

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 26, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	Bill Layton	Jerry Vernold
	Jim Thomas	Jared Boice
	Lisa Henderson	Tyson Robb
	Molly Oliver	Alyshia Korba

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes of the May 22nd and June 12th meetings were approved as presented.
- Equipment Authorizations
 - JT, We have a few of these. 2000 gallon water tank kit. Budgeted \$23,000, came in at \$28,214.
 - GH, What's that for?
 - JT, The water truck at the landfill.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next up are a couple after the fact authorizations. Delhi fuel pumps, this is for the tank that was delivered this spring.
 - LH, This is for the ARPA funds, Christa said we didn't need an authorization but they are now insisting that we need it. So this is just for the portion that we are spending now.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, This is for the APRA funds for the fuel master upgrade at the SWMC that we spent in February.
 - Committee approved.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Report was distributed to everyone. Copy attached.

At this time Molly Oliver from Friends of the Upper Delaware River gave a brief presentation to the Committee.

- Hancock TU project meeting 6/27 - Bodoit Road - BR 43
 - MO, We are considering putting in a water quality improvement program through a NYS DEC grant which is due at the end of July, that would be for a bridge replacement and stream stabilization project in Fishs Eddy in the Town of Hancock. We actually had the money to do the upstream portion of this work three years ago but couldn't do the work because the FEMA Flood Plain maps were so old and out of date that the stream was completely different. So the Town used ARPA funds to hire someone to update the Flood plain maps. That work was recently completed and the engineer is working with FEMA on the final details. This area is a significant priority to the Town as the landowners are losing a lot of property to the stream. There is so much sediment coming down and going into the stream. So now we have a three year old plan for the upstream work that will clearly need to be updated but if possible, we are also interested in having the County replace the bridge that is there as part of this work. It is currently a 21-foot span and the water is starting to go around some of the abutments and the Town has had to do some repair work to keep the water going under the structure. We have had a surveyor out there and bank full is approximately 40 feet so the bridge could possibly need to be 50 feet long. How

we are thinking a project like this would work is that the County would agree to do the bridge during the same time frame as we did the up-stream work and if we can leverage the WQIP funding we would give the County as much money as possible towards the cost of the structure. The County would be in control of the design and permitting like all of your normal process, we would just give money towards that. We would also send you all the information we have from the new FEMA study and that new data and we would do the up-stream piece. We would try to address the sediment issues that are upstream. We would try to find where the sediment was coming from. We can do the up-stream work without the bridge being done, it just makes a better project if we do them in conjunction. The bridge is currently too small and is creating a backwater situation. This drops a ton of sediment just upstream as the water slows significantly, that makes the problem of the water going around the bridge worse. At this point what I'm looking for is does this seem feasible and reasonable to you and if you would support this. If you are in support, over the next month I will work on getting the application ready and we would come back with an actual resolution to be passed by the Board saying they support the project to submit with the application that is due by the end of July.

- JT, The bridge isn't in great shape so I'm not totally against the idea. It isn't currently on our replacement list but if there's money available.

- GH, So some of this funding would be used to pay for the bridge?

- MO, Yes. We can apply for up to one million dollars. We will give you as much as we can. There is a 25% match, so if you can provide some of the match, the Town will supply some too and we will give you whatever we can towards the cost of the structure.

- JC, Is it currently flagged?

- JB, It may have some yellow flags for the plate and rail.

- JC, So if the current structure is 21 feet, you are saying the new structure might be 50 feet, who makes that determination? Was there a study done?

- MO, The County would have the final say in that. As a general rule of thumb you take the bank full width of the stream which is the seasonal highwater mark for the stream and you multiply that by 1.25. So that number is 40 feet so when we do the math we get up to around 50 feet.

- JT, Basically what DEC is looking for is that it has to pass a hundred-year storm or a fifty-year storm with two feet of freeboard, whichever is smaller. I think we are close. DOT just went to adding 20% to all their hundred year storms for sizing structures. We do that on the smaller ones so it isn't a bad idea to do it here. If we had control over the size of the bridge and there is money available, I'm not opposed to it.

- MO, Absolutely, you would have complete control on the bridge, we would just be there to provide support as possible. We would keep you in the loop on what we are doing and hopefully you would keep us in the loop on what you were doing and we come out at the end with the best possible outcome for the residents.

- GH, Is there a time frame?

- MO, So the application would go in by the end of July, they usually let us know by the end of the year or early in the next year what applications have been accepted, then it can take up to a year to get under contract. So 2026 or possibly 2027. But Jerry can speak to the fact that these home owners are getting desperate.

