

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2025

8:45 A.M.

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

GENERAL

- December Minutes (not done)
 - LH, Not done yet.
- Committee Schedule
 - LH, I sent a tentative schedule to everyone. Basically the same as it has been.
 - Committee approved.

SOLID WASTE

- Compost
 - TR, I'm just trying to move in slowly and do a reasonable amount of things for one person to do.
 - TR, Moving along, the bio is not doing any better. The replacement they decided to go with one contract which nobody wanted to do. I contracted them to do four contracts to split the contract up because it's too big for any one company.
 - TM, Don't we need to split it because of Wick's Law?
 - TR, Yes.
 - JT, We talked about splitting the building work and then the bioreactor.
 - TR, Or you do equipment and install separately. We only had one bidder and they couldn't get the bonding worked out.
 - JT, They didn't follow the bid specs, so we aren't awarding that.
 - TR, So that's not happening, well, not right now, we are considering options going forward. So they are trying to keep it going. There are issues with the transmission so they are looking to see if they can rebuild that in place.
 - GH, Don't we have a spare?
 - TR, We do but you would have to align it and it's off.
 - GH, So worst case scenario?
 - TR, We would replace it, there's like a month of down time or something. We are going to see if we can fix the shaft is spewing transmission fluid so we are just trying to catch that.
 - GH, So is the seal bad or the shaft wore?
 - TR, It's hard to tell. But we should be able to unfold that and replace it. We have the spare, we're going to look at, we can look at the schematics and the spare we have. So it's turning kind of. The controls we got those fixed just before I popped, we figured that out. We are trying to quotes for the gear and various components that are non-replaceable, we are still working on that but we have them identified which is helpful. A lot of the backend stuff we can keep using.
- Cell 1 Reclamation
 - TR, This is going. IT's slow, they are figuring it out. They have tipped a few trucks but they are figuring it out. It's hard, it's cold, equipment keeps breaking down.

- PaintCare

- TR, We are taking paint. It's good. I think we are just about full but it's better than it going in the trash.

- Transfer Stations

- Middletown

- TR, Missed the last meeting so I'm not sure what's going on.

- JT, We met with the engineers and looked at stuff. They want to do a complete rebuild, we gave them a couple rough pan for them. They'll have to get that to the consultant to come up with a detailed plan and a cost. We gave them a couple options. They seem to want more than they can fit there. They want a plan where nobody has to back up at all but that's just unreasonable. We do what we can for them and they'll take it from there.

- GH, So what are you doing for them? Just a general layout?

- JT, Yes. Just a general layout. Any actual design will be done by the consultant.

- TR, Their original question was can you fit your boxes on our site? That's a reasonable ask and we came up with an answer of yes we can. We came up with a plan of you could have better traffic flow this way. They really didn't like that.

- JT, They did show me an alternate site, it's horrible, it's on a slope and would require a ton of work. I think I talked them out of that. If they totally redo their facility, they will need a temporary site or to work with Roxbury or something. We'll see where it goes.

- TR, Those transfer stations are owned and operated by the Towns so it's their decision to make. We can help but it's up to them.

- Harpersfield

- TR, We helped them with their traffic flow and storm water. We aren't doing any designs or anything. That's up to them. The thing with them is the billing, like if they are doing renovations, what do we do if they aren't taking the haulers? I have to do billing so I need to know what I'm supposed to do for Hancock. Same will go for Harpersfield.

- GH, We basically decided you should base it on the average tonnage for the period so that it wouldn't be a crazy bill.

- TR, So Hancock will probably be a no bill and Harpersfield will still get a bill but we will estimate the amount.

- JK, Harpersfield has been better about enforcing the one barrel a day.

- GH, How do you figure that? Is it per month? Per year?

- TR, It's billed quarterly. I'm just trying to figure out how to move forward. Like what to do with Middletown if they are down for a while. They don't generally get a bill anyways.

- LH, I know Len was always adamant that they wouldn't accept C&D.

- Committee agreed to base it on a historical average.

- TR, We also have a whole new grant program but I guess I'll figure that out if I have to. They are going thought the Statewide Financial System, not the Grants Gateway.

