now.

- Reservoir Road BR 155 closure status

- DS, We did get a level one load rating for the temporary structure, we have sent it to DOT. DOT had been out there and did some measurements and the information they got in the load rating was not consistent with their measurements. So we have gone back to the logging company that they need to reach out to Delta and see what the issue is. Waiting to hear back from them.

- SM, The bridge is currently closed with just barrels, we will leave it as such unless we find out they are abusing it, we will then put barriers up.

- JC, So what do they need to do?

- SM, They need to provide the load rating for actual structure that is there or relocate their temporary to a different location. We will play nice as long as they do.

- Corbett Rd BR 5 status

- SM, This is closed due to structural issues.

- DS, We have reached out to Modjeski and Masters, waiting on them but they have had some computer issues. Jared has looked at it but he wants to wait until M&M does a full inspection to see what all needs to be done. There is no point in making patch repairs if there is a bunch of work that needs to be done.

- SM, So it is closed and will remain closed until we can get a complete inspection done.

- Pedestrian BR 80 status

- SM, We did get the NYCDEP permit. This clears the way for the DEC permit.

- GH, So that isn't happening this year?

- SM, Hard to say, we are trying. However, the DEC permit administrator that we have been working with has retired. We received notice yesterday that the County has been spilt and we will now have two different people to deal with depending on our location. We will see what happens.

- Request for guiderail removal

- SM, We got an email from a property owner in Cooks Falls.

- DS, They purchased the property last November, they can't access half of their property because climbing over the guiderail is very dangerous and has caused several injuries. We have not been down to look at it and we aren't really sure what exactly they want. Removing rail obviously opens us up to more liability. The Red Rose wanted us to make an opening for them years ago and that died and never happened. I'm not sure how to proceed with this.

- SM, In the past if we removed rail for a driveway access it has been the burden of the property owner to pay for that. This is not an insignificant cost, if you remove the rail, you now need to have two endings on either side. It can run thousands of dollars.

- Committee would like to see some pictures and have a better idea of what we are looking at before we make a decision.

- SM, We will send someone down to look at it. If there are obvious safety concerns, we will just say no. If there are no obvious issues we will say we can do it, however, this is what it is going to cost and go from there. Will keep you posted.

• Town of Hamden Request

- DS, Got another call from Skippy. They want us to look at the intersection of East and West Terry Clove, it is currently a Y situation and they have had some close calls. The Town Board has instructed him to call the County and have them design a T-intersection and who is going to be responsible for paying for the survey and design and everything else. We can send someone out to look at it but it's not a simple thing. Just at a quick glance on google, one road is five feet higher than the other so you need to bring the road down. Is there right of way there if you need it? Then once you bring the road up you need to put a radius on it, what are you designing it for WB 50 or 40 a single unit or a passenger car.

- SM, We have helped Towns with small stuff, we are not typically the design engineer.

- DS, I don't remember doing any of this stuff. We did one way back when I first started. But we don't typically do design unless there is a benefit to the County. I don't know legally what we are bound to do. I don't want us to get in trouble for saying no.

- SM, We had punted them off earlier this year when they had a problem.

- GH, I would do the same thing. This is their road, it's their responsibility.

- DV, I have no problem helping them with an engineer and making sure they ask the right questions but they need to pay someone to do that.

- Committee agreed, we can help them to make sure they get what they need but they need to pay to have the work done. We are not equipped to be the engineers for 19 towns.

• GOSR Demolitions

- SM, the Dept of Labor has come in and determined that Dale has not been doing the asbestos inspections correctly. They claim his inspections are incomplete. Therefore the homes we currently have on our lists need to be re-inspected, much more aggressively.

- GH, Is that something he can do?

- SM, He says he does not have the time to do it. The other problem is that this delay and added expense is really a deterrent to us staying on top of this project. We need to get with GOSR and see if we can get an extension, if they are ok with the additional cost.

- SM, Just wanted you to be aware that we have hit yet another snafu with this.

**DPW buildings project status**

- SM, We are working with IT to ensure that we have the appropriate connectivity. IT has said that what was designed is not acceptable. So we are meeting again today to go over the other two buildings and once we have everything that we need, we will get that to NelCorp for pricing and put together a change order for that.

- GH, That is going to be cheaper to do now than after the fact.

- SM, Absolutely. Now is the time to do it. We will get you the numbers once we have them. Still waiting on concrete.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None