- JT, I would just like some more details.

- MO, What number would you need to make it work? There's going to be some amount of uncertainty until we know if the project is awarded. If we can make the bridge part of this, we can make this a better project and we can apply for separate funding to do more of the upstream tributaries at a later time.

- JB, If I had to throw a number out right now, I'd say it would be around \$750,000.

- GH, So if we can get funding for half of this would it move it up the list of things to be done?

- JC, That would definitely move it up my list.

- MO, I think that \$350,000 would be a reasonable number we could contribute. And I just want to say that if you have other structures you are looking at we can see if there is funding available for them too. We will work with you on whatever. Just let me know.

SOLID WASTE

• Compost

- TR, we are moving along. Sales are going well this year. So we are now trying to get the product to cure faster so we are experimenting with different fans in the 800 area.

• US Compost Council Dues - \$525.00 7/24-6/25

- TR, These are dues that we pay. This helps us to meet the State specification for sale of the product.

- Committee approved paying the membership.

• Reclamation

- TR, We need to get on top of this, I budgeted a million dollars figuring \$3/yard but I don't know how the bids are going to come in at. It depends on how people look at it. So we have one million budgeted, that's important because if we get this out this fall, by September, we are going to get a better price because they can do it as winter work. If we put it off to try and get a better idea of what it might cost, we aren't going to get as good of a price. So if we go out to bid in September we are going to need a fund transfer once we have the number.

- GH, Do we have an issue with doing that?

- JT, No. We can at least get a number and if they come in crazy high we don't have to do it.

- JC, You don't see any issues getting the bid out by then do you?

- TR, No, but I do need authorization to sign with GHD to keep this moving, the contract for this phase is \$308,800.00. Not to exceed. This will cover getting the bid done and construction supervision, all of it to get to the end. They have been working on this since 2017.

- Committee approved.

- TR, I also have a work authorization with GHD to go after some stormwater funds from CWC, that is for \$25,000. There are several things in this authorization but what I want is the stormwater.

- Committee approved.

• Rain cover bid

- Resolution is refiled for award.

- GH, WE just had the two bids?

- LH, Correct.

• Sevierville TN trip

- TR, Three of us went. It was a lot of driving for one day of hanging out but it was a good trip.

- TR, Their drums are all outside. They just bid out a new one, China came in significantly cheaper which is to be expected. Then you have to pay tariffs on top of that and that's a wild card. It looked like a solid well built product. We will put this out to bid and see what comes back.

- TR, It was definitely worthwhile.

• Paintcare

- TR, I have a contract from last fall that has gone through the County Attorney, this is a program where they will come pick up your paint at no cost.

- GH, So this is for Cleansweep?

- TR, No this would be in addition to Cleansweep. We would keep that going because everyone is used to it, but Cleansweep has been sold out for the past few years so this would help. It would be available at the landfill and at Harpersfield and Roxbury transfer stations. We would need to sign the agreement and have the transfer stations be collection sites. They would pay for a closed building and you put these pallets in there with gaylord boxes on them and then you put the paint in there and you call them and they come pick it up at no cost.

- GH, How much is it?

- TR, It is free. When you buy paint you get charged a fee, same as tires, we would just get some benefit from that through this service.

- Committee approved.

- Grants

- TR, We talked about trying to get money from CWC for stormwater. I'm also looking for infrastructure funding. I did talk to the Environmental Facilities Corporation last week, they are only really interested in funding PFAS related projects. I'm trying to make the case that we have some really big infrastructure projects that would qualify for federal funding but they aren't interested because they aren't PFAS so we will see if they get back to me. I feel like I can tie those big projects in. There is also another State grant I am looking at for the bioreactor, that is a reimbursement grant.

- TR, We will still need to do something with C&D. Yes we got a stay but that isn't good forever so we still need a plan to move forward.

- Cleansweep

- Registration opens July 1st.

ROAD

- Oil and stone hauling

- JT, Has not gone great, Carver has struggled to get the stone here. The communication is not good at all. The invoicing is not good. We will not have all the stone before we start.

- Delaware South

Getting ready for oil and stone, getting trucks ready.

Ditching

Mowing

- Delaware North

Oil and stone

Pipe replacements

Small paving repairs

Shoulder repairs

Mowing – we are behind, mowers will be working on Fridays. They started late.

