

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 26, 2013

PRESENT:

**Michael Benson, Chairman
Raymond Staats
Lawrence Andrews
Elizabeth Young
Thomas Garrick
Ronald Knott
Jeffrey Nayer
Sarah Sterling
Jeffrey Braley**

ABSENT:

**Arthur Bassin-Notified
Richard Scalera-Notified**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Angela Rothermel, Asst. Dep. Clerk
David Robinson
Robert Pinto
Bernie Kelleher
Dean Knox
Jolene Race
Sheriff Harrison
Virginia Martin**

Press: 2

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M.

Sheriff Harrison gave 2 brief award presentations. The Sheriff's were awarded reaccreditation, and while the inspectors were at the Jail for 3 days they were very pleased. They mentioned a certain sections in their reports and the biggest was the Facilities Department. They said that if the Jail was not maintained so well it could be a danger for inmates as well as officers. It could very well lead to escapes. They issued a certificate to the Facilities Department for keeping the Jail so well maintained, and Sheriff Harrison awarded it the Robert Pinto. Sheriff Harrison also had another award to present. He explained to the Committee that in 2010 there was a situation in Columbia County where there was a meth lab in a tent at a local campground. While one of the attendants of the meth lab was in transit from the campground to his home in Colonie, he struck a motorcycle and left the scene of the accident. The Sheriff's office put out a huge search for the vehicle that was identified, but was having a hard time being that they did not have a license plate number. They put a call out over the radio giving the description of the vehicle in hopes someone would recognize the vehicle and make the call in. Bernie Kelleher called heard the description of the vehicle and called into the Sheriff's telling them the vehicle was in front of him, he gave the Sheriff's the license plate number after following him for some time. The sheriff's traced the plate number to an address in Colonie, and quick got in contact with Colonie Police Department. When the Sheriff's and Colonie PD got to the residents the perpetrator was shooting a .45 caliber handgun at his family, his stepfather was already injured by a bullet. Bernie's actions saved the lives of the Colonie family! If Bernie had not gotten the license plate number for the Sheriff's, the whole family could have been killed. Sheriff Harrison presented Bernie with an award for his heroic actions and the whole room erupted into applause.

Facilities- R. Pinto

R. Pinto went over his work schedule with the Supervisors, saying that it was pretty routine. He also explained that while installing the shelving for the District Attorney's office, the District Attorney came down and voiced his concerns and dislikes. He asked them to stack the rows one row high instead of two, this resulting in the need to purchase addition shelves so that there are more shelves per unit. R. Pinto went over his Personnel schedule as well, saying that his Assistant Director of Facilities still remains out of work due to a shoulder injury. Also an employee from Pine Have was transferred to the Facilities Department to fill the vacant Laborer position, and applications are now being accepted for the budgeted vacant Building Maintenance Worker and Laborer positions.

Highway- B. Kelleher

B. Kelleher went over his work schedule with the Supervisors, informing them of the work the Highway Department is doing around the County, and the maintenance they are doing on the roadside signs and equipment. He is still working on his long range plan for road work and equipment replacement. He explained that at this time his plan is not complete, but he has a pretty good grasp on it. He said that it will

cost around 33 million dollars in work He hopes that by the end of the week he will be finished with the 3 year list he has been working on. He has been trying to prioritize work by the volume of traffic and pedestrians. B. Kelleher will be establishing priorities the way he believes they need to be done, based on feasibility and necessity. He also gave a Personnel Update stating that one of his men has been granted a 3 month leave of absence and two others are out of work with extended illnesses.

Resolution Request: Authorization to move \$1,500.00 from Safety Material DO-5E-5110-4273-E4000 line in Roads and Bridges to the Employee Medical Expenses line D0-5E-5110-4416-E4000. This transfer is needed to cover a \$1,500.00 medical bill for an independent medical exam. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Authorization to purchase one (1) 12,000 pound capacity vehicle lift off of the New York State OGS purchasing contract from Total Tool of Castleton, N.Y. at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Solid Waste- J. Race

J. Race handed her Station Report out for all the Supervisors to look over. Most of the numbers on the report were up a lot from last month's report. She also gave a collection report for the Supervisors to look over, and submitted one to the DEC to receive 50% of the collection. She also spoke to NYS regarding a recycling grant so that she can receive 50% reimbursement for an excavator and unused bins. J. Race gave a projects update on the HHW. She said that 365 households participated, which is up 229 from last year, bringing in a total cost of \$29,182.80.

Resolution Request: Authorizing the filing of an application for state assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) state assistance program and signing of the associated state contract, under the appropriate laws of New York State. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request: Authorization for the Solid Waste Department to award a two year contract for the hauling of leachate from Ancram, Claverack, And Hillsdale landfills by Bill Baldwin & Sons, Inc. for a cost of \$.085 per gallon. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Building- D. Robinson

