

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 12, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Jerry Vernold	Tina Molé
	Jim Thomas	Jared Boice
	Tyson Robb	Lisa Henderson

GENERAL

• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

• Training/Travel Authorization

CDL Training April 18th (11 People)

- JT, \$40/ person.

- Committee approved.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy

HEO II to fill Scott McClenon's place

- JT, Scott has been promoted provisionally to Highway Crew Supervisor, we need to fill his HEO II slot.

- Committee approved.

Change start and end date for one SWMC seasonal hire

- Changed the start date from May 15, 2023 to May 1, 2023.

SOLID WASTE

• Cell 4S Status

- TR, Coming to a close, unfortunate timing because I'm going to be out of Town. Doing a final walk through on Monday to go over closeout list. Will get the slab poured on top of the underground storage tank. There are a few other little things to button up. There was a control panel for the pump that was built wrong, Pump Service and Supply has taken that back. I don't know what the lead time is on that. Other than that, things are going well. There is one meter pit that isn't metering, so that needs to be cleaned up as well. Not sure if that's an engineering thing or an equipment issue.

- JT, The GHD contract is out of money so for next week, I will go do the final walk through and we will provide an engineer for the remainder of the inspection.

TR, I keep expecting to see a request from them for more money to fill out the contract but I haven't seen it yet.

• Cell 1 Redevelopment

- TR, We have reached out to Barton and Loguidice for a proposal for this work. We have been with GHD for a long time but it won't hurt to keep them honest. Barton and Loguidice works with the majority of the landfills in the State so they are very familiar with all of the landfill regulations; they also have a much larger staff. The regulations are constantly changing so it is really important to stay on top of them. We have the Climate Action stuff coming through, that is going to hit landfills hard. There are also the new regulations that came through a few years ago, DEC says they are just cleaning them up but the rest of the community feels like they have come out

with a full new set of regulations. We worked with Kevin Young and his team to submit fifteen pages of comments on that last fall. We may need to do that again coming up here. They just released a new draft solid waste management plan that we will need to comment on. One of the things that concerns me is a mandatory pay as you throw fee.

- GH, Would that be a tipping fee?

- TR, Yes, the way I hear it is that they want to make you pay as a community, so the tonnage from each community would be issued a fee and that money goes to the State and they will use it for grants in the communities. Those grants are issued based on population, so we would pay and pay and never see any money. I'm just not ok with us paying and then they send the money elsewhere. So we may have to pull Kevin in on that as well.

- GH, Can we use Sue for that too?

- TR, I'm sure she is on it from the Association side. I just need to keep an eye on it and make sure we are ok from that standpoint. Along that line we will probably continue to see more emerging contaminants, we may have to expand our testing budget to keep up with all of it.

- TR, Long story short this is still in permitting. As is our compost permit. Hoping those come through.

- GH, What is the compost permit? Is that to operate the facility? When is then end date on that?

- TR, Yes, the application was complete and approved over a year and a half ago, we are operating on an SAFA extension.

- GH, So the permit is expired?

- TR, Yes. It makes it very hard to sell compost when you don't have a permit. I have reached out to DEC several times, it is in permitting, there doesn't seem to be any issues or feedback. No-one can say what the hold up is, we are fine with the extension, I just don't have a valid permit to hand to a contractor.

- TM, If you send me an email summarizing all that, we have someone fairly high up on the CWC Board, they helped us out last time.

- TR, I can do that.

- TM, Include both permits and I'll see what we can do.

- TR, OK. I will do that, thank you.

- Temporary Rain Cover

- TR, Moving along with this. Getting the subbase moved in. Contracts are ready to go.

- Compost Repairs

- TR, The soft start is operating well. We have shipped the VFD to North Carolina to be rebuilt.

- TR, The scaffolding has been an issue, no-one was able to come up with a design. So they are going to build it and then reverse engineer the design and get it stamped. They are getting it up now and it is going well.

- GH, Is that why compost is shut down?

- TR, Yes. It will probably be about a month.

- TR, They are also going to try and get the sludge pump back together when they are time.

- Monitoring well #16

- TR, Being installed on May 1st. So we should be good for 2nd quarter monitoring. I was informed that we did have a few spikes last year in our monitoring but we disturbed almost 10 acres, we moved 10,000 yards of waste and a bunch of tires out of Cell 1 so I am confident that we will be ok with the chemistry, I just need to sort through the data. And hopefully our next test show that we are stabilized.

