

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 23, 2022

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta (via Phone)
	Bill Layton	John Kosier
	Dennis Valente	Tina Molé
	Susan McIntyre	Jared Boice
	Lisa Henderson	

GENERAL

• Safety Officer's Report

- Report was distributed. Copy attached.

• Authorization to fill vacancies

- SM, We have a couple. First is a landfill employee who resigned to go work in the private sector.

- Committee approved.

- SM, second is a HEO II slot, resigned to go work for himself.

- DV, And this was the higher pay grade and it still wasn't good enough.

- SM, Correct.

- DV, That's a problem and we need to address this, it just keeps getting worse. I would like to be involved in negotiations when they start.

- SM, I don't disagree and I actually have that on the agenda. But regardless I need to fill the position.

- Committee approved.

• Equipment Authorization

- SM, we have a quote for new dump trucks. This is ugly and it's only going to get worse. We budgeted \$550,000, we are requesting \$570,000. Due to uncertainty in the market the vendor will not hold the pricing or even guarantee delivery of the chassis. So all we can do is place the order and hope. My recommendation is that we do this, get our place in the line and then when we get the new pricing we can make an actual determination.

- After a lengthy discussion the committee approved.

- SM, We will have some more authorizations but we do not have them ready.

- SM, The autodesk software we don't need authorization for. We thought we were covered until 2023 but IT has said that it expires this year so we have to do a budget amendment to cover that expense.

• Conference request – landfill operators training

- SM, this is for three people, we are required to have certified landfill operators. Registration plus hotels. March 13-16 in Niagara Falls.

- Committee approved.

- Behlen Building panel replacement
 - SM, Just an FYI on this, we are moving forward on the work. We budgeted \$75,000 for this. What we have isn't necessarily a sully chain issue but a shipping issue. The material is coming out of Canada. The estimate for the materials is \$65,508. The shipping is very much up in the air at this point.
- Soil and Water Conservation District contract renewal
 - SM, this is our annual contract with Soil and Water, we have been doing this for a long time. They provide us technical support for all things water related.
 - Committee approved.
- CDL ELDT status
 - SM, FYI, this went live February 7th. We have registered as a private training center for our employees. We have purchased a curriculum from JJ Keller, we have identified three or four people who are willing to be involved in training.
 - GH, Was there a lot too that? You set that up with the State?
 - SM, It is a Federal program. There is an on-line registration process. The primary point person is responsible for verifying that we are telling the truth. If they decide we are lying you could face 5 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Which is what prompted my question regarding public officers law. We have been in contact with our local DMV office and they don't have any real information either.
 - GH, What kind of qualifications do the trainers need?
 - SM, They have to have at least two years of driving experience, they have to have the CDL and endorsements at the level or above what they are training for.
 - DV, What kind of compensation are we giving them?
 - SM, We have created a new position so that they will be paid out of title for the time they spend training. That has all been provided to personnel, I just haven't heard back from them.
 - SM, I did look into what is available if we had to hire this out. BOCES provides Class B training, it is unclear where it is offered. According to Annie at OET it is only available in Norwich. It costs BOCES between one and two thousand dollars. For five to six thousand there is a school in Endicott.
 - DV, I am glad we have a firm value on the training now. We need to get a claw back into the next contract and now we have a basis. So it's a five year term, you stay for five years, you owe nothing, you only stay for two years, you owe us \$3,000. We need something.
- Excavator training – March 31 at Legion Hall
 - SM, This is an annual refresher. We have 45-50 people that need this.
 - GH, What does that involve? How many hours?
 - JB, The refresher is 4 hours. If you need the whole course, it is 8 hours.
 - DV, How much to rent the legion?
 - SM, \$350. Training is free.
 - GH, Is that open to the towns?
 - SM, Not currently but we can get you the trainers information.

- CBA wage information

- SM, So George and I were talking about the upcoming negotiations and trying to position us for better retention of our employees. George has charged me with gathering information on what other communities are paying for drivers. We are not the only ones having this conversation, there is a lot of chatter among County Superintendents. The other big issue is the cost of health insurance. There is a broad range, Franklin County pays \$16.20/hour, that was the low. The high is Onondaga County which has a winter incentive of \$5,000 which is added onto your salary and paid out over the year, that bumps them up to \$22.35/hour on the top end.
- TM, Where do we fit in?
- SM, We are in the middle of that. So we aren't awful when compared to other Counties. What I don't have is what the State pays or what the Towns are paying.
- TM, We have a payroll study for the County so you should be able to get that from Linda.
- SM, I will reach out to her.
- DV, And that brings back these guys who are paying \$6,000 and up for health insurance for the year.
- SM, And that is a real cost. A family plan is \$34,000 a year, 20% of that is a lot of money. I'm sure there are some people in the County who don't make \$34,000/year. When you really start looking at it, the numbers will shock you.
- DV, And it isn't going to be cheap to fix this. It is a taboo subject but we need to do something and this is the most obvious answer. It is a critical piece.
- SM, We really need to dig into this.
- DV, But has the Union ever really pushed to change the contribution?
- SM, Rich Cooke says they ask every time.
- SM, The other thing we don't do is offer an opt out bonus. I am more than willing to do leg work on research as to what everyone else is doing.
- A lengthy discussion was held on this.

