

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 11, 2022

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes

Joe Cetta

John Kosier

Bill Layton

Dennis Valente

Jerry Vernold

Tina Molé

Susan McIntyre

Jim Thomas

Lisa Henderson

Press: Sarah Hetterich - Delhi Telephone

Mary Crisafulli – The Reporter

GENERAL

• Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the April 27th meeting were approved as presented.

• Travel Request – Highway School

- Request to send 6 people to highway school. Cost of \$110/person.

- Committee approved.

• Flood Insurance for Page Ave complex

- SM, This is for the Page Avenue complex. We did the Compost facility a while back.

- Committee approved option B.

• NCOC Job Fair – Grand Gorge

- SM, In an effort to bring more people into the Department we have gone to two job fairs. One at DCMO BOCES in Trout Creek and one at NCOC BOCES in Grand Gorge. The one in Grand Gorge was open to the public so we got some good interest.

• Tax assessments on select County properties

- SM, We have received several notifications of changes from the Town Assessors. All of them are appropriately coded as tax exempt with one exception. The property that we subdivided in Northfield is not listed as wholly tax exempt. I have talked to Bev about this so that she is aware. I have also called the assessor and she feels that she is in the right here.

- JC, There is verbiage that supports her. If the County buys it and doesn't do anything with it, they are in effect hurting the tax payer.

- SM, So we are going to grieve this.

- JC, And we expect that. We will follow the process.

- SM, Agreed.

SOLID WASTE

• Cell 4s status

- SM, Construction is ongoing. It continues to go well. You may remember at a past meeting we discussed that we have a stormwater plan that we are looking to get an extension on so that we can disturb more than five acres to facilitate the construction. We had a meeting with the contractors and representatives from DEC and we were granted that waiver.

- SM, We continue to go through product review and submittal reviews. There are field adjustments that are being made once we get field confirmation on some things.

- Biofilter replacement

- SM, The replacement of the media may start this week. The long reach excavator is currently down but as soon as we get it running we will start.
- SM, In discussions with the plant manager, we will look to replace the chips every three years going forward.

- Agitator gear box

- SM, This is the agitator that runs on railroad rails that turns the compost. We have two of these, one of the gear boxes has gone bad. We are working on finding a replacement. This is not a minor expense, each gear box is around \$7,000 and it is looking like we will have to replace both of them because the newer ones are geared faster and they need to work at the same speed so we would need to replace both of them. We will keep looking into this and let you know how we make out. We are working with the manufacturer and doing our own research as well. Just want you to know that we are looking at an unanticipated expense.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- Bovina Bicentennial parade request

- SM, We will be getting a request from Ray LaFever for the bicentennial parade. That will be running on County Route 6 at the end of July.

- GOSR Sidney properties

- SM, Mowing has started. We have added on a few properties since we put the bids out. Our crews will be doing some limb clean up to facilitate this.
- SM, I have reached out to OET to see if they will have a crew for the four properties on Sidney Center and the Middletown properties, I haven't heard back from them. Glen was fairly confident they would have a mowing crew. If they don't we will have to hire it done as we don't have the staff or equipment.

- DSS lots at 161-165 Main St

- SM, I had a conversation with Keith Weaver and he told me that Pete is going to take the lead on this. I understand that Pete is working with a local firm on this so we hope to see a site plan shortly. We have our two engineering interns starting next week and one of their first projects is doing a site survey of those properties.
- TM, And Sylvia and Keith are both aware that Pete is taking the lead?
- SM, Yes.
- JC, And why can't we just take that down ourselves?
- SM, Because we are not qualified to handle asbestos.

- Beech Hill NYCDEP catch basins

- JB, We have four catch basins on the City Road and we missed Beech Hill completely so I have the bridge crew over there cleaning that up.

- Carroll Hill Rd

- JT, Soil and Water has funding for the design on this. They don't have any funding for construction yet.
- GH, Where is this?

- JT, It's in the Town of Tompkins, it's a short road that leads to city property. I'm not even sure how many full time residents are even up there.
 - JB, Maybe 6.
 - BL, Maybe 2 or 3
 - JT, OK. We just need to figure out if we need a temporary in there or not.
 - SM, So Bill maybe you should get with Jim after the meeting to go over this.
 - JT, There is another one in the Town of Middletown but that is much more involved and I'm not going to do anything on that until Soil and Water has a better idea.
- CR 41 July 4th weekend 5k run request
 - SM, We have had a resident reach out regarding a 5K run they want to have on 4th of July. Similar to the Town of Bovina request for the parade we will require insurance and a route map and some assurance that they have proper traffic control.
 - TM, What town is that in?
 - SM, Roxbury.
- CR 16 ditching
 - SM, we continue to work on maintenance. Doing ditching on CR 16.
- CR 29 collapsed culvert
 - SM, We are currently replacing a pipe on CR 29. This was brought to our attention as a hole in the road. It is a plastic pipe so we aren't really sure what caused the failure, we will try to figure that out.
 - GH, Where is that?
 - JT, North Harpersfield, almost across from Russ Hatch's house. It really is an odd failure. We aren't sure if it was defective when it was installed or what. It had good cover so it shouldn't have been overloaded.
- CR 18 two 24" culvert replacements
 - SM, We will be replacing two pipes between Glen Burnie and Hoag's Crossing next week on Wednesday and Thursday. The road will be closed both days but open by the end of the day. School busses will be accommodated.
- CR 41 dry well install
 - SM, We had to install a dry well on CR 41 in Roxbury to address some runoff. That was done yesterday.
- CR 33 prep for recycling
 - SM, We are prepping 33 for recycling between Doonans Corner and Brownell Road. Tentatively scheduled for the week of the 23rd but don't hold me to that.
- CR 21 work in progress
 - SM, We are doing some pipe replacements, putting in a drop inlet, doing some shoulder repairs, fixing some field pipes. This is on the Village side of Runion Road. Once that is done they are going to head up near Heathen Hill and do a culvert replacement there as well. They will also be replacing a driveway pipe. We will then be looking at some surface improvements. Will do a mill and fill between Bennett Hollow and Weaver Hollow. The length is yet to be determined.

