

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

August 28, 2013

PRESENT:

**Raymond Staats, Deputy Chair
Arthur Bassin
Richard Scalera
Elizabeth Young
Thomas Garrick
Ronald Knott
Jeffrey Nayer
Sarah Sterling
Jeffrey Braley**

ABSENT:

Michael Benson, Chairman, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

**Rebecca Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Ron Caponera
Jolene Race
Bernie Kelleher
Steve Hook
Patrick Grattan
Robert Linville
Virginia Martin
Dean Knox
David Robinson
Richard Thoma**

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Deputy Chairman Staats called the meeting to order at 6:02PM

Engineering – D. Knox

Federal-Aid Bridge and Highway Project Updates:

- **Columbia County Routes 7 & 7A Highway Rehabilitation and Brown's Bridge Replacement/Copake Federal/NYS funding closeout activities are on-going.**
- **County Route 16/Hollowville Creek – Claverack; Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehabilitation, Livingston- Contract award documentation package sent to NYSDOT/FHWA and confirmation of award of construction contract to A. Colarusso & Sons received back from NYSDOT; contract processing now underway by Colarusso; preconstruction meeting to be held within next 1-2 weeks; construction start should be by mid-September for Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehabilitation. Final detailed design is on-going this summer.**
- **County Route 9/Indian Creek - Chatham; County Route 25/Fitting Creek – Stockport Bridge Replacements- They are currently finalizing each consultant's work scope for design, with independent fee estimates needing to be completed next for each design contract.**
- **County Route 18 (Fish & Game Road) Highway Reconstruction, Claverack - county-executed design/row incidental phase federal funding agreement returned to NYSDOT this week; final IPP and PMP reviewed and approved by county and NYSDOT; design consultant selection process to begin this fall by County DPW utilizing new region 8 IDSA list.**

Locally Funded Bridge Program:

- **Continue to review 2012 inspection reports for 2013 seasonal maintenance work and future capital bridge replacement/rehab using local funds and any other available funding sources**
- **New Forge Rd Bridge – Taghkanic – construction may start in early September on this flood-delayed bridge replacement project as the town of Taghkanic has replaced the large culvert destroyed in the July 7 storm and preliminary indications from NYSDEC are that the County will be granted an approximate 4 week extension to the Taghkanic Creek Stream work permit end date. This should allow the project contractor time to demolish the existing bridge and construct the new bridge substructures to a degree that permitted in-stream work is completed by the end of October.**
- **2013 Multi-Bridge Repair Contract – construction contract processing underway now by Arch Bridge Contracting Corp after formal award by County Board of Supervisors; preconstruction meeting to be held next week with construction starting on Monday September 9.**
- **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 also ongoing at each bridge site.**
- **Stottville Bridge Rehabilitation – Stockport – with detailed design almost complete, they will be advertising for construction bids later this year. However, 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 draft final report is expected to be submitted to County DPW in the next 1-2 weeks with the final likely to be completed in Sept-October by Ryan-Biggs Assoc PC.**

- **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 anticipated needing major work or replacement will be identified, along with the type of work, potential estimated costs and possible sources of funding.
- **Bingham Mills Bridge Alternatives Assessment Report** – the final report is expected to be submitted to County DPW within the next 1-2 weeks by Barton & Loguidice. Feasible alternatives look to be partial superstructure replacement; full superstructure replacement; complete replacement; and full closure.

The Committee was given a list of other engineering division activities to review at their leisure. The use of FEMA Hazard Mitigation was discussed briefly.

Solid Waste – J. Race

A station report was passed around.

Project Report:

- Took a tour of Casella's Zero Sort facility in Rutland VT. They have posted a link to their website to show how the facility is operated and the various phases of the sorting line. Currently the Counties material makes up approximately 20-25% of the total material that is processed through the facility. Please feel free to check out the YouTube footage @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpeTn1EyF10>
- Working with Cornell Cooperative Extension on the recycling display for the Columbia County Fair. This year they will be focusing on the recycling changes & identity theft.
- Extremely busy with residential/commercial roll offs; they have had every container that they designate for this portion of their program out for the month of August with a waiting list (roughly 45 containers in total).
- Working on the pre application for the NYSDEC recycling grant. Have been working with the engineering department to produce a site plan of the changes they would be making to the station & obtaining prices for equipment they would like to purchase. Also working with the State on what items and the percentages of reimbursement J. Race can submit for. The grant application will be submitted at the end of this week

