

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 3, 2024

8:45 A.M.

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

**GENERAL**

• Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

• Committee Schedule

- The 2024 Committee Meeting schedule was distributed to everyone. Meetings will continue to be at 8:45 am on Board Meeting days. The only exception being the meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, there is no board meeting that day.

• Auction

- JT, The auction for the tandem that was not sold the first time ended, we got \$10,200 for it. That is less than before but hopefully they will pay and come get it.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancy

- JT, We are losing Trish to WAC, it's more money and cheaper benefits so we can't blame her but we are sad to see her go.  
- Committee approved.

• Payment of Overtime

- JT, We do this annually, it allows us to pay salaried employees instead of them accumulating comp time.  
- After a brief discussion the Committee approved the request.

• Weights & Measures

- JT, Every year we look at what invoices haven't been paid for Weights & Measures and determine if they can be written off as a loss. We do this once they are past five years. For 2018 there is only one unpaid invoice from the Andes Hotel for \$100.00. The Hotel is under new ownership now so it only makes sense to let go.  
- Committee approved.  
- GH, Is there a lot of unpaid invoices?  
- JT, In 2019 there's \$236, four of those places are now out of business. In 2020 there is \$952.00, and it goes up from there. Brian is in the process of sending out notices now so hopefully we can get that down.  
- LH, One of the hard things with places like CVS, Walgreens, Tops and such is finding the correct place to send the invoices, once you find that, they will pay but it can be a real process.

## **SOLID WASTE**

### • Permits

- TR, not a lot new to report since last time. We are moving ahead on these. We have to figure out what to do with the C&D. Will be working with GHD to see what is the most cost effective way to go. Can we recycle it? If so how would we do that? Versus how much space on the cell will it take to process C&D on the cell?
- GH, So we can no longer have a dedicated C&D Cell?
- TR, Correct.
- GH, Can we do something on the cell?
- TR, That's the question, you would need a building and that's not an ideal place to put a building. It's not impossible but it presents some challenges. To process C&D we have to have an enclosed structure. It would just be a grinder, if we move that direction we would look to get a grinder that could do tires as well. Between the C&D export and the disposal of tires you are looking at \$500,000/\$600,000. So if we can mitigate that.
- GH, So once the tires are ground you can get rid of them?
- TR, Maybe, there are several different things you can do with them. If you grind them to certain specifications they can be used as a drainage layer in the cell, we've used them as a road base, they are allowed as a filter in a septic system.
- GH, My question was there is something to do with them, we won't just grind them and then they set there in a pile.
- TR, We would probably still ship them but the shipping becomes much easier. The rest of the State what they do is make turf out of them or burn them for energy. When they are whole tires, we are remote and we ship a lot of air.
- TM, The State allows them to be burned?
- TR, Yes, that's what happens to a lot of them. So, anyways, I am looking to have GHD do that study. They submitted a proposal but I haven't had time to go through it yet. I'll have that at the next meeting. It would be an extension/supplement to the current contract.

### • Cell 4s

- TR, Still working through the certification report. They want to see our secondary flow data, our flow meters are set up in line with the leachate collection system and I'm haven't been pumping clean water into the leachate tanks but that's what they want to see. So we will move that water through the flow meters to get the data they want. It will take a couple months but we'll get there. We have been manually pumping it so they see months with no data. But we will get it taken care of. That will give us time to get it covered with a rain cover before we move in.

### • Reclamation

- TR, I envision this happening once we combine all the permits.

### • Compost

- TR, Up and running. Some little breakdowns here and there, nothing significant. Just routine maintenance kind of things. The organics receiving area is working really well. The plant manager is retiring in April. So we will need to look for someone to replace him.

JC, You just got interviewed, I see the DEC just passed their new plan?

TR, Yes. It's a good plan. There are some things in there that will really help. The paint stewardship program is great, that will help reduce our clean sweep costs. The paint companies will now cover the cost of paint disposal. The red flag to me is the disposal charge for the tonnage landfilled.

GH, What happened with that?

TR, It is still in there, it is just vague. They are recommending to the legislature that this be put in place. So it is not implemented yet and it's hard to say what that will look like. We have expressed that municipally owned facilities be exempted, there is some thought that if you have an adopted and approved Solid Waste Management Plan that you would be exempted. There are various ways this could be implemented so it doesn't affect us. We just need to keep our eyes on it as we move forward and make sure our representatives know how this will affect us.

JC, My take away from the article was that we are already doing a lot of the things that they are talking about.

JT, We talked about a tour with all of the new Supervisors. Is there a timeframe you are thinking about?

TM, Maybe tie it to a Board meeting.

JC, We should wait until the new building is ready at Neale Road, that's soon right?

TM, We don't need to decide now.

## **ROAD**

### • Delaware North & South

Winter

- JT, We are chasing snow if/when it snows.

- GH, At least we aren't pushing our spares.

Routine maintenance

- JT, If it's not snowing we are basically doing tree and brush work and other routine maintenance. New chipper is working well.

Minor floor repairs

- JT, We didn't have any major damage from the high water. We had 18 closed for a while, 2 was closed for a few hours.

- GH, 33 was under.

- JT, Yes, that was an odd one. We aren't sure what happened there, maybe the beaver damn came out and pushed that up for a bit.

- JT, But other than that, we only had a few little wash outs.

## **BRIDGE**

### • BR 32

- JT, Still shut down.

### • BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, Should have the bid out soon.

- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
  - JT, This is still with the state.
  - GH, And that is really going to be \$5.3 million?
  - JT, Yes. It will probably be more than that. There's a lot of road work, the bridge needs to be bigger and we'll have to raise the road to meet the 100 year storm.
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
  - Application due January 26, 2024
  - JT, We have to finalize our picks soon and get that application in. Pretty sure we know what we are doing, will be 2 bridges.

#### Culverts

- JT, This is part of the Bridge NY that is for Towns. The Village of Fleischmanns has asked about it. The Town of Delhi has asked. I don't know how much of a chance they have of getting anything. I'm trying to find out from the State.
- GH, I was thinking about that culvert Kortright has on Braehead, that's a five or six foot culvert.
- JT, It's really for the bigger culverts because of all the studies that need to be done, it's not worth it on the smaller projects.

- Bridge painting 2024

- JT, Again, hoping this is out to bid soon as well.

#### **DPW BLDG PROJECT**

- Construction status report

- JT, We started moving yesterday. Just moving files and things we don't use every day. The Bridge Crew is moving stuff. Waiting on IT to come to move computers. We were hoping they would set up Lisa's new computer and the new copier so that we could test everything but that hasn't happened yet. So we will just keep plugging away at it.
- JB, There's only one way in and out so it's not a fast process.
- BL, How's the building at the landfill coming?
- JB, It's mostly down to the mechanical stuff inside the building now.
- JT, What they have done is finish the building then the next crew comes in. So when they finish up in Bloomville, then they go to Neale Road. It's a process but they are moving. I think we should be able to get them done this summer.

TM, Are we meeting after the Board meeting?

JT, Yes.