

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 22, 2024

8:45 A.M.

AGENDA

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Jerry Vernold	Jim Thomas
	Jared Boice	Lisa Henderson
	Liz DeFalco	

**GENERAL**

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - The minutes of the May 5, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
- Travel Authorization
  - LH, that's not really ready yet because I don't know who is going yet.
  - GH, I will go if everyone thinks I should but I really don't want to miss the CWC meeting.
  - JT, Tyson did ask if he could bring one of the maintenance guys as well.
  - LH, OK, I'll do it for four people and we'll take it from there.
  - Committee approved.
- Safety Officer's Report
  - Report was distributed to everyone. Copy is attached.

**SOLID WASTE**

- Compost
  - JT, Doing routine maintenance. Everything is up and running right now.
- C&D meeting
  - JT, After the last meeting Tyson went to Albany for a meeting. We have been given a stay for right now. Don't know how long it will last but it buys us some time to develop a plan.
  - JT, GHD was at that meeting as well. Now that we have more time they are going to focus more on the reclamation.
- Rain cover bid – due next week
  - JT, Bids are due back next week. That will cover half of Cell 4s and reduce the amount of leachate we get from the cell.
- Asbestos
  - JT, We have been getting a lot of calls about asbestos. Everyone else has raised their rates so we are currently the most affordable option. So we will probably up that fee to get back on track.
  - LH, Please just remember that if we change tipping fees we need to do a resolution, we can't just change them.
  - JT, This is preliminary, just to let everyone know we are thinking about it.

## **ROAD**

- Oil and stone hauling
  - JT, Carver is still hauling in the stone.
- Delaware South
  - Tree trimming
  - Driveway pipes
  - Ditching
- Delaware North
  - Tree trimming
  - CR 18 pipes this week
  - GH, Are there more pipes on CR 18 after this week?
  - JT, I don't think so, they have three this week and we'll be good.
  - Pipes on CR 6 went well
- Fuel islands
  - Bloomville functioning 100%
  - Delhi scheduled for upgrade asap
  - Walton down, upgrade as soon as we can
  - JB, I'm trying to stay on top of them to keep them moving.
- Cleanpath – no new news
  - JT, I was going to talk to Shelly and see if they have heard anything.
  - JV, I got an email yesterday that they have spent the funds they had and they want an additional \$32,000 in intervener funds. If they can't get that they are going to ask the administrative officer to move some of the reallocate the funds from consultants that haven't been used up. That's the latest I've heard on that.
- Spraying RFP
  - LH, We only got one response this year. Price went up from \$233/acre to \$265/acre. Just an FYI that it's out there.
  - GH, Do you know about how much that runs a year?
  - LH, Not off the top of my head. If I had to guess I'd say around \$20,000.
  - JB, And it's money well spent for sure. We could keep things mowed and trimmed for that price.

JB, We are currently pretty short on mechanics. One got hurt at home, he's got a broken pelvis so he's out for a while. We have another with some family issues that he needs to take care of so he's going to be in and out. That leaves us one mechanic. So if you hear outside agencies complaining that we can't get them in, that's why. We've told them to start booking appointments at the garages in town, we don't even have people to keep our fleet on the road.

JT, One of our 2019 brooms blew a motor. It's about \$17,000 to replace it. The broom was \$55,000 new so it's probably pushing \$80,000 now. Committee authorized the repair.

JT, We sent about 30 some people to Soil and Water erosion training last week. That went very well.

## **BRIDGE**

- BR 32

Started milling this week. They are using the millings for the new road.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

Started excavation this week.

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

Design started. Not much movement there.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)

Awards???-??

- Bridge painting 2024

Moving along.

Morton Hill

- JT, We told them not to put the old rail back up, we will be able to come in and put up the new rail as they move out.

- Bridge Crew

Fabricating for 2024 construction

BR 122, State Road Andes

- JT, This is done. Landowner has a project there now but we have completed what we needed to. The landowner was very good to work with.

Post and Blockouts BR 158 started 5/6, paving next week

- JB, It has a new deck, new rail system. The nuts and bolts are all different on this new system so we are figuring the kinks out.

- JT, The town is actually doing oil and stone on that road this year so that will be nice to get that sealed this year.

- JB, The one thing we are running into is communication companies running lines right along the beams. You think it's all overhead and then you get there and there's a line drooping down right in the way.

Crane School

- On going right now. Beig done on site.

Odgen Street

- JB, Should start here on Tuesday.

- JC, About 6 weeks?

- JB, Hopefully. If everything goes well. NYSEG has a gas line that runs right through the one wall. They have assured us that it is no longer in use. We shall see.

