

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 10, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	Bill Layton	John Kosier
	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 27, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, Have two requests. First is for a chain saw for Delhi Patrol 2. \$586.50. This will come out of the \$5,000 for small tools and leave a balance of \$3,035.50.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Second is for a leaf blower for East Meredith, \$246.50, will come from the \$5,000. Balance will now be at \$2,789.00.
 - Committee approved.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancy
 - JT, This is for an HEO II in Delhi. Frank DeBellis is retiring. This leaves us 5 people short between Delhi and East Meredith.
 - Committee approved filling the vacancy.
 - JT, We do have some applications and we are in the process of hiring one person. The others are still in the internal transfer period so we can't interview from outside yet. Hopefully we can get some people on before too long.
- Scrap Delhi Fuel Tanks
 - LH, We are seeking permission to scrap the Delhi tanks once they are removed. This eliminates a lot of issues that could come up if the tanks were sold at auction.
 - After a brief discussion the Committee agreed to scrap the tanks.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost
 - TR, Mostly working on invoicing and reporting. I have tour coming up for FreePoint which is the chemical recycling company I talked about last time, they reached out and are buying a load of clean film, that will go out this week. No resolution on the residuals from compost yet.
 - TR, We did look at the ring rear, tires and trunnions on the bioreactor, they look good and we should be able to reuse them. Mostly what I have been doing is setting up meetings for B&L with the different vendors I have found over the past year or two. We are moving and hope to have the bid out this fall.

- C&D meeting

- TR, We have a meeting set up in a few weeks with GHD, we will meet with DEC and come out with a plan of what is allowable and how much it's going to cost. So that's good.
- TR, We took down the garage for DSS, are we charging them for that?
- GH, I don't think that's something they have funding for. It wasn't that much was it?
- TR, It was 3 dump truck loads, and I just need to know what we are doing.
- TM, I think we just absorb that.
- Committee agreed.

ROAD

- Delaware South

- JT, Not a lot going on, doing tree trimming and starting some driveway pipes.

- Delaware North

- JT, Still just doing tree trimming on numerous roads. Asplundh is here doing work around power lines.
- JT, Have four crews, currently working as two due to shortage of people.

- Salt usage

- JT, Next year's requirement is due by May 1st, it will probably be similar to this year. We need to fill Bloomville. We will probably have Walton full and Delhi fuller than we want to get to our 70% this year.

- Fuel islands

- JT, Bloomville functioning 100% - tanks are full. Delhi is being drawn down, the unleaded has been shut down.
- JB, Diesel has 3 feet left but it's coming down.
- GH, Is that building locked now?
- JB, Yes. So they can leave the gates open.
- GH, That shouldn't be a problem.

BRIDGE

- BR 32

- JT, Still on hold – startup 5/6/24

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, Preconstruction yesterday, working on start date – around 5/13.

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

- JT, Survey was received yesterday. Currently emailing more information about the 2007 flood to them.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- JT, 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett), still no word on this. They said mid-March but who knows when an announcement will be made.

- Bridge painting 2024

- JT, Preconstruction yesterday - tentative start of May 6th End May 20th ?
- LH, They hope to be in and out pretty quickly. They plan to work on both bridges simultaneously.

- Bridge Crew

- JT, Still working on fabrication for 2024 projects.
- JT, DSS garage demo is done.
- JT, We have a quote for Training, \$8,250.00 for 8 people will be done here.
- LH, They are coming here so I didn't do an authorization as there is no travel involved.
- GH, How long is this good for?
- JB, It's really not good for anything other than getting ready to get certified. It's rather complicated and this was the best deal I can find.
- GH, But how often do you need to get certified?
- JB, What we get from this is a competency certification that get us closer to being able to apply for actual New York State certification. I had two other options, one was five days and \$4,000 per person and the other was three days and it was \$2,000/person/crane and we have 5 cranes. This is really the best option I could find and it will cover our three main cranes.
- JK, Where does the actual certification take place?
- JB, Could be Albany, could be Utica, where ever the State sends you. It is a written and practical exam. The kicker is that you have to use whatever crane they have there and you only get one 20 minute training on that machine.
- TM, What are the prerequisites to be a crane operator?
- JB, It really depends on what type of crane you are looking at. But basically you need three years on site under a certified crane operator to start. Then you need to operate it at least 100 hours/year to keep your certification.
- JC, So is it anticipated that at some point all 8 people will be certified?
- JB, That's the hope. At least half of them for sure.
- GH, And then we run into the temptation to lose them once they are certified?
- JB, Yes. That is definitely a concern.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- JT, We haven't seen anything going on in Bloomville but Jeff has said there is work happening. Not a huge deal because I don't see us moving until fall.
- JB, Exactly, but they need to get done and get out so we can do what we need to do.
- JT, Still haven't fixed the elevator drain here.
- JB, No, I have seen J&K this week but nothing of DiGesare.
- JT, Neale Road is coming along.
- JB, they are doing a bunch of tin work and duct work
- JC, I saw a couple people up on the roof when I came by.

RESOLUTIONS

None

BL, What's going on with the old building? Is the guy still interested?

TM, Yes. But it takes time, we can't just sell it.

JT, I have been talking to Shelly about the property lines and such.

TM, When will you be out of there?

JT, Hopefully by Fall.

JB, There is a lot of stuff that needs to come out of there. Where the vans are stored, there is a ton of stuff to move. And we can't move that until we get everyone else moved to the new buildings.

JT, So realistically it would be next spring before it was ready to be sold.

GH, But we can work on the property lines and such now so we are ready.

JT, Yes. One question Shelly had was the parking lot where we parked, that is currently a separate lot, do we want to keep it that way? There are things to work out.

GH, I would think we would keep them separate, I think they can still sell them together.