

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

December 11, 2024

8:45 A.M.

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Jerry Vernold
	Tina Molé	Jim Thomas
	Jared Boice	Lisa Henderson

GENERAL

- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes October and November
 - The minutes from the October and November meetings were approved as presented.
- NYS Association of Town Dues 2025 - \$250.00
 - Committee approved paying these dues.
- Signs for Bramley Mountain Trail
 - The fire tower is back up and they are getting ready to reopen the trails. They have reached out about signs. They do not have the signs, they want us to get the signs, make the signs, put the signs up.
 - GH, Do we do that for others?
 - LH, No, not something we run into a lot.
 - After discussion, we will tell them to get the signs and we will put them up. Or if we have to supply the signs they will have to reimburse us for that cost.
- Authorization to Fill Vacancies
 - JT, Most of these are the upgrades for next years' budget at the SWMC. First is a Building Maintenance Mechanic II (BMMII), we anticipate moving one of the current BMMIIs to the Solid Waste Crew Supervisor position, we will then have to backfill his position.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Next is the Solid Waste Crew Supervisor.
 - Approved.
 - JT, Environmental Tech - this is a new position to help Tyson.
 - Committee approved.
 - GH, Do we have any applications for this?
 - LH, We have one I believe.
 - JT, Next is the Scale House Operator, this is a change to a 40-hour week and in slight upgrade to the position.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, BMMII, this is an upgrade to a current position.
 - Committee approved.
 - JT, Lastly we have an HEOII slot. We hired a kid, he worked 3 days and quit.
 - Committee approved.
- Equipment Authorization
 - JT, Plow for the new pickup at the landfill. The old truck had one, now the need one for the new truck, \$6,184.00.
 - Committee approved.

- Accident Reports

- LH, This is just an FYI. We have always called up to the Sheriff's Office and got copies of accident reports when there is damage to the guiderail. Last week when Tawny called they told her she needed to file a request with Penny to get them. This just seems like a bit much being as we are both County Departments.

SOLID WASTE

- No Tyson for ???

- JT, Can we have a brief executive session to discuss personnel issues.

- C&D Allowance

- JT, We have a request from Hancock for relief as this is billed on volume.
 - JV, Our compactor is down, we are repairing it. The Operator asked if we could be billed on what we usually send, not on what we are doing while this is down. Tyson told us we need Committee authorization to do this.
 - GH, Have you been billed recently? Isn't that based on yearly tonnages?
 - JT, I don't know.
 - JV, It's just for a short time and part of the problem is our garbage volume is down because we aren't letting the haulers in while the compactor is down.
 - After discussion the Committee was fine with waiving the fee for that period.

- Compost

- JT, Facility is running. Right now we are overriding systems to keep it going but it's not a permanent solution. Tyson and Carl have been trying to figure it out. Working with a company to try and figure it out. So far everything has been a dead end, but they are trying.

- Bioreactor replacement

- JT, Have talked a lot about this. We are leaning towards not awarding this. There are apparently some issues with the Chinese supplier. We will have to rebid and split it up into the building work and the supply of the bio-reactor.

- Cell 1 Reclamation

- JT, Had the preconstruction meeting yesterday, it went well. They are going to do some minor work now and then ramp up after the first of the year. They think they will be done by the end of April.
 - JC, Did we put a time line on that?
 - JT, Yes. I think 220 calendar days. Their schedule is well ahead of that. We'll see.

- PaintCare

- JT, Nothing new here.

- Transfer Stations

Middletown

- JT, Engineers have worked on this. Meeting with them tomorrow and get their thoughts. WE are trying to just simplify the process. Basically the same thing we talked about in Harpersfield, just drive in and out, not have to back around and get blocked in and such.

Harpersfield

- GH, Is this something they came to you about?
- JT, Yes, Lisa has talked to Tyson about this.