SOLID WASTE

- SW1-2022 – 112 conveyor replacement

- Resolution is on the floor to make award for this. Making award to Green Machine. Total with Option I is \$113,200. We had budgeted \$150,000 for this based on a Machinex quote. We actually wrote the bid around that spec. But Machinex came in significantly higher (\$235,000). So we spent quite a bit of time vetting Green Machine's supply order as we have been trying to work with them for a while and they have been fairly non-responsive. But we are going into this feeling really good about it.

- Cell 4s status

- SM, We will be starting as soon as the weather breaks. We gave them a notice to proceed effective February 28th, per the contract they have until Christmas to get the work done. They are anticipating they can do it in 6 months once they get started. We are looking forward to getting this project under way.

- Low permeability soil IMAs

- SM, This is related to the Cell 4 project in that I have been trying to get IMA's with both Broome and Chenango County, both of whom operate their own landfills and have on site an excess quantity of low permeability soil, which meets NYSDEC standards. Chenango County meets tomorrow and I am cautiously optimistic that they will approve this and we can enter into a no cost IMA with them. They would not charge for the material, our expense would be in transportation of the material. The ability to have a reliable source of this material is huge as we stare down the next three phases of landfill expansion is huge. So if we can pull this off, it would be a huge thing.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- Masonville garage rental ending Feb 28

- SM, I did reach out to Betty to let her know we will be pulling out at the end of February.
- GH, Do we always pull out this early?
- SM, The contract allows us to stay additional months but at this point we are comfortable with the time frame.

- Speed Zone Request

- SM, We have two requests. First one is for Gibson Hill in Sidney between CR 44 and the Franklin line.
- SM, Second one is for Narrow Notch Road in Stamford, from Roxbury Run to Town Brook Road.
- Sm, We are just a pass through for these.

- NYCDEP contract work agreement

- SM, We have started negotiations with the City for a new contract. This year will be the last year of the current contract.
- SM, We would limit what this new contract would cover. The City is very interested in an 8-year contract to maintain what we have done. I have tried to make it clear to them that we need to find a balance between their roads and ours and we want more than 10% overhead. This is separate from the plowing contract. The work tasks will be very defined. To date they seem fairly receptive. They didn't even bat an eye when I said I wanted 20% not 10%. My goal is to keep the work and expectations contained.

- CR 6 License Agreement with Town of Middletown for New Kingston Sewer Collection System

- Resolution on the floor of the Board today to allow the Town of Middletown to be put in an escrow account for future needs. We have gone over all the details, this should be all set.

- CR 6 Easement with Bovina

- SM, We have the final wording on the agreement between the Town of Bovina and the County. Once the Board adopts this we will then pass a resolution and that will be cleaned up.

- CR 6 License agreement with Finn

- SM, This is the second part of issue in Bovina. This would allow Mr. Finn to enter into a yearly license agreement that allows them to access the baseball field. It does not open the door for any future development. I would like to close things up with the Town before we proceed with this.

