

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

November 13, 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

• Equipment Authorization

- JT, Have two of these, both for the Delhi Fuel Pumps. The first is to clean up the stimulus funds, this is for \$67,580.00.
- GH, Is this everything that needs to be done?
- LH, No, we still need to install the TMUs in East Meredith, Walton and Fishs Eddy.
- Committee approved.
- JT, The second is for the balance due on the Delhi upgrade, that is for \$122,048.00. That leaves a balance of \$3,206.40 in the equipment budget.
- Committee approved.
- GH, So just round numbers what did we spend on these?
- LH, I'd have to look.
- TM, How much stimulus money did you get?
- LH, Again, I'd have to look, but by the time we actually got it done it wasn't enough.
- Later in the meeting it was reported that the total stimulus received was \$250,000, that was split between the landfill (\$112,815) and Delhi (\$137,185). The landfill cost a total of \$132,187 so \$19,372 came from our funds. Delhi totaled \$259,233, thus the \$122,048 shortfall. Altogether we spent \$ 597,667, that includes the landfill. But this needed to be done. The system was 20 years old, it was outdated and broken.

SOLID WASTE

• Compost

- TR, sales are still going well, I thought Cobleskill would be done but they are still sending some 14 truck a day so they can keep sending them. The bio is holding up and turning. Working on the agitator today, getting some new flights on that to keep that moving. The bid for the rotating drum is out, some five or six companies dropped out because of the complexity and the didn't want to deal with New York State regulations.
- GH, How many does that leave us with?
- TR, Well, two showed up to the prebid meeting. One has been asking questions.
- JT, Contact type stuff.
- TR, Bonding and such.
- GH, So you are bidding the entire project, not just the drum?
- TR, Yes. There are a couple of firms who were interested in a smaller scope, they do drums, but they didn't want to touch the building, it's just not what they do. So we'll see, there are two, one is the installer who installed it originally.
- GH, Is that the one who is asking questions? Or no, of course maybe they wouldn't need to.

- TR, Right, maybe, some of the questions are reasonable. So we are working through that, we will have an addendum out by Friday, bids are due the 22nd. So we will see how it goes and take action.
- GH, At the next meeting?
- TR, There will be one more.
- TR, Thank you to those of you who came to the tour.
- JC, Thank you, it was very informative.
- JV, Very worthwhile.
- JK, Can I get a private tour?
- TR, I have Sullivan County coming on Friday at 9 if you want to jump on that.
- TR, The one thing we didn't cover was the communications, our computers are old, the PLC is what turns things on and off, they have been made obsolete by the manufacturer. I'm hoping to update the software. I have Snyder Electric coming in to do a walk through but that's going to be an expensive proposition to overhaul that.
- GH, Are we talking 10's of thousands or hundreds of thousands?
- TM, It has been a long time.
- TR, Yes. I won't hazard a guess. I would prefer to keep the computer going and just keep replacing the back end components for now. I think we can keep going for now. The whole thing is tens of thousands of communication points. We are just trying to address it before things get too far ahead. So to have Snyder come will be informative, because it is their communication system in the back end, the front end is software that was built by someone else to communicate to it. The interface is the computer and operating system.
- JC, In time would we consolidate that to one system?
- TR, We'll see what they have to say. Those folks I talked to, they don't want to deal with the computers. The PLCs operate one way and the computer another. We could move away from the computer to a different control system.
- JK, Where are they out of?
- TR, They are huge, I don't know. I'm sure they have a regional sales representative.

- Cell 1 Reclamation

- TR, This is a big day! We had 8 bids come in which is a good turnout. The bottom five were all very competitive. The top two were very high. The base bid was Byler at \$2.4 million, they were about \$70,000 less than the runner-up which was Mohawk Valley Materials. Mohawk Valley actually had the lowest total bid, the two total bids were only \$17,000 apart. But we are awarding on the base bid which eliminates the alternates because I think we can do that work in-house for cheaper, like some \$50,000 cheaper to bid it out ourselves because it eliminates the overhead and profit that they would charge to do it.
- GH, Are you going to be at the meeting today to answer questions?
- TR, I can be.
- GH, Are we set with the capital? Are you worried?
- TR, It's good these came in low. We'll find out when we open the others. It's good and exciting.
- TR, Cell 4S, we are moving into that cell, we are getting the tire chips in hopefully this week, then we'll start putting the fluff layer in next week so we can clear out of cell 6 before they start.
- GH, Where will they put Cell 1?
- TR, On top of Cell 5 and 6. So we need to be out of their way. We may slip some sludge in there, some of stuff we don't want put in the new cell right away.