- JC, And the watermain that runs along the bridge?

- JB, We are trying not to affect that. Have been working with Butch. We have a plan.

Hancock bridges

- JT, We put up advance warning signs that we were going to be doing some bridge work in Hancock. They were not well received.

- JV, My favorite statement is that the Town has nothing to do with that.

- JV, I need to read this petition into the minutes.

We the residents of Lordville having just been advised by posting of a sign that our bridge crossing Humphries Creek which is the only access to our hamlet from New York. That segway will be closed at the beginning of July lasting for six to eight weeks. There will be no access to US Mail or Emergency Services from New York State. We also have residents who are in dire need of pharmaceuticals that are available only by delivery, we do not anticipate that any of these situations will be made available in our current favor. We are demanding a public meeting on this matter prior to any movement by the Delaware County bridge repair crew to be able to have clear understanding of the repairs timeline and our options for services. Signed by 37 people.

- JV, I have talked to Jim and he has agreed to come to our next Board meeting to discuss it.

- JV, I also have a letter from the fire chief to read. (copy attached).

- LH, To be clear, we always notify emergency services and everyone else that will be affected. To say they weren't notified is completely untrue. Once we have an actual time frame, we let everyone know.

- JB, There is really no easy way to do either of these. There is nowhere to put a temporary in Lordville. You are between a sheer rock wall on one side and cavern on the other. It's a one lane road at best. Even if I could put a temporary in, the road would have to be closed. Both of them have powerlines over them. The bridge on 67, there's a house and a garage where the temporary sat when they built the original bridge. And that was a 90-foot temporary. We don't have anything that big.

- JC, So what's the solution?

- JV, I don't know, but it's a County bridge the town has nothing to do with it.

- JC, So will you host a community forum to discuss it?

- JV, Yes, at the Board meeting next week.

- JB, We are just trying to be proactive and get this done before the State comes in and flags them and closes them because that opens up a whole different set of problems. It's totally out of our hands.

- JV, So say the State closes the bridge, you say it's out of your hands, what's the procedure?

- JB, They call and say close the bridge. We have to close it immediately and we can't open it back up until they say so. We lose all control.

- JT, We tried to plan these during the summer so we don't interfere with school and we only have so much time to work in the stream per DEC. Our hands are tied to an extent with the time frame.

## **DPW BLDG PROJECT**

### **• Construction status report**

Walton paving went well

Slow otherwise

There is a lot of inside stuff that needs to be done. The contractor has been having a hard time getting employees in to do the work.

- JT, I talked to the inspector this morning and basically everyone but DiGesare is in pretty good shape.

- GH, The paving is scheduled for mid-June at Bloomville.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Prop 28-21 Change order #2-EC
  - JT, this is mostly just the IT room in Bloomville, they weren't fully designed when we went to bid so this addresses that.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – personnel issues

The meeting adjourned after the executive session with no decisions being made.

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To: File  
From: Tawny Meres  
Safety & Training Manager  
Re: Safety Office Report  
Date: 5/21/2024

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 3/26/2024 to 5/21/2024.

**1. Accidents**

- 5-24. 4/29/2024. While driving vehicle #393, a 2007 Western Star tandem dump, the driver failed to see a trash pump being utilized by the Bridge Maintenance patrol and ran over the pump. As a result of the incident, the pump needed replacement. Replacement cost was \$1250.00.

**2. Spills**

- 4-24. 5/7/2024. Small spill on County Route 6. Approximately 2 gallons of hydraulic oil was lost on to paved surface as a result of a failed hydraulic line. Crews immediately addressed spill.

**3. Facilities**

- 5/16/2024. DPW personnel attended Erosion and Sediment Control training. 35 employees attended the training.
- Annual hoist inspections have been scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024.
- 4/8/2024 Demag hoist at Solid Waste Management Center Compost facility received annual Inspection. Hoist passed inspection.
- Delaware County Fairgrounds have been secured for 2024 Safety Days.
- A trainer from DOT has been secured for Safety Days.
- One employee is receiving Entry Level Driver Training.
- Safety Committee meeting was held on 3/27/2024.
- Safety Officer is working on a tentative prescription Safety Eyewear program with Franklin Eyewear in Delhi, NY.
- 11 Seasonal employees have received orientation training.
- During routine inspections of AED's, one AED had an error code and was removed from service. Issue was resolved with the assistance of Technical Support from the manufacturer. AED was returned to service with approval from manufacturer.

Safety Office Report 5-21-2024.docx

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#### 4. **Near Future Objectives**

- Secure additional trainers for Safety Days.
- Obtain quotes for new hearing booth.
- Update all orientation training material.
- Facility Inspections.