

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 24 2013

PRESENT:

**Michael Benson, Chairman
Raymond Staats
Richard Scalera
Elizabeth Young
Thomas Garrick
Ronald Knott
Jeffrey Nayer
Sarah Sterling
Jeffrey Braley
Arthur Bassin**

ABSENT:

Lawrence Andrews – notified

ALSO PRESENT:

**Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
David Robinson
Robert Pinto
Elena DeFio-Kean
Dean Knox
Ken Flood
Chris Watz
Virginia Martin**

Press: 1

Public: 5

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:59P.M.

**Request to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:01PM by J. Braley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.
REASON- Personnel**

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:35PM by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

Resolution Request - Motion to abolish the Pine Haven Housekeeper position as well as the position of Assistant Director of Facilities and to create and fill a position of Nursing Home Facilities Forman by R. Knott, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance. Discussion ensued on the use of the word “nursing” in the job description of the Forman position.

Solid Waste - D. Robinson

The 2nd Quarter station report to NYSDEC for activity at all the transfer stations was submitted.

The application for the 2013 HHW Collection to NYSDEC was submitted. Total reimbursement will be \$14,591.40. They should be receiving payment in the later part of the year.

The Department is working on a plan to upgrade the Greenport Transfer Station to convert one of the buildings to additional “top load” capability. Currently they are alternating between MSW/C&D loading & recycling and finding that they are limited on space. There is a grant available through DEC that may pay 50% of this upgrade. In addition, they plan to ask for reimbursement on the excavator, a new truck, additional roll off containers & a loader. They will be submitting the pre-application which will enable them to get on the list for reimbursement and review of the plan. R. Knott announced that he would like to have a conversation about downsizing County Waste rather than growing it at this time.

T. Garrick expressed his concern of the ravens in Gallatin that are nesting in the shed at one of the waste sites. D. Robinson will contact Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding this matter.

Facilities – R. Pinto

The Departments work schedule was submitted.

R. Pinto gave an update on personnel matters within the Department:

- 1. The Assistant Director of Facilities remains out of work due to a work related shoulder injury.**
- 2. Applications have been accepted for Laborer, Maintenance Worker and Building Maintenance Worker and are being reviewed for interviews which will be scheduled in the near future.**
- 3. A full-time cleaner is out of work due to a broken ankle. This is not a work related injury**

Resolution Request- Authorization to transfer \$5,000.00 within the Public Safety Building budget, from AO-1E-1628-4300-E4000 to AO-1E-1628-4241-E4000. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Highway- Dave Robinson

A Work Schedule was submitted.

Personnel Update:

1. One man out on a voluntary unpaid leave of absence
2. Two men out of work with extended illnesses
3. One Motor Equipment Operator I resigned
4. Hired (2) Two Motor Equipment Operator I's to fill vacant positions in our Copake Outpost

Resolution Request: Authorization to abolish (1) One position of Sr. Auto Mechanic I / Fabricator at the Grade 15A salary of \$49,070.00 and create and fill (1) One position of Sr. Auto Mechanic I, and any vacancies created there from, at the Grade 14A, 2013 base salary of \$45,853.00. The position of Sr. Auto Mechanic I / Fabricator is vacant due to retirement. Creating the Sr. Auto Mechanic I position will save \$3,217 and is needed to coordinate the activities of the repair shop. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill (1) One vacant position of Motor Equipment Operator I at the Grade 11C, 2013 Step One Starting salary of \$32,138.00. This position is vacant due to the resignation of an employee and is needed to adequately staff the department. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried. R. Staats and Chairman Benson abstained. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Public Works- D. Robinson

Columbia County Courthouse:

-The following work was done in regard to the basement level asbestos:

- NYS Dept. of Labor variance was issued 7/1/13.
- Alpine contacted NYSDOL 7/2/13 for relief from separate decontamination stations.
- A second environmental consulting firm, Asbestos Lead Environmental Consulting Service (ALECS), was hired as directed at the June Public Works Committee meeting to review the asbestos situation at the courthouse.
- Contractor's proposal for the basement level asbestos work was equal to \$46,899. Including other work the total was equal to \$59,883.
- A second proposal was solicited from Jupiter Environmental Services for a total of \$80,120.
- An agreement was reached with the general contractor to abate the basement level asbestos and the ancillary areas for a total of \$54,900.

-Latest project schedule of 6-13-13 remains as current. A new project schedule will be developed by the end of July 26, 2013 when the abatement work is complete. The current schedule anticipates a completion date of November/ December 2013.

-RFI and shop drawing logs will be updated and distributed the first part of next week together with a current financial report.

-Weekly construction meetings are held 9:00 AM every Tuesday.

Architects have reported that they are around \$164,000 under budget. A copy of change orders was passed around.

-They estimate that they are 4 to 5 weeks behind schedule.

Pine Haven:

A Professional Services Contract between Columbia County and FFAE has been executed. The first phase of their project will focus on site development options, on-site investigations and site development costs. This phase of the project will be complete on or about the first week in November. A list of payments made to Lothrop Assoc. was passed around. D. Robinson estimates the project is 50-60% complete.

