

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 26, 2023

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

Joe Cetta
Bill Layton
Jerry Vernold
Jim Thomas
Tyson Robb
Mary Crisafulli

John Kosier
Patricia Valente
Tina Molé
Lisa Henderson
Liz DeFalco

GENERAL

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the June 28th meeting were approved as presented.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Report distributed (copy attached)
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, two 40-yard storage containers for SWMC. These are budgeted.
 - Committee approved.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy
 - JT, Zach Garrison has resigned. He was our CDL-A trainer so we are trying to figure that out. Most of our A drivers don't have enough experience. Need approval to fill the vacancy.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, We are also going to lose a mechanic to the roadside. She's going to take a significant pay cut but we are still figuring out what we are going to do.

SOLID WASTE

- Rain cap - Done
 - TR, this is on and functioning very well.
- Cell 4s
 - TR, We got the certification report. We got comments from DEC so we need to address them and resubmit. Hopefully we get permission to get in there. Still waiting on a survey from Delta as well. That will give us quantities for cell one and what we have left in cell 5 & 6. Those quantities will help determine when we move into Cell 4S.
- Compost
 - TR, Chugging along, we got the bio receiving area up and open so we are moving more organics into the curing bays so that's good.
 - TR, Our "hot seat" which runs the crane is down. We have reached out to a lot of different people but we aren't having much luck. So we are currently loading with a loader which slows us down considerably but we are moving things. It also requires an extra person because you still need someone in the hotseat. We are trying to find a way to Bluetooth in with a separate controller. We are also looking at a new chair. So that's a big thing.

- Litter fence

- TR, We are looking to put a litter fence up on the C&D cell. That will clean up the area and reduce the amount of time we spend cleaning up. We are looking at some different options. Working with Sportsfield Specialties, may be a nicer looking option and the pricing is pretty comparable. Trying to get everything together to get formal quotes on that.
- JT, And DEC has been asking for that for a while correct?
- TR, It would definitely help, our C&D cell is a landfill we are not filling so they have a lot of questions.
- JC, How many linear feet?
- TR, I'm thinking about 400, just an L on the upwind side and downhill side. That should also catch stuff coming off the wall. Will keep it in the cell and make it easier to clean and keep the site looking nicer.

- Matco contract

- TR, Have a contract from Matco to do electrical inspection at Compost. Will cost a little more because we need to get everything back up to speed so they can do annual inspections.
- JT, We used to pay them to do the annual inspections, then Andy Zuk came back and he was an electrician so he cancelled the contract and did it himself. Since he's been gone it hasn't been done but we need to get back on top of it.

- NYSDEC

- TR, they have recognized that they have some staffing issues that they are correcting so hopefully things will start moving.

HIGHWAYS/BRIDGES

- BR 32

- JT, One footing is poured, will be doing the stem on that tomorrow. The other abutment is much deeper and they are fighting water but they should be down to grade and driving pile by Friday, Monday at the latest. Things are going well overall.

- BR 136 – Bridge NY Round 3

- JT, In design, slowly moving forward.

- Flood buyout – DC Demo

- Bridge NY Round 4 (7-3)

- JT, This have been accepted. \$5.3 million for that. That will be a good project to get done.

- Town plowing of County roads

- JT, Have a few back. Hoping to get the rest of them soon.

- Bridge painting 2022

- JT, Have a resolution to extend that to the end of the month. They are back working so that should finish up soon.

- Bridge painting 2024

- JT, Moving forward, we dropped that down to 2 bridges but we are keeping it moving.

- Delaware South

City Culvert 18 – done – growing?

- JT, Kevin Charles was down there last week, he said the grass does look better. Not sure we are at 80% yet but once we are that will be done.

CR 21 Paving - Done

- JT, think it went well. We haven't heard any complaints.

Vac truck

- JT, Crew is out there getting things done.

Bridge Maintenance

- JT, focusing on the oil and stone bridges

Future paving – 35, 27

- JT, Still trying to determine what we can get done.

Mowing roads

- JT, Mowing crew is moving along. Short one tractor but getting stuff done.

- JK, are they going to mow the north end of CR 18?

