

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 24, 2012

PRESENT:

**Raymond Staats
Jeffrey Braley
Lawrence Andrews
Sarah Sterling
Arthur Bassin
Ronald Knott
Thomas Garrick**

ABSENT:

**Jeffrey Nayer, notified
Michael Benson, notified**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Jolene Race
Steve Hook
Bernard Kelleher
Ronald Caponera
Chairman Grattan
PRESS: 1**

Deputy Chairman Staats called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Solid Waste: J. Race

Station Report was reviewed.

Projects being worked on:

Still in the process of scheduling a date with Waste Management to discuss Public/Private partnership. I have spoken with Bill Curran, Regional Manager & he is coordinating the meeting.

Also contacting Covanta Waste systems, so the goal is to schedule both meetings prior to the November mtg.

Completed and submitted the 3rd quarter report to NYSDEC.

Bid packages are out for the County garbage bags & the 2013 HHW collection event will be going out shortly.

Placed a 20 yd container at the Greenport Transfer Station to accept small quantities of brush, leaves & grass clippings. This will eliminate residents having to wait to go over the scale. Payment by check or punch card.

Highway: B. Kelleher

Patching roads.

Tagging trees

Setting up snow and ice control equipment.

Completed mowing the County roadways, Landfills and Airport for the season.

Roadside sign maintenance.

Equipment maintenance.

Personnel Update:

One man out on extended sick leave.

We promoted Robert Wadman to the vacant position of Road foreman.

Postings are out for six seasonal laborer positions and (1) Motor Equipment Operator I position.

We still have one vacant Senior Auto Mechanic position.

Prices were obtained for a new printer, plotter and related computer software to upgrade our sign manufacturing capabilities. Grant Graphics of Saratoga Springs was the best value for the software and the plotter, and was the lowest responsible price for the computer software.

Resolution Requests:

Authorization to purchase (1) CG-130-FX 54" Mimaki Cutter, from Grant Graphics of Saratoga Springs N.Y. who was the best value of the four quotes received for a total cost of \$8,036.00. This equipment is needed to manufacture signs in our sign shop, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by S. Sterling, carried. Forward to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Authorization to purchase (1) FlexiSign Pro computer software package from Grant Graphics of Saratoga Springs N.Y. who was the best value of the four quotes received at a total cost of \$4,307.00. This software is needed to upgrade our sign shop computer, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by S. Sterling, carried. Refer to Finance.

Authorization to purchase (1) Roland BN-20 Printer from Grant Graphics of Saratoga Springs N.Y. who was the lowest of four quotes received at a total cost of \$8,410.35. This printer is needed to manufacture signs in our sign shop, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. Forward to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Authorization to transfer \$21,000.00 from the DO 5E51104940E4000 Signs line, which has a balance of \$32,644.26 in it, to the DO 5E51102999E2000 Misc. Equipment line. This transfer of funds is needed to purchase a new sign plotter, printer and associated software for use in our sign shop, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Forward to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Authorization to award the bid for 50 new two way radios and 13 portable two way radios to continental Wireless Inc. of Dallas Texas who was the lowest bidder at a cost of \$16,335.00, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Forward to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Buildings: Presented by B. Kelleher

Columbia County Courthouse:

A 24' x 60' modular building has been brought on-site and is being used to store the Surrogate files and office during the courthouse renovation project. The modular building is connected to the existing courthouse for ease of employee and customer access.

Asbestos abatement in the courthouse annex will begin the week of 10/22/12. Once complete the structure will be taken down in preparation for the construction of the new addition.

The Office of Court Administration is identifying swing space in the existing courthouse to be used to house files that are currently held in the basement. Transferring these files out of the basement area will allow for demolition and rough-in work to proceed in a timelier manner in the basement, benefiting both the contractor and the courthouse staff.

Weekly construction meetings are held 9:00 am every Tuesday.

Pine Haven:

The County received approval from the NYS Hospital Review Board on 10/11/12 for the proposed new skilled nursing facility. This approval allows the County to proceed with design of the facility. FFAE, the project architect, is preparing a proposal for the design services.

Contracts have been executed for the construction of the new telecommunications tower. Work should commence this month.

County Route 7 / NYS Route 82 Intersection Improvements

A work permit has been issued by the NYSDOT for renovations to this intersection with the purpose of improving sight distance. Preliminary clearing and grubbing work by the County has revealed structural deficiencies in an existing retaining wall that needs further investigation before work can proceed. The department is networking with local contractors for opinions on how to stabilize the wall. A solution is expected by the end of the month.

Engineering: Presented by B. Kelleher

FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE:

Bridges: County Route. 16/Hollowville Creek (Claverack); Walkers Mill/Klein Kill (Livingston); County Route 9/Indian Creek (Chatham); County Route 25/Fitting Creek (Stockport)

Highways: County Routes. 7 & 7A Rehab. Combined w/ Brown's Bridge – Copake; County Route 18 Reconstruction – Damita Drive to NYS 217 – Claverack

LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE

Future Capital Bridge Project Planning; 2012 Maintenance/Repair Planning; Multi-Bridge Element-Specific Repair Design/Contract - 2012; Upper Forge Bridge; Michaluk Bridge; Pratt Bridge; Felts Bridge; Canaan 4 Corners Bridge/Vosburgh Bridge/East Taghkanic Bridges

COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES

R/W 21 END RSA Improvements/Land Acquisition

Other Engineering Div. Activities.

Facilities: Presented by R. Caponera

Work Schedule was reviewed.

Resolution Request: Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to execute an agreement with the Unified Court System for court cleaning and minor repairs for the State Fiscal Year 2012-2013, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Knott, carried. Refer to Finance.

A motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:35 PM by L. Andrews, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

REASON: to discuss potential lease agreements

A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 7:03 PM by T. Garrick, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

The Committee will have a Special Public Works Mtg. before the Full Board on November 14, 2012.

With no further business, motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM by L. Andrews, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried.

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