A. Bassin questioned the operating costs of Pine Haven. R. Caponera responded that there has been an \$800,000 loss over the last five years.

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The contractor is in the process of constructing the small building that will house the drum filter.

Engineering – D. Knox

Federal-Aid Bridge and Highway Project updates:

-Columbia County Rte 7 & 7A Highway Rehabilitation and Brown's Bridge Replacement/Copake - Federal/NYS

funding closeout activities are on-going.

-County Rt. 16/Hollowville Creek – Claverack; Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehab – Livingston- Construction bids for the County Rte. 16/Hollowville Creek Bridge were advertised in late June and opened publically on Wednesday July 17. Seven (7) bids were received with A. Colarusso & Son Inc of Hudson, NY submitting the lowest responsible bid for this federal-aid bridge project at \$850,962.00. All bids submitted were under the \$1.1 million engineer's estimate for Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehabilitation. Final detailed design is on-going this summer.

-County Rte. 9/Indian Creek - Chatham; County. Rte. 25/Fitting Creek – Stockport Bridge Replacements - They are currently finalizing the consultant's work scope for design, with independent fee estimates needing to be completed next for each design contract.

-County Rte. 18 (Fish & Game Road) Highway Reconstruction – Claverack- The project IPP and PMP are almost complete and will be submitted to NYSDOT/FHWA in early August for initial funding and programming of the design and row incidental phases of this project.

Locally Funded Bridge Program:

-Continue to review 2012 inspection reports for 2013 seasonal maintenance work and future capital bridge replacement/rehabilitation using local funds and any other available funding sources.

-New Forge Rd Bridge – Taghkanic – Construction of the New Upper Forge Bridge was scheduled to begin on Monday July 8 by A. Colarusso & Son, however an isolated heavy rain event (reportedly 5¹/₂ hrs) in the New Forge Rd area on Sunday July 7 caused the collapse of a town of Taghkanic-maintained large culvert, which until replaced, necessitates a delay of the start of the bridge project.

-2013 Multi-Bridge Repair Contract – Construction bids from this project were advertised in late June and opened on Wednesday July 17. Two (2) bids were received with Arch Bridge Contracting Corp of Altamont, NY submitting the lowest responsible bid for various repairs to five (5) county bridges at \$229,000.

-Canaan 4 Corners Bridge; Vosburgh Bridge, Town of Livingston; and East Taghkanic bridge replacements preliminary design tasks for these three (3) 2014 complete bridge replacements continue by the respective design consultants, with utility coordination and row acquisition tasks now underway at each bridge site.

-Stottville Bridge Rehabilitation – Stockport – with detailed design almost complete, they will be advertising for construction bids later this year. They will be performing most of the repair tasks and full deck replacement during the summer 2014 construction season.

-Stuyvesant Falls Bridge In-Depth Inspection/Assessment – The field inspection portion of this detailed inspection/assessment project was completed by Ryan-Biggs Assoc., PC between Thursday June 20 and Saturday June 22. Assessment and findings from the field inspection work are now being compiled, with the initial draft report to be prepared in July/August.

-Future Bridge Rehab/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 that are anticipated to need major work or replacement will be identified, along with the type of work, potential estimated costs and possible sources of funding.

Resolution Request – Authorization for the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to award the construction contract for the replacement of Bin 3370950 – County Rte. 16 over Hollowville Creek in the town of Claverack to A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. of Hudson, NY determined to be the lowest responsible bidder at \$850,962.00. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request- Authorization for the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to award the construction contract for the repair of five (5) county bridges to Arch Bridge Contracting Corp. of Altamont, NY in the amount of \$229,000.00 as the lowest responsible bidder. Motion to approve by E. Young seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request – Authorization for the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Creighton-Manning Engineers of Albany, NY in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the performance of two (2) federally-required Independent Fee Estimates (IFE'S). Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

A list of other engineering division activities was provided.

Airport – K. Flood

Resolution Request - Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Professional Services Agreement at the recommendation of the County Attorney’s office to engage a third party to provide legal services necessary for eminent domain procedures for the Columbia County Airport off-airport land/avigation easement acquisition runway 21 end runway safety area/object free area improvements and removal of obstructions to navigable airspace affected parcel tax id's #: 91-1-7.12; 91-1-7.111191-1-7.2; 91-1-85.

Resolution Request - Resolution setting the date for a public hearing pursuant to Eminent Domain Procedure Law §201 to acquire a Columbia County Airport off-airport land/avigation easement acquisition runway 21 end runway safety area/object free area improvements and removal of obstructions to navigable airspace affected parcel tax id's #:91-1-7.12; 91-1-7.111191-1-7.2; 91-1-85

K. Flood suggested the Supervisors make the approval of these requests contingent on receiving a letter from the FFA requesting this work in writing. He would like to get a recommendation from CNS Engineers regarding which law firm the County should use. The law firm would only evaluate the case at this point. It was discussed that no significant amount of money would be spent prior to the Full Board meeting. Motion to amend the amount to “not to exceed \$25,000.00” by A. Bassin, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Chairman Benson requested that as information regarding this project comes to light, he be made aware of the details.

Motion to approve both requests by R. Knott, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:52P.M. by R. Knott, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

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