D. Robinson gave his work project updates.

Columbia County Courthouse-

J. Cutsumpas gave an update on the window replacement design for the Courthouse project. He told the Committee that they really needed direction on where to go with the issues that the window replacement is presenting. He went on to explain that many of the manufacturers that they spoke with say that the windows are just too big and they cannot fabricate them in their shops. They found 2 manufacturers that can fabricate Aluminum Clad windows the size that they need, no one can do a traditional weight and chain double hung window because of the size and the way the Courthouse is constructed, the window area is all Masonry. The current windows were built in 1906 and fabricated in place, now they are made into complete assemblies and then have to be framed in. To get the same windows in place they would have to rip apart a portion of the Masonry walls inside. J. Custumpas said that custom fabricated windows are a possibility, and that he found a manufacturer that is willing to do it, but they cannot guarantee anything being that they will not be able to do a factory test on the windows, which is not recommended due to ventilation issues. The only other option that he could come up with is an all Aluminum window. It would be double insulated glass with metal trims, the only dilemma is that there is not enough completion for proper bidding. It turned into a big discussion and the Supervisors said that they would help to do some research on the windows. J. Cutsumpas also walked through the change order log with the Supervisors. He explained all the changes and the difference and told the Supervisors that he is happy to say they are still \$200,000.00 under budget. D. Robinson took over and filled the Supervisors in on the rest of the Courthouse updates. He said that suspect asbestos containing material was found on the basement floor in several areas resulting from the removal of the network of existing steam piping. Samples from each of those areas were taken by Alpine Environmental. Results should be available Monday, June 24th. Due to the notoriety of the small piece of asbestos found cast in the cement roof of the existing building, Alpine Environmental recommends that the piece of asbestos be abated in accordance with NYSDOL guidelines as opposed to encapsulating it in concrete as previously planned. Also, an existing steam pipe that was cast into an interior wall on the second floor was discovered as the mechanical contractor was preparing the wall to accept a new air supply duct. Material on the pipe was tested by Alpine and found to contain >1% ACM. A cost to abate the ACM will be obtained and will be

compared to the cost to move the duct opening so that the pipe insulation is not disturbed. D. Robinson said that their plan is to obtain price quotes from three licensed asbestos contractors for the work described above and proceed with the lowest price. Weekly construction meetings are held 9:00A.M. every Tuesday. Minutes from these meetings are distributed to members of the Public Works Committee.

Pine Haven-

A Professional Services Contract between Columbia County and FFAE is under preparation by the County Attorney's Office. There is a 7 day termination policy with 7 days notice with no penalty, only the cost of work to date.

Public Safety Building-

The EOC has completed the work on the roof. There have been no complaints of any leaking with all the rain that we have had over the past few weeks.

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant-

Work continues at the Commerce park wastewater treatment plant with the final installation of the new control panels and sludge withdrawal pumps on May 27, 2013. The project is right on track.

Resolution Request: Authorization for the chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a property exchange agreement with the City of Hudson conveying 0.03 acres of land at 330 Columbia Street upon review and recommendation of the County Attorney's Office. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Engineering- D. Knox

D. Knox gave an update on the Federal Aid Bridge and Highway Project. Columbia County Routes 7 and 7A Highway Rehab and Brown's Bridge Replacement in Copake are ongoing. Authorization was given to proceed with bid advertisement and all construction activities for County Route 16 over Hollowville Creek Bridge Replacement in Claverack was received from NYS Department of Transportation on June 20th. Bids are due on July 17th at 11:00 A.M. for Walkers will Bridge Historic Rehab in Livingston, and the Final Detailed Design is ongoing this summer. Consultant's work scope for design is being finalized for County Route 9 over Indian Creek in Chatham and County Route 25 over Fitting Creek in Stockport for Bridge Replacements. The project is partially drafted and will be submitted for initial funding and programming of the design and row incidental phases for the project on County Route 18, Fish and Game Road in Claverack, for Highway Reconstruction.

D. Knox also gave an update on the Locally Funded Bridge Program. He says they are continuing to review 2012 inspection reports for 2013 seasonal maintenance work and future capital bridge replacement and rehab using local funds and any other available funding sources

New Forge Road Bridge in Taghkanic's construction contracts have been executed by both parties; preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, June 3. Construction work is expected to begin in early July by A. Colarusso & Son, Inc of Hudson, NY. The 2013 multi-bridge repair contract with Barton & Loguidice, Pc of Albany N.Y. has just completed the detailed design for this year's multi-bridge repair contract and is expected to advertise bids for this repair work by the end of this week. Contract work is expected to begin in September of 2013. Canaan 4 Corners Bridge, Vosburgh Bridge in the Town Of Livingston, And East Taghkanic Bridge Replacements preliminary design tasks continue by the respective design consultants, with utility coordination and row acquisition tasks now underway at each bridge site. Stottville Bridge Rehabilitation in Stockport's detailed design is 95% completed by WSP Sells for the Stottville Bridge Rehab Project. They anticipate closing the bridge for the deck replacement portion of the work and performing all other work tasks with the bridge open to traffic. Coordination with the town of Stockport and local emergency providers continues. Stuyvesant Falls Bridge is in the middle of an in-depth inspection and assessment of the bridge. The field inspection portion of this detailed inspection project was completed by Ryan-Biggs Association PC, between Thursday, June 20th and Saturday, June 22nd. Assessment and findings from the field inspection work are now being compiled with the initial draft report to be prepared in July of 2013.

Future Bridge Rehab and Replacement Capital Plans – the department is currently finalizing a schedule of necessary county bridge projects involving major rehabilitation or complete replacement over the short term (3-4 years) and long-term (15+/- years). Individual bridges anticipated to need major work or replacement will be identified, along with the type of work, potential estimated costs and possible sources of funding. D. Knox would like to try to assign each one a year.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

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