

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 23, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Bill Layton
	Jerry Vernold	Tina Molé
	Jim Thomas	Lisa Henderson
	Tyson Robb	

GENERAL

• Approval of prior meeting minutes (9/8, 9/25, 10/9)

- The minutes from both September meetings and the October 9th meeting were approved as presented.

• Budget

- LH, Received a request to review the tentative budget, I have looked it over and it appears to be fine.

- LH, We do have a non-prefiled resolution to move personal services funds from capital to maintenance, this doesn't increase the budget at all, we are just moving things around.

• Authorization to Fill Vacancies (3)

- JT, We have a stack of these today. The first two are for Jeremy MacIntyre, the mechanic who resigned. He'd been out on a medical leave and we knew he wasn't coming back. There is a Sr. Auto Mechanic and Sr. Auto Mechanic II. We never filled the first one when he was promoted.

- Committee approved both.

- GH, Where does that leave us with mechanics?

- JB, We have 2 here and 1 at the landfill. We have a new kid starting on Monday. I don't think he's going to replace Jeremy but it is an extra set of hands and he can do service work and change tires and such while he's learning.

- GH, Do we do much service work?

- JB, Only on our own fleet. We don't do outside agencies anymore as we just don't have the staff to do it.

- JT, They have been told several times they need to out source this work. We are currently getting grief over snow tires. We just don't have the hands to do the work.

- JT, Next we have an HEO II in Walton. He's going to the Town of Hamden, I tried to ask Carra what Hamden was paying but we haven't caught up with each other yet.

- JB, Hamden lost a guy to Delhi so they are taking one of ours.

- Committee approved.

- JT, Had two more resignations this morning. Both HEO II spots, one young kid, he came with a CDL from BOCES. The 2nd is someone who has been here for a few years and just isn't happy with how things are going here.

- Committee approved both.

- JT, We have some applications but nothing super promising. Maybe one with a CDL. So, Delhi is definitely short people. They have been able to go a week on then a week off but with what we have no they aren't going to be able to do that. We'll get it done but it probably won't be pretty.

- GH, Is this all pay related?

- JB, No, the ones in Delhi are more just they aren't happy with how things are.
- JT, We have had meetings with everyone, we are trying but it just seems to be a constant battle.

- Safety Officer's Report

Safety days summary

- Copy of both attached.
- GH, Have the two accidents been paid for?
- LH, It is in the works. I will let you know when we get the bills. Thank you for taking care of that, I appreciate it.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost

- TR, Just coming out of shutdown, started taking garbage yesterday. They are finishing up the recycling chutes on the primary trommel but the bio is turning. We did what we could there to try and patch it up and get as far as we can. That replacement, the bid is ready to go out, we just need to advertise it, so I don't know at what point we can send it to the paper but it will be on the street.
- TM, Are you ready for the tour today?
- TR, What time?
- TM, After the Board meeting, we are going to Bloomville first.
- TR, So 2:30?
- TM, Closer to 3:30, we have a presentation today.
- TR, I'll jump in where I can, we are opening bids at 1 for the reclamation project. Do we have any yet?
- LH, No. But that's not unusual. They won't show up until the last minute.
- TR, So that's at 1 today. Operations are ticking along. Compost is taking garbage now so that frees the guys up. They are getting ready to move to the new cell. Waiting on tire chips, and figuring out the exact timing on that, just eliminate leachate production.
- TR, You are probably aware the Middletown transfer station is looking to help themselves out in some kind of way. Not sure what they are trying to do, remodel in place? They were looking for alternative locations but there isn't a lot available. Glen is considering joining with the Roxbury transfer station.
- GH, They don't have a good site either.
- TR, But they have more acreage. So there may be some potential there. I don't know if he knows or if you want to spend some time with him or how municipalities operate, like I think there is some cooperation there with different towns, so I think he's thinking that might be an option between the two of them, I know they operate very differently so I don't know if I can cover that in another meeting. Anyways, so I'm probably meeting up with him like early next week to discuss different options and look at their waste streams and how they operate and talk it through. And I think that's it.

ROAD

- 8/9 Flood

- JT, RPA was submitted.. All of our work is done.
- JT, Talked to Gayle Neale last week, our biggest impact may be that we will be getting possible 4 or 5 more bridges.