- JT, I'm sure they will get there. Ben did reroute them to the oil and stone roads.

Spraying guiderail – Del south and SWMC

- JT, We did not spray in the north this year. Everything under the rail is basically dead and we are now getting a lot of washouts under the rail so we are letting it rest for a year to see if we can get some roots in there to stabilize things.

Oil and Stone – Done (23, 22, SWMC)

- JT, I think things went well. We only had one issue and that was on CR 23.

- JV, We are getting complaints about the road down to the transfer station, they want us to put shoulders on it because the drop is too much. Is there a law that says we have to?

- JT, I don't know if there is a law but it's certainly a liability. I will check for you.

- Delaware North

Oil and Stone – Done (16, 14, 18, 33)

- JT, While we were oil and stoning we found another pipe on CR 14 that we missed so we are now going to be those people who dig up the freshly treated road.

CR 2 pipe

- JT, Have another pipe on CR 2 to get done. Currently scheduled for August 1st. Need to get done before that gets paved.

Mowing

- Crews are out there.

Painting Crew

- JT, Painting centerlines. Don't think we have done any white yet but they will get there.

CR 5 mill and fill

- Just outside of Bovina Center. It's a small project but should help the overall road. We have fixed the rail and the shoulder so this will finish it.

CR 2 rail and shoulder repair

- JT, Same thing here, we have the paving project schedule so we will fix the shoulders because they are getting soft and the rail is starting to tip back.

Future work

Pave CR 2 – Start 8/14

- JT, Scheduled to start on the 14th. Going from old Village line up the hill. That will put that road in pretty good shape too.

Ditching

- JT, Will be starting soon.

CR 14 complaint

- JT, We may be getting sued here, years ago the Town of Franklin put sidewalks in, the road was always lower than the sidewalk so that the sidewalk acted as a berm but now it is higher and water is running down hill and disturbing her foundation. The owner above her put timbers in on the backside of the sidewalk to protect his property and that now forces more water down to her. We have talked to her and we went out and put a milled a little rebate along the sidewalk but that isn't a full solution.

- TM, So what is the real fix and is it our obligation? Is it just her home?

- JT, I don't think it is our obligation. I think it is an issue all the way down through there. The few houses above her the ground is higher behind the sidewalk, so it all comes to She could raise the ground behind the sidewalk and push the water further downhill, that would be her easiest solution.

- TR, Can we raise the sidewalk?

- JT, it isn't our sidewalk.

- PV, So who is responsible for sidewalks, this is an issue in Davenport too. The State put the sidewalk in, but does that make us responsible?

- JT, That is a good question, I don't know the answer, you would need to look at the plans and see if they say anything. It may be a separate document. I know Bovina has sidewalks, Middletown put sidewalks on CR 38 but the County is not responsible.

- TM, We maintain them, we don't shovel them or anything but we fix them if they are broken.

- JT, It's definitely something that we need to figure out. She claims her homeowners insurance won't cover the damage and they are going to sue us for her.

CR 6 complaint

- JT, Other complaint, we mowed the side of the road and the farmer claimed we mowed his hay field and he wants us to reimburse him for the lost hay revenue. We actually own the ROW in fee there so we mowed what was ours.

• Bridge crews

Deck and post and blockouts – scheduled **73** (Harper Road), **124**, **135**

- JT, Bridge 73 should be opened back up to traffic by the end of the week. They are paving today I think.

- JT, Will be moving to Bridge 124 next. That's up by Grand Gorge on Turk Hill Road.

Mill and pave all bridges on Readburn

- JT, Finally got this done.

Shotcrete BR 43 (Bodoit Road) and 28-1a

- JT, did some repairs to BR 43 on Bodoit Road and culvert 28-1a.

- JV, What is shotcrete?

- JT, Concrete that we spray on the plate and rail to cover holes they may have. We try to stay ahead of the State on those, because they will flag it and they don't recognize the shotcrete as a repair.

Bovina Catchbasins

- JT, We will get to these in the Fall.

Sidney Demo's

- JT, 13/35 done, another 1 or 2 are in progress now. There are some people who are angry we didn't abate the lead before we did them. All we can say is we followed all State and Federal guidelines.

