

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

November 26, 2024

8:45 A.M.

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

GENERAL

- 2025 Bassett Healthworks Contract
 - JT, This is an annual contract, pricing is the same as last year.
 - GH, That's for hearing tests?
 - LH, No, that's all the blood testing and xrays we do for the compost facility and guiderail and bridge crews.
 - Committee approved.
- 2025 CDL Testing Contract Parks/Emerson Testing
 - JT, This is again, an annual contract. Pricing is the same.
 - Committee approved.
- Safety Officer's Report
 - Copy is attached.
 - JT, We had one of our mini excavators on CR 7 the other day. It went through Downs ville fine but on the way back through we stretched some of Margaretville Telephone's fiber. We were legal height so I'm not really in favor of paying a bill if we get one. My guess is that someone else hit it and we just finished it off.
 - JT, We haven't got a bill but if we do I'll probably put up a little fight about it.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost
 - TR, We met with Schneider Electric down there to look at our electrical components, that went way better than I expected. We definitely need a new computer which is the vulnerable portion of that system. Or an HMI. If we get a computer it will give us much more functionality as far as metering goes, so we could do what we are doing but upgrade it a little bit, we could measure amperages of different motors and get an idea of the health of the system for preventative maintenance. That might be worth exploring. The cheaper option is an HMI, I'm trying to get quotes on both. The HMI is not really a computer, it's a human machine interface, it's lower function and would do what we need it to do, it just doesn't have all the capabilities the system could do so we are evaluating that. And then we need a new Quam controller at some point and a few other things but it went better than I thought.
- Bioreactor replacement
 - TR, We got bids back. The electrical bids were far off from each other but we got 2 of them. We only got one for the GC and that came in at \$6.5 million. But we are waiting on him to see if he can actually bond the project. He's a small contactor so getting the bonds is going to be difficult for him. But I think that's a make or break item.
 - JC, Yes , you have to have them.
 - TM, Are they local?

- TR, No. Maybe Illinois, his phone says North Carolina, he does a bunch of work for the Sevierville facility. So it all hinges on the bonding, this would be a drum replacement, it comes out of China, it comes with new ring gear and tires because it's a kit they sell. It's a little different from what we spec'd but would meet the minimum requirements. So we'll see.
- GH, If he can't get the bonding we will have to rebid the project.
- TR, Yes. We'll have to redesign the project. There is some interest but most of the drum people don't want to mess with the building. I think we'll get more interest if we separate the building component from the drum. And it will be a smaller bid so the bonding won't be an issue.
- GH, And we didn't do it that way because of coordination concerns?
- TR, Correct. We are holding up, the bio is turning, we are keeping the levels down in it. We are moving into cell 1 so we are taking the packer boxes from the transfer stations so that is keeping the volume down in general. We are creating a fluff layer to protect the liner. So those boxes are good quality for that.

- Cell 1 Reclamation

- TR, Working on contracts, going smoothly.
- GH, We should be going soon correct?
- TR, yes.

- PaintCare

- Waiting on signage.

- TR, Went to NYSAR3 recycling conference, it was good.

- Transfer Stations

- TR, Still working with them.

- TR, Working with Lactallis, they are trying to screen off some solids. Working with John from Cedarwood. I think if they work with us we can get there. Our permit says it needs to be 20% solids for us to take it and they aren't quite there.

- TR, Doing some restructuring of staff, preparing to work through that.

- GH, Is DOT still moving compost?

- TR, They were. They wanted to get as much as they could before the weather broke. They are prebuying so we won't see any sales to them next year. They are aware we are planning construction/upgrades and wanted to get what they needed before hand so that's good.

ROAD

- Delaware South

It's snowing!

- JT, We did have some delays in our response because of trees and wires but we can't do anything about that. No complaints that I have heard in the South.

Fishes Eddy plow routes

- JT, We did make some changes to routes, they have historically had a dedicated truck for each route and the routes were pretty short, so combined a few routes and pulled a truck and sent it to Walton, one of the new routes is our longest route by a mile so we may get some rumbles about that.

Walton shop

DEF storage - Currently have 55 gallon drums in the middle of the floor of the shop. Jared got a quote from EF&S for \$22,500 to move them outside and keep them heated. We declined that.

Generator/Upgraded electric

- JT, They currently have a generator but it doesn't run the fuel pumps or the furnace.

- GH, What does it run?

- JT, I'm not really sure, the lights? When they run it on the welder, the hot line and the neutral line are hot, it's an old panel box. I've talked to Pete about maybe repurposing the generator for the old building down there and putting a new panel box in so they have real backup that is safe. So we'll work with building maintenance and see what we can do.

- JT, That will leave East Meredith as the only shop without a generator. Pete said someone downtown needs a new generator he'll take the old one to East Meredith and get that upgraded as well. Pete said that Ken can do most of the work.

• Delaware North

- JT, Complaint on plowing on CR 33, Gerster picks up milk in Kortright, they are complaining that we are plowing the road later and they can't get to the farms. That truck plows 10 and 11 first because they have more traffic volume. They are generally through by 5:30, I think this storm was just a one off and the powerlines being in the way were an issue as well.