- Paint truck

- JT, We never got our truck going but we did get a lot done. Everything except 17 and 28 got center line.
- JT, We will work on getting our truck back in shape over the winter. We have the pump but the whole truck needs a good going over. The pump is only part of the problem. The crew that put it away last year did an awful job, the lines weren't cleaned out, it was a mess.
- JB, But hiring it out went pretty well so when it comes time to replace that truck we will take a hard look at what is more efficient.
- JT, They can do the yellow and one white at the same time, so they can do the road in two passes, not three. But I didn't want to pay for the 2nd pass so we just did the yellow this year.

- Delaware South

- JT, not much to report here. Pretty quiet. Cleaning up some small projects.

- Delaware North

- JT, Doing T&L CR 12, that is a challenge, the blacktop is just different. We are ordering the same thing as always but it is definitely different, it looks different, it works differently.
- JT, Replacing a pipe on CR 29 today, not the best time of year for it but when a hole shows up in the middle of the road you have to do something. Not sure why but years back it seems we used cheap plastic pipe, not sure why. It's not what we normally use.
- JB, It's a thin wall DES, they obviously got a bargain on it at some point.
- JT, This isn't the first problem we've had so we are paying for it now.
- JT, They have started moving things to Bloomville. The plan is to start punching in up there sometime next week. We'll see how it goes.
- GH, That air handler is still making a lot of noise, it's been getting worse and worse, during the day it's not bad but overnight if it rains. I don't know if that's something we can shut down over night.
- JT, I'll talk to Jeff and J&K and see what we can do about it.

- Cleanpath

- JT, We got the draft back from Kevin Young and sent it on to Cleanpath, we will see how that goes. I'm sure there will be a lot of back and forth because we made a lot of changes that I'm sure they won't like.

- Getting ready for snow

- JT, Still getting ready for snow. I think we are almost through everything.
- JB, Two patrols left to do.

BRIDGE

- BR 32

- JT, I keep thinking this is done, we just need grass to grow. Got a call last night that someone was down there doing donuts on the new grass. I haven't been down to see it.
- LH, Eric Alexander called and said they were down there and it's not that bad. The person that was there last night was just parked taking pictures.
- JB, It looks like old donuts, like from before they reseeded.
- TM, They arrested him right? Gave him a ticket?
- LH, No. Upon further investigation they did not charge him with anything .

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3
 - JT, This is the bridge in Deposit. Got an email from the engineer yesterday about them being behind schedule and what are we going to do next year when we come back because it will be overtime for the inspector. Overall the budget looks ok but we may need to move some money around. Not sure if you want to charge liquidated damages there too because they feel that the contractor didn't make an effort to stay on schedule and get done in time. They feel that they should have been done in September for this year, not still working in October. So just something to think about.
- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
 - JT, Design underway, we have two meetings next week about ROW and Utilities. We will meet on site to discuss.
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - JT, 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett), we got the draft IPPs from M&M on Monday, I need to look at that.
- Bridge painting 2024
 - JT, Field work complete, we are finishing the rail on Morton Hill.
- Bridge Crew
 - JT, 9-2 post and blockouts
 - JB, We should be out in a couple days. The new system just takes a little longer, there's more parts and pieces.
 - JT, Working on CR 17 catch basins.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

Construction status report

- JT, Nothing to really report, there are just small things that need to be done. We have the CO's so there are no more liquidated damages being assessed.

RESOLUTIONS

- Surplus Equipment
- Budget Amendment – non-prefiled

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COMMISSIONER

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
Safety & Training Manager
Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 10/22/2023

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 9/25/2024 to 10/22/2024.

1. Accidents

- None Reported

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- SWPPP inspection done on Bridge 26-1.
- 3 patrols with medical protocols in place received bloodwork screenings.
- Safety Committee meeting was held on 10/16/2024.
- Safety Day's summary completed and distributed.
- Putting together information regarding mental health in the construction industry and where personnel can seek help if needed.

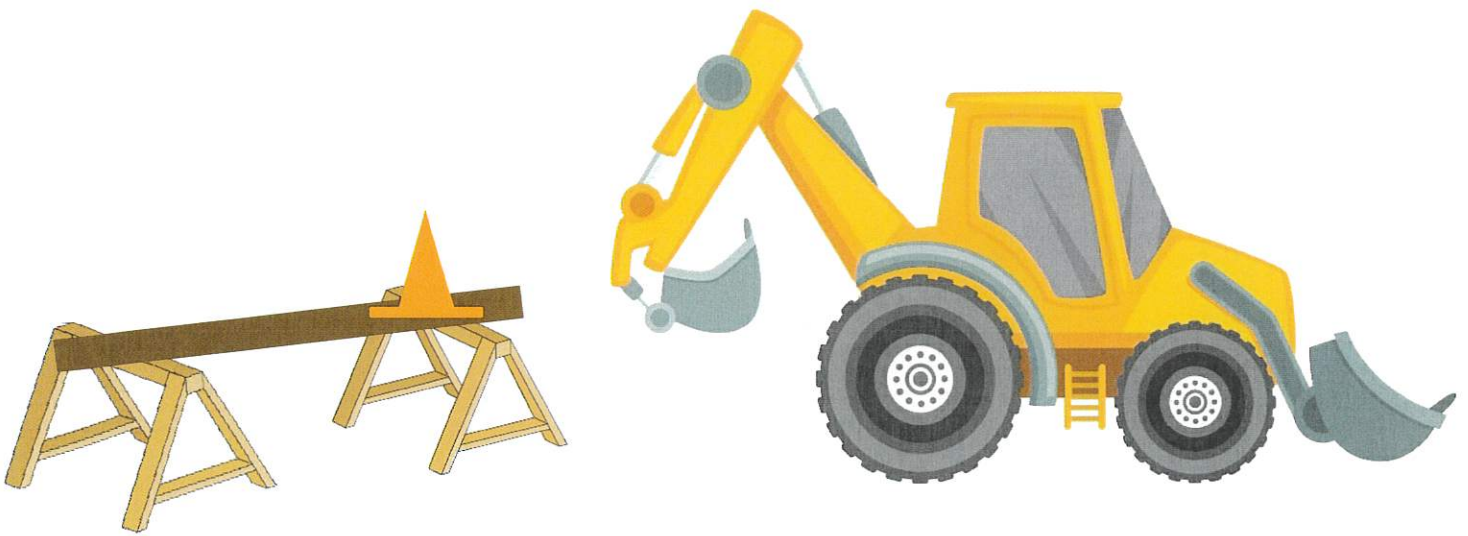
4. Near Future Objectives

- SWPPP of Page Ave location
- Conduct annual Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training for employees
- Walkthrough inspections of patrols

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5TH ANNUAL SAFETY DAYS 2024

HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
AND
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
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Re: Safety Days 2024 Summary
Date: 9/26/2024

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024 and Thursday, September 19, 2024 the Delaware County Department of Public Works held its fifth annual Safety Day's training event. The event was scheduled to include all personnel employed by the Delaware County Department of Public Works. In addition to DPW personnel, a letter of invite went out to all towns and villages inviting two participants from each municipality to attend the event. In total, one town contacted the Safety Office with an intent to send personnel from their municipality. However, on the day of the event no one from that municipality attended the event.

The event was once again held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, Fair Street, Walton, NY. There was no fee charged to DPW for the use of the venue for the two-day event. The Delaware County fair further provided all tables, chairs and waste receptacles for the event.

On each day of training, six training stations were set up. Each training station covered a separate topic of training.

In addition to the training stations, a snowplow challenge course and backhoe challenge course were constructed to offer attendees a hands-on competition. Attendees who were not properly licensed to drive the snowplow, were scheduled to participate in the backhoe challenge.

The following is a brief description of training topics and instructors:

Station A: Trenching and Excavating

Trainer: John Tyczka
 Associate Safety & Health Consultant/Trainer
 NYS DOL
 Mine Safety Training Program

Station B: Safety and Asphalt

Trainer: Bruce Barkewich
 NY Construction Material Association

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On the first day of training 41 DPW personnel attended the event. No outside municipality personnel attended the event. Additional DPW personnel were on location each day to work at obstacle courses, oversee food and refreshments and assist where needed, this included DPW Safety Committee members and supervisory personnel.

For the snowplow challenge course, 11 teams participated in the challenge. The winning team will both receive a hooded sweatshirt.

For the backhoe challenge, 17 attendees participated in the challenge. The winner will receive a hooded sweatshirt.