- GH, So this bid here is just the excavation of Cell 1 and once that is done there will be more work?
- TR, Yes, there will be the construction of the new Cell.
- GH, So after we excavate that out it will be rebuilt to the current standards.
- TR, Yes. It will be done, and the way it's laid out, it can be done in two segments so it reduces our leachate generation, we'll do Cell 1RE and Cell 1RW, we can build them both at once if we want to, this is just a chunk of the larger project exactly. So we would like to combine that dual composite liner, the newer system, into our existing cells around it so we have the double composite liner all the way around and that should add quite a bit.
- GH, Then Cell 1 as we build that we can piggyback over on to the others.
- TR, Yes and that's where the gain is.
- JC, Are you thinking of a significant reduction of leachate?
- TR, At what point?
- JC, At some point.
- TR, No, we are building more cells, we are adding more garbage, there will always be more leachate. Right now we are probably at the minimum we will ever be at, because it hasn't rained. But as we open up and move into the new cell, we put the rain cover on it earlier this year, we'll have a few more acres opening up next week that will add more leachate.
- JC, I bring that up because those municipalities that receive that count on that revenue so they should get a heads up if that's going to be reduced.
- TR, Yes, there isn't going to be a big reduction. What's happening right now is weather related. Overall it will increase. As we increase in area it will go up.
- JT, And it will increase now as we open up 5 and 6. Especially during construction if it rains.
- TR, I've also been working with Nelcorp to try and close out that contract. There has been some movement there. They wired some of our flow meters wrong but we fixed them and they are going to cover the cost of that so hopefully that will wrap up before too much longer.

- PaintCare

- TR, We are probably in a few weeks going to start taking paint. We are waiting on signage.
- GH, And that will be at some of the transfer stations as well?
- TR, Yes, so they are owned and operated by the towns. We have been working with Margaretville and Harpersfield trying to redesign their systems to improve them but as far as paint goes that's their decision and there are two, Roxbury and Harpersfield that want to accept paint. So I think it's good that we as the center of the hub and spoke model accept everything that everyone else does as well. It would be weird if we didn't to some degree. So that would be good, we are going to do a soft start at first and only take it on Thursdays so we can meter it coming in and get a handle on what it takes.
- GH, Now does that have oversight to it?
- TR, Yes, as far as staff time goes. The rules for the paint care program is that the public can't put it in the box themselves. I mean our paper boxes do pretty good usually, people just put paper in there. Same with the cardboard boxes. There are certain places we have a little issues here and there but it's more c&d and metal and MSW, it's that people are trying to do the right thing, they generally do the right thing so that shouldn't take that much time I don't think. We have the new container, that should be reimbursed here at some point, positioned in a place where it is highly visible.
- TR, I think that's all I got, working on the Solid Waste Management Plan update and heading into reporting and contracts.
- TM, Is there a limit on how many tires you can bring at a time?

- TR, 15.
- TM, And is there a charge?
- TR, No.
- TM, What about mattresses?
- TR, There is a \$10 fee for mattresses and box springs.
- JT, We don't want to charge for the tires because then people start tossing them over the bank.

ROAD

- Paint truck

- JT, All Centerlines painted except 17 and 28. We will work on our truck over the winter so it is hopefully ready to go in the spring. Get the pump on and get the lines all cleaned out and everything. It was not put away properly last year, fortunately that person is no longer with us.

- Delaware South

- JT, We have done an experimental project for bridge joints on 26-3 and 26-1. You mix asphalt and stone together in a hopper and heat it to about 400 degrees, then it comes out and you just smooth it out and taper that inch or so bump out over 18 inches or so. It definitely rides better, we'll see how it holds up to the snow and plows. We will know more in the spring. And while not cheap, it is cheaper than milling it out and repaving.

Small projects

CR67 culverts

Paved 67

Finish shoulders today

SDR machine back, it's still making some noise but it's working. They took it apart and changed the oil in the rear end. It still makes noise but they said to run it.

Equipment ready for snow +/-

- Worried about some chains once we actually start using the hoppers but we have chain ready if something does break.

Short personnel

- JT, we are pretty short staffed in the south, we have one guy out with an injury that we caused running over his foot with the excavator, it looks like he's going to be out for a while.

- JT, Still short three others, we have one starting on the 25, we have one possible but she has some issues so we have to figure out if we want to take on that liability. And we don't even have any applications for the 3rd one.

- GH, Are we advertising?

- LH, We haven't because we just don't think it's worth the money you spend. You really don't get anything.

- Delaware North

Moving into the new building.

Bloomville setting up building

- JT, Storage is an issue, there is absolutely no wall space, there are things coming down every wall. Even the mezzanine doesn't have much storage because the mechanicals are up there. Will probably end up getting a few storage containers.
- LH, There's no way to vent the storage to the outside for the gas cans and such. So we are basically going to have to take the one work bay that doesn't have a lift and use that to store everything so there is literally no work bay except the one with the lift.
- GH, You'll have to use the outside under the overhang.
- JT, We will make it work but it definitely could have been done better. Even at Neale Road, there isn't one wall that doesn't have pipes of some sort coming down.
- JT, Ditching on CR 12 and CR 36, hitting the bad spots before winter sets in.
- JT, KC has been cleaning up their lot. Long story short, NYSEG needs to place a transformer or something there, we had worked with them on a location and they then put it in the exact spot we asked them not to so now it needs to be moved. While walking the lot with NYSE&G to find a new location, there was just a lot of junk laying around so they are taking care of that.
- JT, Also in KC, they now have 2 plow trucks because the Town isn't doing any roads for us. The trucks don't fit in the shop so they sit outside. At some point I think we need a pole barn at a minimum so they can be at least under cover.
- After a short discussion the Committee agreed we should get prices for this to see what we are looking at.

- New Kingston speed signs

- JT, They saw Bovina's signs and now they want some. We have met with them, probably won't get them installed until spring.
- JK, Can you check and see if you guys have the manuals for ours? My guys say they never saw them.
- JT, I will ask.

- Fuel islands

- JT, Have been good as far as I know.
- LH, Nobody is complaining.

- Cleanpath

- Delco draft sent out, no response yet.

- CDL Trainer

- JT, We don't have a trainer now. The person we were using in the North has said he won't do it anymore. He doesn't like doing the paperwork, he wants to work. And we promoted the person from the South to a foreman.
- GH, What does it involve?
- LH, There's a lot of classwork and paperwork.

- JT, Again, we have openings with no applications. Pete is in the same boat, he has vacancies and no applications.

- DSS visitation parking lot

- JT, Met with Pete and Keith on this yesterday. I think we are pretty much out of this conversation as once we move, we really don't need that access anymore. We certainly don't

need a paved road. They were going to work on a parking plan and connect the ramp to the sidewalk. They may make that access area an outdoor play area.

- GH, Where does everyone park now?
- JT, Pretty much out in front of the Wickham building.

BRIDGE

• BR 32

- JT, Done – Just need grass to grow, we had the final walkthrough with DOT, good except we noticed some cracked concrete at the one joint. I have no idea what caused it. We do have a plan in place with the contractor to fix it.
- GH, Is it structural?
- JT, It's right at the joint of the deck where it meets the approach slab. The stuff on either side of the soft seal looks like someone took a sledgehammer to it. It's just very odd. So we will fix it and check it again in the spring.

• BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, It was going great, now they are behind because they only had a four person crew there. Not sure if we want to hit them with liquidated damages, it is causing us to have the inspector there extra time. They claim we don't need a full-time inspector. We have always had a full-time inspector on every bridge project since I've been here. We are still in conversation over if the beams will get placed this year or not. I'm fine with it either way. I'm just wondering if we put them on notice that we are looking at this.
- GH, Was there any circumstance that caused them to be behind?
- JT, Only the invasive species issue which was maybe a week.
- After a brief discussion it was decided to them that we are considering it and see what happens.

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

- JT, Design underway, we did meet with DOT and utilities, I think it went well. There are some weird ROW issues but that's normal. Waiting on a decision from Amy & Jeremy

• BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
- Both Awarded
- Starting process with NYSDOT/Modjeski and Masters

• Bridge painting 2024

- JT, work is done. Waiting on final change to finish, it should be a negative, hope to have that soon.

• Next round of bridges (2026)

- JT, We did drop 135 due to field evaluation. We have picked up Bridge 73 Harper Road. Will do that and the structure on Turk Road. We have sent the IPP out. Hopefully the steel repairs are minimal on both.

• Bridge Crew

- CR 17 catchbasins
- Help mechanics move

Small repairs to finish year
9-2 post and blockouts currently
Bridge rail done, approach still needed

DPW BLDG PROJECT

• Construction status report

- JT, Down to final punch list items, just a couple things that seem to be dragging on. They are claiming some of the items are warranty things, I don't care, our contract is with you and it's a punch list item, just get it done.
- JC, Has there been push back on the liquidated damages?
- JT, There has been some, we will get it sorted out.
- JT, We are having communication issues in Bloomville. The Wi-Fi is only in the offices, it doesn't work out in the bays. And it is spotty in the offices, the one is rarely working. We do use our employees cell phones to contact them. So it begs the question do we want the entire building wired for Wi-Fi? Or do we get some cell phone boosters so that they have service? It's very odd because if they go outside the building they have service but if they are in the building it doesn't work.
- After a discussion, we will work with IT and get the boosters and see if that helps.
- JT, I did ask Joe what it would cost to get the Wi-Fi through the entire building, he said he's look into it and I haven't heard from him. We'll get it figured out eventually but we are definitely having growing pains.

RESOLUTIONS

Establish Fund 44

- GH, Where is the \$11 million coming from?
- LH, Post closure funds. It will have to be paid back.
- GH, OK, and how were we paying that back?
- LH, With sales tax over the next few years.

Award SW2-24 – Reclamation of Cell 1

Surplus Equipment

- TM, Lisa, how long have you been here?
- LH, I started in March of 2005 so it will be 30 years in March.
- TM, Do you remember when they increased the sales tax?
- LH, That was before me, I think 91 or 92. I will find it and get it to you.

- TM, One more question, is this Committee still ok with selling the old building? I'm still getting phone calls about it.
- JC, Does that include the annex? Because the reason we started all of this huge project was that the building was going to fall down and we needed to get out. So to sell it now would look bad.
- LH, And the attorneys need to make sure all the liability is removed from the County because that building is a huge source of liability. There's lead, there's asbestos, it's in the flood plain and you know the first time someone gets sick or something goes wrong, they are coming for the County.
- The remainder of the Committee feel that if we can get money for it we should.
- No decision was really made on this at this time.