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the position of Part Time Laborer in the Solid Waste Department, Grade 11 at a Step 1 hourly rate of \$14.4086. The position is vacant due to a resignation. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Awarding the bid for annual water sampling at the Columbia County Landfills to Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc. for a cost of \$13,105.00. These samplings are required by NYSDEC and Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc. was the lowest bidder. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Authorization to transfer \$5,800.00 from .4 account number 81604961 E4000 Hazardous Waste Clean up to .4 account 81604949 E40000 County Garbage Bags. The funds are needed to purchase additional garbage bags. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

It was questioned if the Department would start accepting credit card payments. J. Race explained that they are still waiting on The Bank of Greene County to submit a bid.

Highway – B. Kelleher

A Work Schedule was submitted.

Personnel Update -

1. One man out on a voluntary unpaid leave of absence.
2. One man out on extended sick leave.
3. One Motor Equipment Operator I resigned.
4. One Laborer retired.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill two vacant position's of Motor Equipment Operator I at the Grade 11C, 2013 Step One Starting salary of \$32,138.00. These position's are vacant due to the resignation of two employees' and are needed to adequately staff the department.

A staffing plan that was requested by the committee was provided and reviewed. A program with the DOT on snow and ice removal was explained. The committee questioned the possibility of vacant Full Time positions being replaced with Part Time positions. The Department Heads did not think this would work for various reasons such as employees vacation and sick time use and dedication to the Department. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request – Authorization to abolish two vacant positions of Laborer and to create and fill two positions of Motor Equipment Operator I at the Step I starting salary of \$32,138.00. These positions are vacant due to retirement and promotion and are needed to adequately staff the department. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – Authorization to award the bid for Snow Sand Items 1 & 2 as per an attached Appendix “A” for the period from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014 to the following vendors based on cost, length of haul and passing of Engineer review. Southern Columbia Sand & Gravel, Senter Sand & Gravel, Red Wing Properties, John A. Alvarez & Sons, Colarusso Sand & Gravel and Troy Sand & Gravel. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Department of Public Works – D. Robinson

Columbia County Courthouse:

- Basement level asbestos abatement was completed on or about August 2, 2013.
- Project schedule dated 8-14-13 shows construction complete in December 2013 with punch-list items remaining into January 2014.
- Financial report, RFI Log and shop drawing log were provided.
- It was requested that the Committee make a decision as to the style / type of window replacement as presented by Lothrop associates at the June 2013 Public Works Committee.
- Weekly construction meetings are held 9:00 am every Tuesday. Minutes from these meetings are distributed to members of the Public Works Committee.

R. Staats requested that D. Robinson set up a tour of the Court House the night of Full Board.

The windows were discussed further. It was mentioned that they would need to be designed and bid out. J. Nayer

made a motion that they continue on with the architects current design and put out a bid for aluminum clad exterior wood window, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

The cost of the Court House thus far was reviewed and a print out of professional service costs was distributed.

Pine Haven:

- Site plans are being developed to compare the development costs at the western side of the site to the location approved in the CON at the northeast former end of the site. Attached is a PDF showing two development options at the west side of the site together with their respective grading plans.
- Environmental assessment work began the week of 8/12/13 by Bagdon Associates.
- Soil borings were conducted at two locations on the Pine Haven site the week of 8/19/13. A schematic showing the location of the borings was attached. Dente Engineering will supervise rock investigations using County backhoe equipment this week with rock cores sometime thereafter as needed.

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The foundation for the filter building was poured the week of 8/19/13. Walls will be poured this week. The structure has been prefabricated at the Contractor’s yard and will be erected when the concrete forms are stripped.

Richard Thoma announced that the plumbing in the Courthouse is almost 90% complete, HVAC is almost 65 % complete and electrical is 70% complete. Construction was reported at being 55% completed. R. Caponera announced that as of August, 59.7% of the total budget for the project has been paid out.

Public Defender – R. Linville

R. Linville explained that the carpet in his office has ripples and tears which pose a danger to staff and visitors, creating a potential liability for the County. R. