

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

November 21, 2023

8:45 A.M.

**Attendees:**

George Haynes  
John Kosier  
Patricia Valente  
Jim Thomas  
Lisa Henderson  
Elizabeth DeFalco

Joe Cetta  
Bill Layton  
Jerry Vernold  
Jared Boice  
Tyson Robb

**GENERAL**

• Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

• Equipment Authorizations - W&M

- JT, This is for a County cell phone for the new Weights and Measures person.  
- LH, The phone itself is free, the service is \$50/month. IT can't order the phone without an equipment authorization, even though it is free because the service costs money.  
- Committee approved the purchase.

• Bassett Contract for 2024

- JT, This is an annual contract. Some things are going up but nothing out of control.  
- Committee approved signing the contract.

• Equipment Rental Rates

- LH, I have good news to report. The State has officially adopted the FEMA equipment rate schedule. They actually did this in April but just got around to sending it out to everyone last week. The new rates are posted on the CHIPS page.  
- JT, It is a fairly substantial increase too.  
- LH, It will definitely help the Towns who plow snow for us as we can now reimburse them at the higher rate.  
- LH, It would have been nice to know this when we were doing the budget but there's nothing we can do about that now.

• Auction

- LH, Auction ends tonight. We will get the scrap rate from Otsego today. I will check everything in the morning. If it meets or exceeds the scrap value we will award to the high bidder. If it does not we will counter with the scrap value, if they accept that it will sell. If not it will be taken for scrap. I just need your approval to do that.  
- Committee approved.

**SOLID WASTE**

• Permits

- TR, I think I have a good plan to move forward with this. We are going to thread a needle but I think it will work. I know we have talked about combining all the permits, we can't do that just yet. I will submit for individual permits at this time. Just a lot of changes going on. We are working through it with DEC.

- Compost

- TR, Moving ahead. I have a couple good leads on engineers. Pretty sure we can get it built in a year once we pull the trigger, I just have to find an engineer first.

- Report on Meeting in Albany

- TR, I feel like we made some progress here. As you know they are talking about not being able to treat leachate off site, we do not have the room to treat leachate on site. What they were describing would be hugely redundant.

- JC, I have always had the understanding that the treatment at the Walton facility makes the water drinking quality, not that you would, but you could. So what's the difference?

- TR, The difference is that your waste water treatment plants are regulated by the division of water. Now the division of material management wants to control the liquid portion of materials, it's kind of out of their lane and we aren't really sure how this is going to come down. They are trying to control the water treatment plants from the landfill. They are getting ahead of themselves.

- JC, So this is a division of DEC?

- TR, Yes. And I generally deal with the division of material management.

- JC, We also have to deal with DEP regulations. So we are already meeting their regulations.

- TR, The issue is that my leachate needs to leave the landfill to get there and they want me to treat this on site. We just need to stay on top of this.

- Hardenburg

- TR, We have an annual contract with the Town of Hardenburg to take some of their waste, rate is currently \$83/capita for that section of the Town that is landlocked by Delaware County.

- GH, I think we should look to up it a little bit if it hasn't been changed in a few years.

- TR, I can look at that and see.

- Electric contract

- TR, This is for electric supply. As you know, everything is getting more expensive. We are looking at a 30% increase in electricity by 2030. So there is an opportunity to look at a solar option, basically we would get all utility charges through the NYSEG bill and then 10% would get lopped off, that could be around \$30,000/year. It's a long-term contract, 20 years, I'd have to see what the out was on it. These developers are looking for a commitment of usage of power to fund these projects, there is one ready now that we could jump on if you wanted.

- GH, I would talk to Pete and see what he is thinking, he was looking at that too.

- TR, We just need to look at the contract, it's been with legal for a couple weeks now.

- JT, The 20 year commitment makes me nervous.

- TR, We just need to vet the contract and see what the out is. It doesn't have to be this provider, it's just that they have one ready right now. These things some times take years to get to this point.

- GH, Take a look at it and talk to Pete.

## **ROAD**

- Delaware South

- Getting ready for winter

- Routine maintenance – Ditching, Trees and brush

- Delaware North

- Getting ready for winter

- Routine maintenance – Ditching, brush

## Fuel

- JT, Left the mini excavator on CR 18 over the weekend, when we got there Monday morning it had no fuel left in it. The neighbors saw lights but by the time they got out there they were gone. We lost about 10 gallons of diesel. We talked about locking gas caps but that's a whole other expense. Just wanted you to know.

## BRIDGE

### • BR 32

- JT, This is a fairly big supplement with M&M, it covers some over runs in final design and right of way, most of it is for construction support. The original cost covered support for a one year build, we have know for a while it would be a two year build so this is basically covering that second year. Total increase of \$280,611.25.

- Committee approved.

### • BR 136

- JT, Hoping to see final plans on this soon. Want to get it out to bid in the next few months.

### • BR 7-3

- JT, Still getting paperwork together for the State. Resolution prefiled for design and preliminary engineering.

### • Bridge painting

2024

- JT, Same as 136, hope to get this out to bid in the next few months.

### • Sidney Demos

JT, We are done tearing down houses!

5 on contract

- JT, Gorick was in yesterday and took one down, they are loading that out today. With the holiday we aren't sure if they will do anymore this week. But hoping they will be done within the next couple weeks.

## DPW BLDG PROJECT

### • Construction status report

- JT, We are still here.

- BL, What's the hold up now?

- JT, There's still questions on the electrical panel for the HVAC. Dale was on vacation so he wasn't around to issue a CO anyway. Not sure if he is back or not. Pete and Joe have been working on the keys and security system.

- GH, did they get the IT up and going for the phones and whatever?

- JT, No, they are waiting on us to get them a list of what ports we want live. It sounds like that won't take long.

- GH, Do we have a meeting tomorrow?

- JT, Yes.

- JT, Bloomville is paved. That is moving along pretty good

- JT, They are pouring concrete gutters in Walton.

- BL, Looks like overhead doors are going in.

- JB, Yes, they have the ones on the back side but they are moving along.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Master Federal Aid Agreement for BR 7-3  
4-day work week