Bovina Catchbasins - we met with them out there, they are all about an inch low, the risers are 1.5 inches, so we really don't want to bring them up because it will be a hazard plowing. Maybe the next time we T&L or oil and stone but not right now.

- Fuel islands

Bloomville functioning 100% - tanks are full

Delhi scheduled for upgrade asap

Walton new and sorta working. There is definitely something not right. They have been back tow or three times and say it's nothing but we will continue to work on it.

- Cleanpath – meeting last week
 - JT, We had a meeting last week. Work to do on the agreement, we are sending our County lawyer (Kevin Young) DPW standards for driveways, work around County roads, etc. We need to make sure that stuff is covered.
- Spraying – first round done

BRIDGE

- BR 32
 - Paving next week
 - Traffic issues - They are having consistent issues with 2 or 3 drivers, they now have the State Police there.
- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3
 - Piles driven on end abutment
 - Forming for concrete
 - JC, Are the old tubes out?
 - JT, No.
- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
 - Design started
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - Awards???-??
- Bridge painting 2024 – started this Monday 5/6
 - Waiting on steel repair design on both bridges, there was an issue with the engineer's equipment to analyze the steel, once they get that fixed it will move along.
- Bridge Crew
 - Fabricating for 2024 construction
 - Post and Blockouts, deck BR 158 started 5/6, finishing rail currently
 - Odgen Street BR 150 – almost done, paving today.

Hancock bridges

- JB, I went down to a meeting last night, the paid service in Hancock is saying that they don't have enough manpower to cover both areas. We will be placing the water truck in Lordville at the fire departments request and power for a fire truck on Sands Creek. It seems the emergency squad had more issues than the fire department.
- JV, The emergency squad wanted to know why the County couldn't send an ambulance down there.
- JT, I asked Steve Hood and he said he couldn't justify having one there just in case when it could be somewhere else.
- JC, I will talk to Bud today and see what can happen, we meet I think next week.
- JB, They can't leave an ambulance unattended because of the narcotics.
- JV, The other thing they wanted was for me to ask if we can't delay this a couple weeks.
- GH, They have two weeks now to figure it out.
- JT, I just don't want to delay anymore, we are already getting a late start.

- JC, And to be clear, if the County ambulance is there are they are needed somewhere, they have to go.
- JB, They keep saying we guaranteed coverage, we didn't said we would ensure coverage.
- JV, They also want a letter saying that the County will assume liability if anything happens.
- LH, We can't do that, you know that.
- JV, Well these are the questions I get asked and I just send them to Jim and Jared.
- GH, The sooner we get started, the sooner we will be done.
- JT, We'll do what we can and get things done.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

All paving done

Slow otherwise

Liquidated damages letter sent, \$500 per Calander Day

Bloomville July 3rd, 2024

Walton August 1st, 2024

RESOLUTIONS

- Award Prop 29-24 2000 gallon water tank
- Award Prop SW1-24 Temporary Rain Cover

EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel issues

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To: File
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Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 6/26/2024

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 5/22/2024 to 6/26/2024.

1. Accidents

- 6-24. 6/4/2024. SWMC. While loading C & D on to an MBI trailer, a board fell from the grapple of the excavator landing on cab of MBI truck. As a result, a dent was sustained to the top right cab roof of the MBI truck.
- 7-24. 6/17/2024. Truck off loaded at the storage lot on CR33. Prior to leaving the lot, driver failed to lower box of truck. As a result, driver proceeded down CR33 with the box up. The box made contact with overhead head wires. Wires were stretched and utility pole was damaged.

2. Spills

- 5-24. NYS DEC#2402196. 6/11/2024. DPW personnel discovered that a spill had occurred at the Walton Patrol. DPW personnel discovered the spill in the morning when arriving to the patrol. The spill area was approximately 6' wide by 15' long. Due to the unknown origin of the spill, DPW personnel addressed the spill and the spill was reported to the NYS DEC spill hotline. It was later determined that Cobleskill Stone was responsible for the spill. Cobleskill stone agreed to cover any costs incurred by DPW for the cleanup of the spill.

3. Facilities

- Safety Committee meeting was held on 6/19/2024.
- Annual hoist inspections were completed on 6/17/2024.
- NYSEG has been secured to serve as instructors for the upcoming Safety Days.
- Orientation training continues for seasonal personnel.
- One employee is on the list for ELDT.
- Tick kits have been obtained from Public Health and are in the process of being distributed to highway personnel.
- PFT's for compost personnel have been scheduled for 7/24/24.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Secure final trainer for Safety Days.
- Schedule annual vehicle lift inspections.

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