

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 26, 2022

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Jerry Vernold
	Susan McIntyre	Jared Boice
	Jim Thomas	

GENERAL

- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the January 5th meeting were approved as presented.
- Committee Schedule 2022
 - 2022 Committee schedule was accepted.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Distributed. Copy attached.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - SM, For Weights and Measures, have a tall stainless steel funnel quote is for \$195.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, New chainsaw for East Meredith, \$615.99 to replace saw that was stolen.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, Next up is for a skidsteer for Solid Waste. We had budgeted \$75,000 for a telehandler, we have decided a skidsteer will serve us better. Cost is \$47,891.12 from OGS contract.
 - Committee approved
- Authorization to fill vacancies
 - SM, This is an HEO position. We had someone here, it wasn't working out so we let them go. We need to refill that slot.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, Next is an HEO II slot, we lost a person the Town of Middletown.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, Have a BCM position that opened when we moved an HEO out of a BCM slot into an HEO slot. Now we would like to fill the BCM slot.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, Last one is similar. We have moved the landfill mechanic into his own Senior Auto Mechanic II slot. That opens the slot back up in Delhi so we need authorization to fill that.
 - Committee approved.
 - SM, Lastly we have a Senior Auto Mechanic I slot that has opened due to an HEO person being moved out and into an HEO slot.
 - Committee approved.
- Conference/Training Requests
 - SM, First we have a virtual conference for Dan Sanford and Jim Thomas. Needed for Professional Development hours.

- Committee approved.
- SM, Next is Nuclear Density training for Jim Thomas, Jim Tepfer and James Erwin.
- Committee approved.

- CDL training requirement

- SM, Federal Motor Carrier is requiring new training procedures for all people getting a CDL license effective February 7 of this year. You must be trained by a registered training facility. We have known this was coming for a while. Tawny is working on the details. We will need to create a new labor grade for those people who will be doing the training. I have been in touch with Linda Pinner about this.
- A lengthy conversation was held on this. We will report more as we get more details and work through the process.

- Contract negotiations

- SM, This Committee has expressed interest in being at the table for negotiations. I reached out to Linda about this, she said all supervisors are welcome at negotiations but Department Heads are not. So I left it with her that this Committee would provide background support.
- JC, So who created those rules? We need to change them. I don't think Linda makes the rules.
- A lengthy conversation was held on this and what needs to be done to change things.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4s status

- SM, We had the pre-coordination meeting last week. It went very well. We are very optimistic that this project will go forward smoothly. We will issue notice to proceed March 1st, that starts the calendar for substantial completion. Work will start as soon as the weather breaks. Right now we will start with the storm water infrastructure and then the relocation of waste off of Cell 1 that will get us the grades for the liner system for cell 4s. We have an on-site construction meeting scheduled for February 15th. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

- Recycling market innovators

- SM, We have two companies that we are working with who are using some material we haven't been able to move in a while. One is in Binghamton, it is called KLAW, they are taking our glass material on a trial basis. This is a real benefit to us.
- SM, The second firm is Eastman Chemicals based out of Tennessee, they have approached Tyson regarding the off spec plastic that comes out of the compost facility. They are developing a recycling process that will break it down to a molecular level to provide a raw polymer to manufacturers. They are also working with Sevierville in Tennessee which is how I think they found us. We are cautiously optimistic.
- SM, Along that line, I would like to get our operators down to Tennessee so that they can see another facility in operation. None of them have ever seen any other facility and I think that would be very beneficial.

- V/Walton WWTP leachate disposal contract

- SM, We do have a one year signed contract for \$.04/gallon. Contract is renewable at no change for five years.

- Truck scales

- SM, Just an FYI, we have a load cell failing. We are working on it.

- NYSASWM Dues (3 @ \$75 each)
 - For Sue, Andrew and Tyson, \$75 each.
 - Committee approved.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- BR 10-2
 - JT, we just had a meeting with the engineers. Scheduled to go out in April, may be able to go out in March. Looking at two months of construction. Big question is how quick we can get the beams.
 - DV, And the detour.
 - JT, We are moving forward. It should be quick but it will be an inconvenience for the people that live right there.
 - SM, There is some questions as to putting in a pedestrian walkway. I need a good contact at Hanford Mills.
 - DV, It's all going to boil down to liability.
 - SM, So we need to schedule a meeting with everyone involved and work it out.
- BR 136
 - JT, Working with McFarland.
 - SM, It has been accepted for BridgeNY, we are working on a few last details of the IPP, will then move to design phase.
 - SM, We would prefer to keep working with McFarland Johnson on that. Proposal is for \$58,000 and change. That is covered 80% by Feds, and possibly 15% State.
 - Committee approved.
- BR 5
 - JT, We has another meeting the Modjeski and Masters on the IPP for this. There is currently no funding available but we will continue to work on it and hope we can find some funding.
- CR 6 license agreement
 - SM, this is the easement in Bovina. We did have a consultation with Allison Phillips, the Town attorney, she will be drafting up the paperwork for an easement between the County and the Town that will legitimize the continued use of the old State Highway 951 that became County Route 6 under the old alignment.
 - SM, She will also be drafting up a license agreement to allow the adjoining property owner to use the road to access the ball fields.
- Crane Repairs
 - JB, Our main crane is getting old and showing wear. We need about \$5,300 worth of hydraulic hoses. They are special hoses with sensors and such. Just wanted you to be aware. It isn't something we can make.
- Truck Repairs – Royal Chrysler
 - JB, we have a 2016 Ram over at Royal, we have been trying to get parts for it for 2.5 years. They finally got the parts and put them in, now they are holding the truck hostage until we pay them.
 - LH, We are just looking for permission to process this as a prepay so we can get the truck back.
 - Committee approved.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• DPW Buildings Project status & Budget Review