- TM, I haven't heard that.

- TR, That transition has happened. They have talked about it for years; it just went through. I mean for what it is, we get \$20-\$50k per year in grants. Like I said, I'm trying to do a reasonable human amount of things so I might look at it or I might not. It's just not as easy as it was in the past because I knew what I was doing.

- GH, Do we have someone hired for your assistant position?

- JT, We have one approved application, one other person has applied that we think would be a good fit, we aren't sure he will be approved, we'll see what personnel says, maybe we can put him in a lower position. So we think we have two options.

- GH, So that's something that can happen fairly quickly? Because that should help you.
- TR, Right, I suppose so. It could be helpful if it's the right person., do you get someone just to have someone? You don't want just anyone, you have to find the right person. We're going to put it on Facebook, we don't advertise so we don't get a lot of exposure. It gets posted on the website and that's not much.
- JT, And the one is another County Employee.
- TR, He's in maintenance but he has the degree so he fits the description.

JV, When you cover the cell what do you use?

TR, We try to use processed C&D.

JV, I'm asking because Johnston & Rhodes is starting back up which is good. They are looking for a way to get rid of stone dust. We had a meeting yesterday and they asked if it could be used to cover cells.

TR, It could but it doesn't let water through so it's not ideal. We've been working with Sonny & Sons too.

JV, I'll have them give you a call.

TR, OK. What I was trying to get Sonny & Sons to do was to mix it with compost, I think that would make a nice material because the stone dust has to have some good minerals in it.

TM, Could I use it for dust control on my roads?

JT, No, it would make a slimy mess.

ROAD

• Delaware South/North

- JT, Chasing a lot of snow.
- Trucks holding up ok in the South, not so much in the North. Last weekend we had four trucks down. I think we are ok right now but that could change at any minute. The new trucks aren't any better than the old ones.
- JT, The spreader systems on the new trucks are giving us fits. The one needs a part that we haven't been able to get.
- JV, We advertised for drivers, we have 4 people retiring this year. We got 7 applications. We'll send the extras your way.
- LH, How many of them are already County employees?
- JV, I think only one.
- JT, Cutting some brush here and there but mostly chasing snow.

• CDL Trainer

- JT, Getting by. We are currently working on getting one guy his manual endorsement but he's not picking it up really well.
- GH, Are all of our trucks manual?
- JT, Yes. We don't have automatics. I don't know why. When I talked to Jared we talked about the hills. I don't know.
- GH, I know all our new trucks are automatic. They can program the computers. It seems to work well. Something to think about.
- JT, But even then it will take a while to get the fleet switched over.

BRIDGE

• BR 32

- JT, Done. Change Order#4 is the final, it is negative \$365,238.33. That is prefiled for this meeting. Once that is done we can get the final pay request in and close this out.

- BR 136 BridgeNY Round 3
 - JT, This is shut down for the winter. The time frame is currently paused. No work until spring.
- BR 7-3 BridgeNY Round 4 (\$5.3 million)
 - JT, Design underway, ROW letters have been signed so they will go out soon.
- BridgeNY Round 5 - ~\$6.6 million
 - BR 41-2 and BR 5 (Corbett)
 - JT, SLAs are prefiled for today, will get them back to the State.
- Bridge Crew
 - Helping mechanics move. There is a lot of stuff. They are working out of Neale Road now.
 - TM, Are you 100% out of that building now?
 - LH, No. There is a lot of stuff that still needs to be moved.
 - JT, We just got out of Wickham and we aren't totally out, the inspection machine is still up here. We have DMV approval, now we have to work with IT to get it set up and working down there. And that is required to be locked up unless a certified inspector is present so we can't just be in the Wickham building until that is moved.
 - TM, Where are you with the boundary line adjustment?
 - JT, Wakin can't do the survey until Mid-January so that hasn't happened yet. He does have it on his list.
 - TM, How long will that take? A month or two?
 - JT, The actual work shouldn't take more than a day. But then it needs to go before the Town Planning Board.
 - GH, Is there anything we need to do here for that?
 - LH, That's a Planning question, that's their area.
 - TM, So maybe late winter, early spring we can start the process of auctioning it?
 - JT, I hope so.
 - JT, I was also approached by a person who works for OFA about making that building a Youth or Community Center. She was mostly looking at the annex.
 - TM, No, it is being auctioned off.
- Plow Delhi parking lots/sidewalks
 - BL, Why are we plowing for the Town?
 - JT, It isn't for the Town. It is our sidewalks and the parking lot where we park. It needs to be done. The highway guys used to do it but they aren't here any more. So now there is a missing piece.
 - GH, Why isn't Pete doing that?
 - JT, I asked him what he did the other day because I drove through on Saturday and nothing was shoveled or plowed, not even the DSS facilities. He said they come in or he comes in on the weekend. But he said he doesn't come up here.
 - LH, We have always done the buildings up here, including the DSS buildings on Main Street. The problem now is that there is nobody here early when it snows so the parking lot and sidewalks aren't done when people come to work. The engineers start at 6am.
 - GH, I'll talk to Pete about it.
- JT, The grant for the bridge on Bodoit Road was approved. It's still a long way off but it was approved.

