

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 24, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:

George Haynes
John Kosier
Jerry Vernold
Jim Thomas
Lisa Henderson

Joe Cetta
Bill Layton
Tina Molé
Jared Boice
Tyson Robb

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy
 - JT, Erik, the Compost Plant Manager is retiring at the end of March, we hate to see him go but he's served his time. So I need authorization to fill the position.
 - Committee approved.
 - JC, Do you have someone in mind?
 - JT, Not really.
 - TR, This allows us to start looking. We'll see what's out there.
- NYSASWM Dues - Tyson & Andrew (\$75 each)
 - JT, These are \$75/person per year.
 - Committee approved.

SOLID WASTE

- Permits
 - TR, Permit renewals are in for Cell 6 and the C&D Cell last fall. DEC came down to the site randomly a couple weeks ago, we had a brief meeting, that was helpful. That has worked out well as far as the C&D cell goes. We may have to the end of 2025 to figure something out. We also talked about the reclamation, we will submit that in the next year or so.
- Cell 4s
 - TR, We have a certification pending, we should have permission to move in a week or two. I wouldn't move in there right away.
- Reclamation
 - TR, this is not tied to our permit yet. We need to look at the budget, the bioreactor is going to be expensive and the C&D processing, we can't do it all at once so we really need to look at what we can push off a little bit.
- B&L contract
 - TR, I did get a proposal from Barton and Loguidice for professional services for the bioreactor replacement. They are very prevalent with solid waste facilities in the State. They will help us to get solid design plans to bid out as well as with project management. This would start in the beginning of March, it is fairly aggressive, they want to be finished by June of 2025.
 - GH, How many proposals do you have?

- TR, This is really the only one. The options are pretty sparse given what we are looking at.
- GH, I'm asking because I know this is something we need to keep moving so are we still going to be looking or do we have what we need?
- TR, This will definitely help. I'm tied up with reporting right now so I don't have time to move this right now.
- JC, So this is for design?
- TR, It would be for design and on site oversight. Come in, look at what we have, look at what our problems are, look at other facilities, compile the bid documents, manage the distribution of the bids and any addendums and then help with the construction phase.
- GH, How much is that?
- TR, \$308,000, about \$230,000 of that is the construction document phase but at the end of that we would have CAD drawings of the bioreactor which we don't have now.
- GH, Do you have other proposals you are waiting on?
- JT, We are getting a lot of we can't do that. This is really the only response we are going to get.
- TR, I have reached out to over a dozen firms, this is the only response we have got. I can wait and see if anyone else comes back.
- GH, Do you want to wait? For a six-million-dollar project that's not a bad price.
- JC, If you can get design and all that for under 15% we are doing good.
- TR, I did push them for a schedule, it's very aggressive, I don't think they can hit the June 2025 mark with fabrication. This just gives us a starting place. This is based on 160 hours of on-site inspection time. If it goes above that it would be a time and material thing. I feel we can do a fair amount of the on-site inspection; we can go down and take pictures. I don't see them needing to be there every day.
- Committee approved signing the contract.

- Compost

- TR, The variable frequency drive will be installed next Monday, we have been waiting on that for a while now. That will help with electric use. The other thing we have been waiting on is the warranty work on the pump that monitors the secondary leachate flow in cell 4e, they will be here on the 30th to get that working.

- Fuel tanks

- TR, Fuel tanks are being upgraded.

- PFAS

- TR, We have been talking about this for a while, it is now here. They are going to start sampling the biosolids at all the wastewater treatment plants for PFAS. We will see how this turns out, I don't know where it will go. I just think it's going to be very expensive and we will see pushback on the generators of the PFAS, they are really looking for the industrial producers. I would expect all the treatment plants to see the DEC in the next few weeks.

TM, What did you email me about my transfer station?

TR, That you are small enough that you are exempt. They also said they won't enforce that you need a financial assurance plan to shut down but if you wanted to do one they would accept it. They wouldn't put that in writing. They basically just want proof you aren't going to trash the place and run off.

ROAD

- Delaware South

Winter

Routine maintenance – Trees and brush, equipment maintenance

Trucks – no spare with 439 down

Walton building heat

- Delaware North

Winter

Routine maintenance – Trees and brush, equipment maintenance

Trucks – spare right now

GH, The trucks that are down, are they major issues?

JB, 439 has been at Ben Funk for most of the year. We spent \$35,000 and it made one trip and now it's got a check engine light that no one has ever seen before.

JK, How old is it?

JB, I think it's a 16 or 17. It sits out here in dereg mode, Ben Funk has been over and hooked their computer on it, it will probably be back over there by the end of the week. Should be under warranty.

- Clean Path electric line. 2, 26, 17

- JT, This is an underground line that is following the Marcy South line, 2 & 26 are pretty simple, it just crosses. 17 it hits right at Horton, it runs along the road for a while and then goes under the road and the river. We are working with them, they don't understand how we operate and we need to ensure that they will not be in our way. They want to only go 3 feet deep, that doesn't really get them where we want them but we will continue to work with them to get what we need.

BRIDGE

- BR 32 - payments

- JT, Working on reimbursement requests. Probably have about 2 months of work this summer and that will be done.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, We have seen some movement, hopefully we can get this out soon.

- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)

- JT, This has been pretty quiet, waiting for no snow on the ground and free time to get started.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- JT, Modjeski and Masters should have the draft applications to us for review later today. Applications are due Friday. We are looking at 41-2 in Roxbury and Bridge 5 which is the Corbett suspension bridge. Hopefully we can get them both on the program. Corbett would be a new deck and superstructure and Roxbury would be a whole new bridge. I have talked to Alan and we will find a way to make it work. That bridge needs to be done and if it isn't on the program and it goes down, it will sit there so we will find a way to get it done.

- Bridge painting 2024
 - JT, Almost ready to go out to bid.
- Bridge painting 2022 - payments
 - JT, We have submitted for reimbursement, should be able to close this out shortly.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report
 - JT, Clearly we are moved in.
 - TM, How is it going?
 - JT, It's going ok, there are some aches and pains but we are working through them. Building maintenance and IT have been here a few times. There are things we would do differently but there always is. I was impressed with how good the moving of the computers went, there was a few hours when we couldn't print but they got that fixed pretty quick.
 - TM, I have been approached by the owner of Birdsong about the old building, he wants a tour, he is interested in buying it. I want to talk to Art but I think if he buys it and puts it back on the tax rolls and saves us the money of demolishing it, what would be the down side of that?
 - JT, He just needs to be made aware of all the issues with the building, and we aren't going away, this is a construction site, we aren't quiet.

A lengthy discussion was held on what would need to happen for us to sell the building to him.

Committee was in favor of getting it back on the tax rolls.

- JT, Other buildings are moving along, not fast but they are moving. It's a slow time of year.

RESOLUTIONS

Machinery Rentals

TOUR

- TR, Do you want to do a tour of the Solid Waste Facility at some point?
- JT, I was thinking more of this building right now.
- TM, Do you have time after the meeting today?
- JT, We are done at 2:30. How long do you think you will be?
- TM, What if we wait until after the next meeting? We have 2 presentations today.
- JT, That works, it gives them time to plan.