- Vac truck progress
 - SM, They are out and about. They are finishing up the Bovina system this week. They have a full schedule a head of them, they will be busy.
- Bridge Maintenance progress
 - SM, This crew has also started working. Last week they did all the covered bridges. They also have a full schedule.
 - GH, What do they do to the covered bridges?
 - JB, They wash them, get all the salt and winter crud off the decks.
- BR 24 – T/Middletown Ingalls Rd stormwater runoff - NYCDEP
 - SM, We replaced this bridge last year. We had to install a temporary bridge. This temporary was on City property. In the big rain storm they experienced some erosion.
 - JB, You can see where the brook came out all over the valley, there is flood debris all over the flats. The City seems to think that the ditch on the upstream side needs to be lowered so the field could drain into the brook. It is about a two foot difference and if we do that the brook is going to go right out into the field. In my opinion, we did not create any of this in my opinion so I'm not going to go in there and fix it.
 - SM, And this is a County Bridge on a Town Road. We will bring this information back to the city. I think the only reason they came to us is that we had that land use permit.
 - JB, All we did was clear some brush to but the temporary in.
- BR 16 – T/Middletown Weaver Hollow bridge pan deck failure
 - SM, This was one of our bridge preservation bridges a couple years ago. It is a pan deck bridge and the deck is failing.
 - JB, It is a dead end road and the bridge is at the very beginning. There about 20 residents on the other side of the bridge. This is going to be painful because it is going to have to be done under traffic.
 - GH, So it's wide enough to do one side at a time?
 - JB, No, I'm going to have to take a 7 foot section and put road plate down and if traffic comes along we have to stop and start over. It's 64 feet long by 30 feet wide so we are going to take a hit on 6x8's and materials. We will replace it next year.
 - GH, So you won't do anything this year?
 - JB, We are planning on going over tomorrow with some road plate to get it patched up until we can get there.
- BR 32 – T/Delhi Arbor Hill schedule – if OGS release by May 27
 - SM, Still waiting on OGS. If we get it by May 27th we can get started this year.
- BR 82 – T/Stamford T/Kortright - Bloomville River St - asphalt cost allocation
 - JB, Doing bridge rail and shoulders today. Should have it open soon.
 - GH, Today?
 - JB, Hopefully the end of the week. I have to go meet with the guiderail crew to see if they plan on doing the approaches while I have the road closed. They have to at least get the bridge rail up before I can open it.
 - SM, On this subject, for the asphalt, this is a County bridge on a town road. It is Stamford on both ends of the bridge. When we did the asphalt we did the approaches as well as the deck so that we would get a better finished product. The total came to \$23,000. \$7,000 of that is for the

actual deck, the balance is what was put on the approaches. I authorized the expense to keep things moving figuring we could have this conversation today. The question is do we ask to town to cover the expense. I compare this to the guiderail approaches where the County eats the initial expense but we know going forward that the Town will cover the expenses of the approaches.

- After a brief discussion it was determined that we will proceed as with the approach rail and the County will cover the initial expense and the Towns will be responsible for the approaches going forward.

- BR 130 – V/Sidney Main St - yellow flag

- SM, This is the big bridge in the Village of Sidney. Otsego County is planning on getting this done this year. We will pay for half of the work.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- DPW Buildings Project schedule update

- SM, We have updated the schedule. Revised schedule was distributed to the Committee. We are being plagued by supply chain issues. So Delhi is scheduled for substantial completion and close out by the end of December. Bloomville is scheduled for substantial completion by May 1, 2023 with close out by Mid-June. Walton is scheduled for substantial completion by July 2023 with close out to be done by August of 2023. So we would be closed out by August of 2023. Not a lot different than what we have been looking at.

- Delhi ground floor concrete pour – Wednesday

- SM, They are pouring the floor today. Roof is on except for the elevator shaft.

- Bloomville elevation soil and footers going in now

- SM, This is moving along well. The groundwater is going where we want it to.

- GH, Have they run into water?

- JB, Here and there, it seems to be in pockets.

RESOLUTIONS

Award Prop 30-22

- SM, this is the award for BR 10-2. Had two bidders. Should be done this fall.

Award Prop 31-22

- SM, This is the soils nails bid. Has a dollar amount but it is really a time and materials bid, so each project has its own cost based on need. We do have one project on CR 37 that we will look to get done this year.

Change Order #1, Prop 30-21

- SM, This is a no cost time extension. There will be a second change order at the next meeting that will be a negative change of about \$1,000. Just closing the project out.

Executive Session – lawsuit & contract negotiations

The meeting adjourned after a brief executive session.