

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

December 14, 2022

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Dennis Valente	Gerry Vernold
	Susan McIntyre	Jim Thomas
	Tina Molé	Lisa Henderson
	Elizabeth Defalco	

GENERAL

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The Minutes of the November 9th and 22nd meetings were approved as presented.
- Authorizations
 - SM, These authorizations are for all of the upgrades that are in the 2023 budget. We have already approved all of this, we just need to do the paperwork. Accounting Supervisor Grade B (Meta), Sr. Automotive Parts Clerk, Sign Shop Worker, then we have the HEO II for Highway and Solid Waste.
 - Committee approved.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Copy attached.
- Emerson Testing Contract
 - SM, Need authorization to renew contract with Emerson testing. Pricing has changed on a few items.
 - Committee approved.

SOLID WASTE

- Cell 4S Status
 - SM, Construction is on going, we are getting to the end of this. Pump stations have been installed, we are still tweaking the flow meters and pressure transducers to make sure everything is reading accurately and reliably. We do have the 10,000 gallon below ground tank that is scheduled for delivery next Monday. We have a pre-installation conference with the vendor tomorrow morning. Hopefully that goes smoothly.
 - SM, There are two resolutions on the floor today for no-cost time extensions for both the prime contractor and the electrical contractor. There will be another change order forthcoming to cover the changes in costs. We hoped to have that for this meeting but we are still working out the details with Marcy.
- EPA grant opportunity
 - SM, There is some grant money out there, I will share with you but I am not at all enthusiastic about it. It's \$40 million nationwide, zero match with a minimum grant award of \$500,000. You have three years to complete all the work. They anticipate giving out 25 grants, so that's less than 1 per state and they are giving preference to those areas where 40% of the funding flows to disadvantaged communities so we are basically out of the running before we even get off the

ground. But I wanted you to be aware. The application deadline is in January. You have until tomorrow to let EPA know you are submitting. They don't give you a lot of time. This will be annual so be aware that it's out there and the rules may change over time.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

• BR 18 load posting

- SM, This is in Fleischmanns, Wager Avenue over Emory Brook, it was posted at 22 tons, they have told us we have to lower it to 20. That has been done.

• BR 32 bid opening

- SM, We opened the bids for this last week. This is a Federal Aid project. We had five bids, the three low bids were very close. The way our bids are structured we can award to other than the low bidder if it is deemed in the best interest of the County. The low bidder is on the NYS list of non-responsive bidders, because of this our recommendation is to award to the next low bidder. The dollar amount we would be responsible for is minimal. I have talked to the County Attorney's office and they are fine with that.

- TM, So this is a State list?

- SM, Yes.

- BL, What is the difference?

- SM, About \$197,000, but only a portion of that would be our responsibility.

- GH, And the Feds are ok if we don't go with the low bid?

- SM, Yes, we had that conversation with DOT yesterday.

- JT, DOT is the reason they are on the list.

- TM, Is it financial?

- JT, It's safety issues. They've had a death on a site and several near misses.

- SM, 2nd low bid is \$4,218,921.75 which is about spot on to our engineer's estimate.

- SM, If the Committee is comfortable with that, we will proceed in that direction.

- The Committee agreed to proceed with award to the 2nd low bidder.

- SM, There is a resolution to designate funds to cover that project on the floor so that we can make award once we get DOT approval.

• GOSR Update

Abatement bid extension

- SM, Tomorrow we are opening bids for controlled demolition of five houses in Sidney. We were also supposed to be opening the bid for the abatement as well, however, a few walk thrus of the houses there were several items discovered that were not included in the bid so our quantities are all wrong. We have issued an addendum to extend the bid so the Liro (contractor responsible for inspections) can come down and re-inspect the houses and create new reports.

- JC, So who caught that? How does this happen?

- SM, Our staff went thru the houses with a couple different prospective vendors and they noticed a bunch of it. So maybe it's our fault for not double checking Liro's work, but we aren't in the habit of doing that. To me, it was extremely shoddy work on their part. We have informed GOSR that there is a problem. We will get this done, it's just another wrinkle in this disaster of a project.

- NYC Roads

- Culvert 18

- SM, We should be out of there for the year by the end of the week. We will put the rail up for safety reasons for the winter. When we do the asphalt it will have to come back down but that is just the nature of the work. The City is very happy with the work thus far.

- NYC Road Maintenance Contract

- SM, I think we have successfully negotiated the fundamental terms for the next 10 year contract. I have the reworked draft in my hands, I will go through that once more time and then we will give you an update on where we are and put it back to them for approval. I am happy with where we are.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- SM, Work progresses. Bloomville is going up as we speak. They should have the main heat turned on in the Delhi building this week. The HVAC people are working from the bottom up and everyone else is working from the top down but we are coming along.
 - GH, I would say Bloomville has a third of the steel structure up.
 - SM, We have reached agreement with Mancini to do the erection of Neale Road this winter when the steel come in. We are making progress.
 - GH, So they will work both sites thru the winter?
 - SM, Yes. And the design team is comfortable with the provisions that are being made to stabilize the foundation while the framing goes up.
 - GH, I think the foundation is all poured in Walton.
 - SM, Yes, so they just need the block wall up and the slab to anchor it. The slab generally holds the footers in place during erection so there are provisions being made to ensure the footers don't move.

RESOLUTIONS

4-Day work week

Appropriations of Funds

Budget Amendment

- LH, We need to modify this to say \$781,000, not \$581,000. Meta had a bad number in her spreadsheet. This is the money that road and capital pay to the machinery fund for use of the equipment. This is the main source of revenue for the machinery fund.

Change Order #1 Prop 30-22

Fed Aid CI 2022 Bridge Preservation

Change Order #1 Prop SW4-21

Change Order #2 Prop SW3-21

Executive Session – personnel

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 12/13/2022

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 11/9/2022 to 12/13/2022.

1. Accidents

- 16-22.11/14/2022. While backing pickup truck #120, a 2022 F-250, around near the hopper hanger in Delhi, driver failed to see hopper hanger post. As the driver continued to back the vehicle around, the left rear bumper of the vehicle made contact with a post of the structure. As a result of the contact, the bumper sustained scratches, with no further damage being observed.
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- 19-22. 12/7/2022. While attempting to move an attachment with skid steer #678, a 2019 Bobcat, the operator failed to set the locks for the attachment. As the operator raised the boom with the attachment not being locked in, the attachment come off and struck the front glass of the equipment. As a result of the contact, the glass shattered. The front glass and gasket will need replacing.
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2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- Fit testing was conducted for employees enrolled in the Respiratory Protection Program on 11/16/2022 by Bassett HealthWorks.
- All annual driver abstracts have been run through NYS DMV LENS.
- Annual Limited Queries have been completed in the FMCSA Clearinghouse.

Safety Office Report 12-13-2022.docx

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DPW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2023

Wednesday, January 4, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday January 25, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, July 26, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	8:45 a.m.
*Wednesday, September 13, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, September 27, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, November 21, 2023	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	8:45 a.m.

*No Board meeting this day!