It should be noted that on this date, Bruce Barkewich, of NY Construction Material Association, did not show up to the event to serve as an instructor. At 8:05AM a call was placed to Bruce. Bruce stated that he had the event on his calendar for both days, however, he stated he did not know if he was still needed as he had not heard anything. Bruce confirmed with the Safety Officer on 6/20/2024 that he would serve as an instructor. An additional phone conversation was held in August. On 9/10/2024 an email went out to all instructors which included the agenda, map of training locations where trainers would be stationed, and a sample attendee schedule. Bruce traveled to the location later in the day from Syracuse to apologize in person and stated that he would be at the event on the second day if we would still like to have him serve as an instructor. After apologizing and looking at the venue to see where he would be located the following day, Bruce left.

On the second day of training 35 DPW personnel attended the event. No outside municipality personnel attended the event. Again, additional DPW personnel were on location to assist with obstacle courses and other tasks.

For the snowplow challenge course, 8 teams participated in the challenge. The winning team will both receive a hooded sweatshirt.

For the backhoe challenge, 10 attendees participated in the challenge. The winner will receive a hooded sweatshirt.

In addition to the prizes awarded to the winners on each day of the event, the Safety Officer obtained 12 drinking tumblers and 12 embroidered hats to hand out to attendees. The names of all attendees per day were put into a random drawing for the items.

During the event, attendees were provided morning refreshments which included coffee and donuts. At the conclusion of training, participants were provided lunch which included Brooks House of Bar-B-Q chicken dinners. All food and refreshments were sponsored by NBT insurance.

At the conclusion of training each day, participants were asked to complete a training evaluation form. Completed forms would be reviewed to gather information and suggestions for future training events. The first half of the evaluation form asked participants if they would agree, disagree or remain neutral with a statement. The second half of the evaluation form asked participants for personal opinion of proceeding questions. 25 completed evaluation forms were returned on day one, with 29 completed evaluation forms being returned on day 2. In all, 54 completed forms were received. The following is a summary of the completed and submitted evaluation forms for both days of the event:

Item 6: Participant schedule and training locations easy to follow

- 25 Strongly Agree
- 22 Agree
- 7 Remained Neutral
- 0 Disagree
- 0 Strongly Disagree

The following items found on the evaluation form asked for personal opinion:

Item 7: What did you like most about this training

- NYSEG live demo – 10
- Competition
- Challenges and asphalt
- A day to learn something new
- Day off from work
- DOT – 2
- Didn't get to see
- Each session was informative
- Free food. Got some common knowledge on things pertaining to my job
- The truck course and DOT
- Knowledgeable
- Lunch - 3
- Truck training
- Plow course
- Finding the door
- It was a good reminder of the real-life consequences and implementation of the topics
- Tawny and Ang
- Classes were short enough not be boring
- Most of the trainers were very engaging and the interactions made the time fly by
- Backhoe – 2
- All of it
- Snowplow and backhoe courses
- Learning experience
- Nothing
- Flagging
- Training
- Classes were informative
- Learning new things

Item 10: What additional topics of training would you like to see in the future:

- Equipment maintenance and operations for new equipment to the county
- Chainsaw – 2
- Team building
- Ditching
- Types of gravel/implementation on projects
- Working with clueless people
- Foreman Communication – 2
- Maybe one flood waters and/or standing water (can hide potholes, etc)
- More activities
- More interactive classes
- Same as its been
- Courses using excavator
- Anything that pertains to Solid Waste – 2
- Landfill information – 3
- At least something that pertains to what we actually do
- Every year it's a little different which is great
- Show where if you need help, where to get it
- New
- Heavy equipment operating

Item 11: Please share other comments:

- Use different equipment (dozer, gradall)
- Would like to see Tawny and Angie attend more classes with us to be knowledgeable on current stuff we learn.
- Great day
- Fine job
- Had fun
- Good job
- Thank you
- Lunch was good, thank you
- Mountain Dew, recycling can
- As a newbie to the department it was also nice to get to meet some of the people I don't get to see
- All in all a good training day
- Good job putting this together and thank you
- Leave the redhead stepchildren where they are. Nothing about this has anything to do with Solid Waste.
- Less boring slide show presentations
- Waste of time
- None
- Please have Clarks choc. Milk for morning snack
- Overall everything was great
- I love Delaware County DPW and my grandbabies