- SM, I'm handing out two things, there is a small report from Delaware Engineering with a project overview. Copies of the reports are attached. George and I are going to finance with these reports after this meeting.
- SM, Bloomville and Neale Road are basically on winter shut down. We continue to evaluate the cost of the elevation change at Bloomville. That will come back as a change order once we get the price quotes. All the activity that is happening now is in Delhi. Mancini has changed project manager, we are hoping that this will alleviate some of the issues we are having. The new manager is the president of the company and is the one who put the bid proposal together so he is very familiar with the project. He will be on site two days a week. Most of the issues we are having are supply chain issues. We could be well into 2023 to get Neale Road and Bloomville finished. The admin building is still on track for a 2022 completion. The problems we are having in Delhi are more design omissions and lack of details. There is also conflict over the interpretation over details. One has to do with bracing on the exterior walls, Mancini has submitted a request for a change to the tune of \$30,000 to place triple track along the entirety of the perimeter of the building. Delaware Engineering has responded that it was always intended to be triple track along the perimeter so there is no change. When you look at the drawings it is not clear that it was required. There is definitely some design limitations that Delaware Engineering brought to the table, some things just didn't make it to the drawings. So we aren't putting a change order forward right now but I tell you this so you are aware, these are the problems we are running into. These omissions are causing conflicts and we are having to slog our way through them. I have taken the position, with your support, that if we need to override the design engineer because it is in the best interest of the project we will do that.
- DV, Where do we stand on the renovations of the Wickham Building?
- SM, I don't have a calendar for that. We do have a list and Pete is aware, I'm sure he will get it done.
- JB, He is currently working on a heating system for the pole barn as we have had issues this winter.
- DV, As long as you stay on his radar.
- SM, We will keep after him.
- SM, I also want to talk about the money tables. These are the four prime contracts that have been let. The four contracts we let were for \$19,821,100. To date we have only one change order for \$81,462.00 for the seamless roofs at Bloomville and Neale Road. It then shows what we have paid out and what the balance is. The next table talks about what is pending in terms of field changes. What I would like to point out here are the field directives. In the original \$18,821,100, there is in the Mancini contract there is \$200,000 in field directives that allows for changes to be made without delays. Within the four contracts there is \$390,000 in directives built in. So that is wiggle room that we have. A change directive will be followed by a change order. There are several change directives that are in negotiation that don't show here. What shows here is things that have been approved.
- SM, The big report shows the project costs, we are trying to show the worse case scenario here. The only hard numbers here are actually what has been approved. This also shows the stuff that we will be purchasing outright that wasn't included in the bids. Some of those numbers are firm, others are estimates, the estimates are in italics. There is a \$95,000 increase from what we initially estimated and where we currently are. Overall we have an increase of \$481,000 but some of that is in the field directives. That is where we are right now.

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 1/26/2022

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 11/22/2021 to 1/26/2022.

1. Accidents

- 25-21. 11/22/2021. While performing ditching operations on CR20 in the Town of Masonville an oncoming vehicle struck the outriggers of the DPW backhoe. A tractor trailer owned by 3B Timber Company rounded a curve in the roadway and as the driver attempted to drive around the DPW backhoe, the two front outside drive tires of the trailer made contact with the DPW backhoe outrigger. No injuries were reported. Damage to both right front drive tires of the trailer were damaged. A repair service was called to the scene to remove and replace damaged tires and wheels of the trailer.
- 26-1. 12/14/2021. While backing a DPW truck into the garage at the Kelly Corners patrol, the ladder of the hopper made contact with the overhead door. As a result, the door sustained significant damage and is in need of replacement. An estimate of repair received from Oneonta Garage Doors LLC totaled \$7250.00.
- 1-22. 1/15/2022. While digging frozen material out of a container belonging to Delton with equipment #844, a beam slid off the top and went through the bottom window of the equipment. The window glass shattered and is in need of replacement.
- 2-22. 1/18/2022. While traveling on River Road in the town of Unadilla with vehicle #439, a 2017 International, the DPW driver viewed an oncoming plow truck. The DPW driver pulled to the right to allow room for the vehicles to pass without making contact. Due to the narrow roadway, the DPW vehicle slid in to the ditch. Gerster's towing was called to the scene and the DPW vehicle was pulled back on to the roadway. No damage was sustained by the DPW vehicle.

2. Spills

None Reported

3. Facilities

- Annual FMCSA Clearinghouse Limited queries have been completed for all personnel holding a CDL.
- The Safety Officer traveled to all patrols to conduct annual Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence training. In addition, review of the current Accident Policy and Procedure was conducted.
- First Aid kit contents in all patrols were checked and expired items replaced.

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- Pricing for annual audiogram interpretations was received from The Hearing Advantage Audiology Service Associates. Cost per interpretation will be \$6.95.
- The Safety Officer participated in a webinar titled Worker Safety offered through NYS LTAP Center of Cornell Local Roads Program.
- The Safety Officer is registered to participate in a webinar titled Work Zone safety offered through Cornell Local Roads Program.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Schedule annual Workplace Violence Committee Meeting.
- Schedule Safety Committee Meeting.
- Schedule chainsaw training for personnel.
- Schedule annual refresher Certified Excavator training through Dig Safe NY.