

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 27, 2024

8:45 A.M.

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

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy
 - JT, we have several of these.
 - JT, First we would like to promote Jeremy MacIntyre from Auto Mechanic to Sr. Auto mechanic, he has worked out really well.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Bill Carpenter is retiring. He is a long time employee and will be hard to replace.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Josh Mostert has resigned to go to the private sector. He is a young kid. His foreman came in very upset that we don't pay enough to keep these kids here. I know the contract is probably the best we've had in a while but we are still falling short.
 - Committee approved filling the vacancy.
 - JT, Robert Chichester no longer works for us. It just wasn't working out. Need to fill this position again as well.
 - Committee approved.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, This is for communications headsets for vac truck \$1,378.00. We used to have them but the old ones are worn out. It really is difficult to hear when that truck is operating.
 - JT, This will come out of the \$5,000 we have budgeted for small tools.
 - Committee approved.
- Travel Authorizations - CLRP Workshops
 - JT, we have two different workshops we would like to send 6 people each to. It is \$60 per person plus travel. One is Local Roads Done Right, that is in Cobleskill on April 8th, the other is Pavement Maintenance, that is in Binghamton on May 7th.
 - Committee approved both.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Report was distributed. Copy attached.

SOLID WASTE

- Kraft and DOMO

TR, So we have a unique system at solid waste as you know, we like to use the compost for as much as we can for typical household garbage. A couple years ago we started a tipping fee for

industrial products, this was mostly due to DOMO's sludge being so wet and we were trying to negotiate with them to make it more solid. This really worked because they didn't want to pay the fee. So now we have two industries that produce common garbage that can't go to the composter because they would create problems. It is mostly the nylon strapping, they just aren't sorting to conform with our process. So the thought is do we go the same route with them and call it an industrial by-product and charge them if they don't sort it out. Just a thought.

- JT, It would be a change in how we do things so I would like to get your opinion/thoughts on this.
- JC, Are there others who are already paying a fee for this?
- TR, No, we would be changing how we apply the rule, the fee is there, we would be adding to what we charge the fee for. I would give them lots of notice to comply.
- Committee was fine with trying.

- Compost

- TR, A while ago we sent out some bales of the residuals from primary sort which is a lot of fill, to a new company for analysis. This is a new company starting in Ohio I think, they said 33% was feed stock for them, they are looking for 60% but if we remove the metals and the 2" minus we may be able to send that for chemical recycling. I have a call with them tomorrow. It would take some work on the front end to clean up the product but I think it's very doable.
- TR, We have selected a new plant manager, he will start on the 1st.
- JC, Was that promotional?
- TR, Yes. We did have some good candidates from the outside as well. We had 3 external and 3 internal candidates.
- JT, We should have had one more authorization but I was too slow. We will need to replace the person we promoted. So keep an eye on your email.

ROAD

- Millings for NYSEG

- JT, We store the vac truck there for winter, it is a good set up. Only thing they ask for is 10 loads of millings so we will be delivering them as long as you are all ok with it. It's a good deal.
- Committee approved.

- Delaware South

Tree trimming, CR's 26 and 17
Snow + ice

- Delaware North

Tree trimming, numerous roads
Snow + ice

- JT, North got hit harder with this recent storm but we are in good shape.

- Chips funding cut – Senate and Assembly

- JT, As we talked before they wanted to cut it. Both the Senate and the Assembly have bills to put it back and/or add to it. So as Tina said last time, it's all just a show.