- GH, We took care of the tires that were an issue correct.

- TR, Yes. We could have chased it further but we didn't see the value to it.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- NYC Road Maintenance Agreement –in NYC review
 - JT, Still waiting on City.
- BR 32
 - JT, Preconstruction meeting on April 20th. Should start fairly soon after that. I think I did see some survey stakes so they are moving.
- BR 136 – Dug Road
 - JT, Final design report has been submitted to the State, we are still ironing out a few small things. We have cleared all the SHPO requirements. So we are moving forward as fast as these things move.
- Abatement for Flood Buyout
 - JT, Contacts are signed, should be starting work, early May. They have 90 days but feel they will be done sooner.
- Controlled Demo
 - JT, On-going, one house down Monday, another one should come down today so we are finally making some progress on these.
- SHPO approval
 - JT, Shelly has a few things to finish up here but it's not holding us up right now.
- Bridge NY Round 4 (7-3)
 - JT, Waiting on the State, guessing we won't here until they pass a budget.
- Geotab
 - JB, I'm waiting on some wiring harnesses, I just talked to them this morning. Everything we have installed is working at this time.
- Town plowing of County roads
 - JT, Still waiting to hear back from Middletown and Roxbury on this. Middletown is meeting tonight.
 - GH, Any idea how it is heading?
 - JT, Not really. John Biruk is a little nervous he won't get Board approval. They would probably need another person to be able to sand and plow and he's not sure he can get that approved.
 - GH, What would we do with our crew over there if we didn't have to sand?
 - JT, Well we don't have much of a crew over there anyways, we are having a hard time keeping that shop staffed. The Foreman is getting ready to retire and the one other kid is moving to Downsville. So it's definitely going to hurt us more if they can't do it.
- Bridge painting
- Bridge 16
 - JT, Replacing the deck under traffic. It's a dead-end road with a lot of houses on it. So it's going to be a difficult project to get done. The delays are going to be long and people will probably be upset.
 - GH, How long do you think it will take?
 - JB, Probably 6 weeks. We have put the message boards up to make people aware.

- Pipes on CR 16

- Closing CR 16 during the day for two days to replace two more pipes.

- Pipe outlet cleaning

- JT, I'm just looking for your thoughts on this. A lot of our cross pipes, we clean the outfall only as far as we can reach from the road because back in the 70's there was a contractor that claimed we were taking work away from the private contractors by cleaning out further than that. This then creates a pond at the outlet of the pipe and the next storm the sediment fills right in. I'm getting pushback from the General Foreman that we go further with landowner permission.

- GH, I don't have an issue if it's helping the County Road. It's not like people are paying a contractor to do it. If they were we wouldn't be having a problem.

- JB, there's a fine line. I don't want then going crazy either. We just want to get it so it lasts for a while.

- JC, Can you just set a distance?

- JB, That's hard to do, each pipe is different with how it drains.

- JC, So we take it case by case and if we have a problem we'll deal with it.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- JT, Delhi looks pretty much the same. I guess it is slowly moving along. Delhi Telephone has their stuff inside.

- GH, I talked to Joe yesterday, he said the phones lines and stuff are in. He said they had to move the racks and once they are moved he has five or six days and they'll be done.

- JT, Sounds like the elevator should come next week. Propane tank should be here this week or next week. That will allow them to finish the heating system. Waiting on flooring, they were two boxes short.

- JT, Walton, I guess 80% of the steel is up. Block is going up. Some siding has been delivered. Making progress.

- JT, Bloomville is waiting on replacement panels because there was damaged panels that could not be used. So that is delaying the main roof because it is all tied together.

- JB, So they are talking about getting Delaware Bulldozing back in there to do the grade work and do the trench drains.

- GH, Interior trench drains?

- JB, Yes.

- GH, The exterior work is mostly done right?

- JB, Yes.

- JB, Still working with Syntech on the fuel system. They are back in the area doing some more testing this week.

TM, Do you have many applications for summer help?

LH, Not really. We have three or four. So if you know of anyone looking send them our way.

GH, How many do you usually need? 14 or so?

LH, Yes.

RESOLUTIONS

None