ROAD

• Delaware South

Snow

- GH, Is the equipment holding up?
- JB, Well we have one coming back, it's as fixed as its' going to get. One new one is still in Sherburne. We just put \$12K in one that is near the end of its useful life. It needs more but I'm not putting it in. The new one is waiting on a valve for the Rex Roth system.
- GH, And we have 4 more on order?
- JB, I think so. And I got a call that we need to come pick up 40 rims... I have no idea how that happened if we only have 4 trucks.
- JT, I have given everyone a copy of a complaint that we received from a lady who lives in Delhi and travels on CR 26. She wants us to plow 24/7. If we are going to do that, we need a lot more staff and more trucks. When we talked about 2 shifts we heard complaints about loss of overtime. We would also have to change the way we do things. We currently have 2 people per truck, if we did 24 hours, we wouldn't be able to do that. We would have to change to contract. It's not something that will happen easily.
- LH, I'll draft an email for Jim or George to send to her.
- JT, we are still short staffed.

• Delaware North

JT, Phil Gerster is still not happy with the plow schedule on CR 33. I have talked to him and I've talked to Hagers. They said if it was plowed by 5 it would be good. We are heading out at 4, the do 11 first and then go to 33. If they are there, they leave a little early. Doing what we can.

CR 18

- JT, this morning we got an email from Dave Rama about some willow trees on CR 18. He wanted to know if we would take them down. We are definitely in favor of getting them out of there. He said he had a place we could put them.
- Committee was in favor of this. We will work with him and get them out of there.

Snow

Bloomville setting up building

1 person short – some new applications

• CDL Trainer

No one right now.

- JV, What is that?
- JB, Someone to train guys to get their license. You have to have documented training now.
- JV, We hired a mechanic, he went to BOCES. That was around \$3,000.
- JB, When it started we thought it would be more of a temporary, when necessary thing but it seems that every person we hire needs training.

BRIDGE

• BR 32

- Fixed and done
- Modjeski and Masters request for no cost transfer of Engineering Funds - \$25,000.00, we need to move \$25,000 from Inspection to Construction within the Engineering contract.

- Committee approved this.
- CO#3 is prefiled for today. It's a no cost change. We will have a large negative change for the next meeting.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3

- JT, No work until spring

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

- JT, Design underway, Fliers were sent out 12/9. Will wait and see what we get for feedback and go from there.

- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million

- 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)

- JT, Received the Agreements from the State for both of these on Monday, will prefile the resolutions for the next meeting.

- Next round of bridges (2026)

- 124 (Turk Hill) and 73 (Harper Road)

- IPP to DOT

- Waiting on approval

- Bridge Crew

- Help mechanics move

- Fabrication as needed

- New Bridges

- JT, talked to Roxbury, they will have a new bridge. Talked to Louis Banker with DHSES, he thought Hancock might have one too. Sent him our resolution for taking over bridges so they have it for everyone. Hopefully everyone is aware and does what is needed.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

- Construction status report

- TM, Can you let me know when you are totally out of the old building please.

- JB, We have to get out of Wickhams first, then we can move the stuff out of there. Hopefully by the end of January.

- GH, Heat is off correct?

- JB, Yes.

- JT, Fun new thing this morning, Lisa's lights won't stay on more than 30 seconds. Pete is working on it. They are supposed to shutoff after 30 minutes. Hers never did, they always stayed on. Now they don't.

J&K claims

- JT, They are pushing back against the liquidated damages. I have met with Dave Ohman and Matthew Palmer, they claim that we should be paying more because their wages increased every year, we are going back and forth. Will keep you posted.

- JT, Met with Dave Wakina and Kent about doing the boundary line adjustment for the old building. He can't do the survey until Mid-January. The biggest issue is that one parcel is listed as DPW Mechanics Shop and this one is just Delaware County. Kent said he could take care of that.

Mechanics move 12/16

- JB, Half of the stockroom is here, half of it is down there. It's been a challenge.
- JB, Gantry cranes came in this morning. They are at the bridge shop right now.

RESOLUTIONS

Change Order #3, Prop 27-22