- Salt usage – 300T shy of 70%
 - JT, We are about 300 tons shy of our 70% but we have room in Walton or if we get another storm we'll be set. We need to look at our requirements because we now have the new shed in Bloomville to fill. So we will have to make some adjustments.
- Fuel islands
 - Bloomville functioning 100%, not running off an extension cord.
 - Delhi scheduled for upgrade – being drawn down.
 - JB, Still at about 4 feet of capacity but we are getting there.
 - TM, Did you get ARPA money for that?
 - LH, Yes, for the landfill and Delhi. The landfill portion is spent, we will have the Delhi portion spent by the end of the summer.
 - JT, Wayne Marshfield asked me about that a week or so ago too. I told him where we were.
- Bovina 5K road race
 - JT, Just an FYI on this. Race is in August, we will work with them to make sure we have the necessary insurance and such.
- Signage for Bramley Mountain Fire Tower
 - JT, Again, just an FYI. They want to put signs up on 28 and CR 18 to direct people to the trail head. They will supply signs and we will install so it is done right.

BRIDGE

- BR 32
 - JT, Shut down right now, on schedule for a May 6th start up. They will be done this summer. That will be a good project to have done.
- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3
 - JT, Opened bids on March 14th. We got four bids, Tioga came in low at \$2,558,539.85. We had this estimated at \$3 million. They were all pretty close. Resolution is prefiled to make award as we have the State's approval to move forward.
 - JT, Our Bridge 138 is going to get a lot of traffic with this closed and the State closing the 17 on ramp. But we just did some work on that so it should be fine.
 - JB, There might be some issues in the Village because there are some tight corners but the bridge is a straight shot so that shouldn't be a problem.
 - JK, How long will that be closed?
 - JT, Our bridge will be closed for two years. Steel availability is an issue.
- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
 - JT, Moving slow on this, still in survey.
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - JT, Awards were to be made mid-March, I haven't heard anything yet.
- Bridge painting 2024

- JT, Also opened on March 14th, we had 3 bids. Amstar was low at \$419,000. Estimate was \$399,000 so pretty close. The next two bids were significantly higher. Amstar is good, you see them on State jobs all the time.

- Bridge Crew

- JT, Working on fabricating for 2024 construction.
- JT, On Monday Pete called about demolition of the garage on the DSS site.
- JB, we have the U-dig request in but that won't be back until Wednesday so it will be at least the next week before we get to it.
- TM, Is that where we are building?
- JB, Yes.
- TM, And it's not usable?
- JB, Where it sits, once you build there won't be access because it's too close to the property line. The trees are going to have to come down too. We will work on that next week. Pete said the contractor is coming in on Monday so we will coordinate to not be in their way.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- JT, Not a lot to report here. Biggest thing is we are making them move some pipes that were put in too low.
- JB, The rest of the pipes are at 9 feet and these are 18 inches lower. It's unacceptable.
- JT, Bloomville is pretty quiet. There's some pipes that need to be fixed there as well, it looks like crap. But we are plugging along.
- JT, Once they get that done the GC has about a month's worth of things to clean up. Paving is scheduled in May.
- JK, And there will be signage out on 10 then?
- JT, Yes.

RESOLUTIONS

Award Prop 26-24 Dug Road

Award Prop 27-24 2024 Bridge Preservation

Appropriation of Fund Balance - Machinery Fund

- JC, That's because the cost was over correct?
- LH, Yes. The quotes we got to place the order were higher than what we were quoted at budget time.
- JB, We may hit some issues with the rolloffs too because they can't get the hoists for another 8 months and we can't pay them because we don't have the trucks.

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 3/26/2024

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 2/28/2024 to 3/26/2024.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- Annual fire extinguisher inspections are near completion.
- Hearing Tests continue for DPW personnel and outside municipalities.
- Workplace Violence Committee met on 3/19/2024.
- Safety Committee meeting being held on 3/27/2024.
- SWMC Compost Respiratory Protection Program is being updated. Changes have been made regarding current respirators used by personnel during certain operations.
- First Aid kits are being updated
- Obtaining quotes for new audiology equipment
- Two employees are participating in Entry Level Driver training. One has road test scheduled.

4. Near Future Objectives

- SWPPP Inspections
- Schedule Erosion and Sediment Control training
- Finish conducting annual hearing tests for DPW personnel
- Begin working on Safety Days for 2024
- Review medical protocols and ensure employees are up to date with necessary health screenings.

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