- CR 41 T/Roxbury – The Old Mill
 - SM, We had granted approval to put up no parking signs, we didn't get them up quick enough and we received a complaint. I believe the signs are up now so that should be the end of that.
- NYSDOT culvert replacement SEQRA Type II
 - SM, Will be doing a culvert replacement on State Route 10 in the Jefferson area.
- NYSDOT crosswalk St Hwy 10 – Hamden
 - SM, The State has denied the request for a speed reduction but did grant them the crosswalk in the vicinity of the bank/post office.
- NYSDOT road widening St Hwy 28 – Meridale
 - SM, DOT is also doing a big project on 28 going down into Meridale. They will maintain a minimum of one lane of traffic. We sat in on this meeting because we were concerned about the construction on 10-2. DOT had no issues with what we have planned.
- BR 10-2 update – T/Davenport – construction schedule and traffic control
 - JB, We have met with the Town, the Fire Department, Hanford Mills, we are working on posting signs at critical intersections. We are putting up pre-construction signs to warn people the construction is coming this summer.
 - DV, You have talked to the businesses in the area?
 - JB, Yes, we've talked to Greene Lumber, the milk trucks, Biesler, they all seem to be ok with it.
 - DV, Do we have the order in for the prefabricated beams?
 - SM, No, that will be on the contractor. We are still in design and that will be done by the contractor once the bid is awarded.
 - DV, But it will go this year?
 - JB, Yes. We are hoping July. Will know more once we get the bids in.
- BR 5 Corbett - T/Colchester – IPP signed and submitted
 - SM, We have submitted an IPP for this looking for funding to do the repairs on this structure. We have asked for over a million. Will keep you posted.
- BR 32 Arbor Hill – T/Delhi (May 1 letting date)
 - SM, We are waiting on the last piece of ROW. DOT is threatening to pull the funding because it is taking too long. Hopefully we can get this moving.
- BR 80 Bridge St pedestrian bridge – V/Fleischmanns – bridge fabrication inspection
 - SM, This is a FEMA project. Hubbell has the contract for this, it is a prefabricated steel bridge coming out of North Carolina, they have asked for an increase in \$37,000 with no real back up at all to document why. We approved the drawings in September of 2021, they just placed the order, that is not our fault, we aren't sure why there was such a delay. We have asked for backup. We just want you to be aware there is an issue.
- BR 83 Knox Ave – T/Colchester – bump and asphalt touch-up
 - JB, the approaches have settled so there is a significant bump. We have got some complaints so we put some bump signs up. There was also one bad load of asphalt the Cobleskill is aware of so we will have to do some work on that this summer.

- BR 130 Main St – V/Sidney with Otsego County
 - SM, We have an agreement with Otsego, they wanted to get it done last year, they didn't, they are hoping to get it done this year. We will pay half the bill.
- BR 136 Dug Rd – T/Deposit BridgeNY
 - SM, That is on schedule. It has been approved for BRNY, we will keep it moving.
- BR 137 Hale Eddy – T/Deposit with Broome County
 - SM, This is another shared bridge. Broome has taken the lead, we are ready to sign the IMA, we will pay half of the cost of the repairs. With Committee approval I will sign this.
 - Committee approved.
- Bridge Preservation 2022 schedule
 - SM, This is moving forward. We hope to have it out to bid by July so we can get it done while the weather is still good. We are ahead of where we usually are.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Mancini CO#2
 - SM, Have resolution prefiled. We did send a memo. Hopefully there are no issues.
- Bloomville elevation and perimeter drainage
 - The request for pricing is going out to Mancini today. It should be back in time that if we chose to accept it we can prefile the change order at the March 23rd meeting.
 - GH, When was the return date on that?
 - SM, March 8th. It was a tight time line but we've been talking about this for a while so it should be ok.

RESOLUTIONS

Award Prop 1-22
Award Prop 6-22
Award Prop 22-22
Award Prop SW1-22
Budget Amendment – Engineering Software
License Agreement w/Middletown
Change Order #2 Prop 28-21GC

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 2/23/2022

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 1/27/2022 to 2/22/2022.

1. Accidents

- 3-22. 2/16/2022. While loading a box on vehicle #842 at the Harpersfield Transfer Station, the box caught a set of free standing wooden steps. The steps were frozen in ice next to the box and when the box moved the steps broke free from the ice and were damaged.
- 4-22. 2/22/2022. Broken windshield in pickup truck #100. This vehicle is utilized by the acting Foreman for the Delhi Patrol. The Foreman stated that when he went out and started the vehicle to report to work, he noticed a small crack in the windshield near the passenger side wiper blade. Later in the day he noticed the crack was now traveling across the windshield towards the driver's side. Upon inspection of the windshield, the Safety Officer observed what appeared to be an impact mark near the passenger side wiper blade from a small object such as a stone being kicked up from the roadway.

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- SH-900 forms have been received from Christa Schafer and will be posted in all patrol buildings. There were a total of 10 injuries recorded on the injury and illness logs for 2021.
- Hearing tests continue to be conducted.
- The Safety Officer participated in a webinar on 2/15/2022 on Work Zones. The Webinar was offered through NYS LTAP Center of Cornell Local Roads Program.
- Annual Certified Excavator refresher training has been scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2022.
- Fyr Fyter is currently conducting annual inspections on all fire extinguishers.
- A Safety Committee Meeting was held on 2/9/2022.

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4. Near Future Objectives

- Post SH-900 logs in all patrols.
- Follow up on Chainsaw training for personnel.
- Schedule PFT's for Compost personnel.
- Review medical protocols to see if any medical appointments need to be scheduled in accordance with current protocols.
- Mail all completed hearing tests to audiologist for interpretation.