- Committee agreed not to change anything just yet.

KC pole barn

- JT, Looking into this. I did look at East Meredith's pole barn, it was originally about 40 feet long, then at some point they but an additional 10 or so feet on it so we would need to be at least 50 feet at a minimum to fit a truck under it.

Bloomville

- JT, we continue setting up the building. They are being very creative with storage ideas. They are doing a good job.

• CDL Trainer

- JT, No one right now, we currently have someone doing it on a temporary basis but the person they are training only needs their manual certification, they already have a CDL.

- JT, We are looking at other options, possibly BOCES but we aren't sure what that would look like. We will keep investigating.

BRIDGE

• BR 32

Fixed and done.

- JT, They did come and fix the cracked concrete. The guy thought it was just too square, he ground a tamper into the rest of it and we'll see how that goes. We should see the final change order soon. Hopefully for the next meeting. Will be nice to close this out.

• BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, We are not setting the beams this year. We will need a contract extension here. They are claiming the invasive species and other items caused the delay. They wanted 60 working days, we compromised on 59 calendar days which give them 60 as they have one left currently. After that they will be charged for inspection costs. That's more than fair in my opinion but the Engineer on site didn't argue so I didn't fight too hard.

- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
 - JT, Design underway, we had a big change the other day because they were thinking temporary bridge and now they are saying staged construction. That's a big change in design and how you build the bridge. The ROW in question sat with Amy and Jeremy longer than it should have in my opinion, I know they are busy but three weeks is a long time. The third time I asked I cc'd George and they got back to me in two days, so thanks George.
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - Starting process with NYSDOT/Modjeski and Masters
 - IPP approved for Corbet by DOT
 - Next, we start design.
- Bridge painting 2024
 - JT, Final Change Prefiled for this meeting, it is a negative. We are done and that's a good thing.
- Next round of bridges (2026)
 - 124 (Turk Hill) and 73 (Harper Road)
 - IPP to DOT
 - Waiting on approval
- Bridge Crew
 - JT, Mostly helping the mechanics get moved. Hopefully in the next few weeks we will have them moved. Once we move the hydraulics and such they will have to move to keep the plow trucks running.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report
 - Down to final punch list items
 - Finish Delhi today?
 - LH, These guys say it is pitched wrong, so they are fixing that.
 - JT, We shall see, I haven't noticed the sewer smell since the last time they fixed it.
 - JT, Roof is leaking at Neale Road, Jeff is there. He says it's not too bad.
- Old building equipment auction (same reg auction) – Brian doing work
 - JT, There is a bunch of stuff in the old building that would be worth money to the right people. Brian Dengler has said he has time to catalog it for auction.
 - Committee approved selling the stuff and having Brian work on the auction.
- Tour/article/video with Reporter
 - JT, I met with Lillian and gave her a tour of the new buildings. There will be an article in the paper and a Facebook video.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4-Day Work Week
- Change Order #3, Prop. 27-24

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To: File
From: Tawny Meres
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Re: Safety Office Report
Date: 11/26/2024

The following is an update to the activities of the Safety Office from 9/25/2024 to 11/26/2024.

1. Accidents

- #14-24. 11/15/2024. While transporting an excavator through the town of Colchester, the excavator made contact with an overhead utility line. Excavator #735 was secured to trailer #134 for transport. While traveling near the intersection of State Road 30 and City road 30A the driver looked in the side mirror of the vehicle and noticed overhead lines bouncing. In addition, the driver notices vehicles that had been following him pull to the side of the roadway. The DPW driver pulled in to the old Town of Colchester lot and called 911 for traffic control as a wire was hanging low to the roadway. The line was determined to be a fiber optic line owned my MTC. MTC personnel arrived on scene. The line was hanging low but did not appear to be severed. MTC personnel indicated that they had not received any reports of loss of service. MTC personnel further indicated that they had a bucket truck on the way to pull the line back up and secure it. The DPW driver stated that they had traveled the same route the day prior with the same load and did not have issue. It was the driver's feeling that someone prior to them had traveled through the area, made contact with the line causing it to stretch and hang lower and as they passed under, the excavator made contact with the line.

2. Spills

- None Reported

3. Facilities

- One ELDT driver completed training. Road test is scheduled for 12/4/2024.
- It should be noted that effective 11/18/2024, as part of the new Federal regulations, drivers with a "prohibited" status in the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse will lose or be denied their State-issued commercial driving privileges until the return-to-duty process is complete.
- New audiology testing equipment has been ordered.
- 3 patrols received bloodwork in accordance with current medical protocols. No occupational concerns were found.
- Emergency Response Guidebooks were received from Emergency Services. Guidebooks have been distributed to patrols to put in all DPW vehicles.

4. Near Future Objectives

- Conduct annual Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training.
- Conduct required annual limited queries for all DPW CDL driver's in the FMCSA Clearinghouse.

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