Contract demo (5) pre con

- JT, We have five houses that we are bidding out the demolition. Had the prebid meeting yesterday and we had 8 contractors show up. Looking at an October time frame for that work. We will have the bid results at the next meeting.

BR 122 Monitoring plan (State Road Andes)

- JT, We got a Prompt Interim Action (PIA) Red flag on this after the State inspectors went through. The stream has moved and it's eroding around the one wing wall. The land owner has complained about it, we have looked at it and the bridge isn't in danger, it's going to keep going and cut across the Town Road. We have talked to John Bouton, he does want to do something to fix it. The property owner has volunteered to buy the stone. Not sure we'll go there but there will probably be a joint project between the County and the Town at some point. For now we are monitoring it.

• IRT

- JT, We didn't do much. Made some signs, we did deliver and return some chairs for the dinner at the end.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

- JT, Delhi still dragging on. The keep telling us the plumbers have two days and then J&K has a day but nothing seems to move.

- JT, Bloomville is going well. Floor is all in, roof is all on. Working on electrical and plumbing.

- JT, Roof is going on in Walton. First floor pour is schedule next week. So they are moving.

• Builders Risk Insurance

- JT, that will change when Delhi is done and we get a CO.

RESOLUTIONS

Change Order #2 – No Cost Time Extension – Prop 31(2)-22

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
 Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 7/25/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 6/29/2023 to 7/25/2023.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- 5-23. NYS DEC #2302561. 6/29/2023. SWMC. Hydraulic line on roll off truck #1802 failed while driver was loading box at the Hancock Transfer Station. Approximately 40 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to ground surface. DPW personnel conducted spill response and cleanup. Upon speaking with transfer attendant John, he was satisfied with DPW's address of the spill. Spill closed by NYS DEC on 7/11/2023.
- 6-23. NYS DEC #2302707. 7/5/2023. SWMC. Hydraulic line failed on roll off truck #843 while driver was at the Davenport Transfer Station. Approximately 10 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on the paved entrance to the facility. Town of Davenport personnel assisted DPW with spill clean up by providing a road sweeper to sweep contaminated response material up to load into a C & D box. Fred Utter stated he was satisfied with DPW's address of the spill. Spill closed by NYS DEC on 7/11/2023.
- 7-23. 7/5/2023. SWMC. While at the Water Treatment Plant in Walton with vehicle #834, a 2014 Western Star, something on the PTO failed resulting in a small amount of hydraulic oil being lost onto the paved entrance of the facility. Speedy dry was applied to the area to absorb lost fluid. Spill not reported to NYS DEC.
- 8-23. 7/6/2023. NYS DEC #2302757. SWMC. While at the Harpersfield Transfer Station, a hydraulic line failed on a roll off truck. As a result of the failed line, approximately 10 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to the hard pack dirt surface. The facility was closed at the time of the incident. DPW personnel addressed spill. DEC personnel arrived on scene to assess spill. NYS DEC closed spill on 7/13/2023.
- 9-23. 7/24/2023. NYS DEC #2303401. While digging out millings for shoulder work with equipment #718, a 1999 Kobelco excavator a hydraulic failed. As a result of the line failure, approximately 5 to 6 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost onto the blacktop with additional lost oil being contained in the belly pan of the machine. Report and photographs have been forwarded to DEC and are awaiting spill closure.

Safety Office Report 7-26-2023.docx

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3. Facilities

- Annual vehicle lift inspections were conducted on 7/18/2023. All three lifts passed inspection.
- Compost personnel will receive PFT's on 7/26/2023 in accordance with the current medical protocol for employees working at the facility.
- NYMIR has expressed interest in providing training during Safety Days. It is yet to be determined if their personnel will serve as a trainer at one of the designated stations or if they will provide specialty training as a breakout training during the event.
- Walk through inspections have begun.

4. Near Future Objective

- Continue walk through inspections for all patrols.
- Schedule any medical services that are due for personnel.
- Continue working on Safety Days.
- Send letter of invitation to town and villages for Safety Days. Two people from each municipality will be invited to attend.
- Conduct SWPPP inspections.