DPW BLDG PROJECT

Construction status report

- JT, Lisa's lights are fixed. Not sure what they did.
- LH, They stole a sensor from the mechanical room upstairs. I'm not sure they are working like they should but they at least stay on now.

J&K claims

- JT, They have sent some stuff to Matthew Palmer, on the 31st but it didn't have any backup with it so we are waiting for the details.

Wakin survey - we talked about this.

Mechanics have moved 12/30

- JT, heating the new building is absolutely insane. We are going through a ton of propane.
 - GH, I don't see why we have to have those air handlers running all the time, they are pulling cold air in. It's a horrible design. I think they should only be running when people are there.
 - TR, Is that because of moisture control?
 - GH, That shouldn't be an issue there, they have the overhead doors and such.
 - GH, Delaware Engineering said they thought we could shut them down. Last year we kept that building at 50 degrees all winter with a little furnace. I don't think a shop needs to be much warmer than that.
 - JT, Pete is looking into it.
 - GH, I thought we would see savings with new buildings.
 - LH, I knew that wasn't going to happen.
 - GH, This building has to be cheaper than the old one. I'd love to see a comparison.
 - JT, It's a work in progress, we'll figure it out.
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- GH, Alan Hinkley asked me what was going on with Meeker Hollow? Are we working there?
 - JT, Bill Sprague called me because Graydon said he would design the bridge. I said no, he can't do that. Bill was going to work with an engineer who has done bridges for us before. I sent Alan and Bill an email with the County takeover resolution so they know what they need to do.
 - GH, Can you talk to Alan today?
 - JT, Yes. I have stuff for everyone today.
 - LH, It is the fringe rate form and for the towns who plow for us forms to update employees and equipment.
 - GH, Does that get emailed?
 - LH, No, it is generally a hard copy. I think she was talking about doing both this year to see if she got a better response.
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- GH, I have a question on the machinery fund resolution. Does that get funded as we go?
 - LH, Yes. Those equipment billings that you sign are what we use to credit the fund. The foreman log that time on their reports every day and it all get entered to create the reports you sign. What this resolution does is give the machinery fund the revenue before it is earned so that we can pay the bills.
 - GH, So what is paid by the machinery fund?

- LH, All the payroll for the mechanics, all of the purchases of new equipment, all of the parts and supplies, all of the fuel, propane, and utilities for all of the outside patrols. This is not just for the purchase of equipment.

- GH, And this is what we were talking about last year was underfunded because of the State rates?

- LH, Yes. And now the State has gone to using FEMA rates so hopefully that will help and they will stay more current.

- GH, And we capture all of the time the equipment is used?

- LH, Yes. They are very good about tracking things.

- GH, OK, I didn't know how that was going with all of the new Foreman we have.

- LH, It's fine. They are very good about it.

RESOLUTIONS

Change Order #4, Prop 27-22

Fed Aid Master BR 5

Fed Aid Master BR 41-2

Machinery Fund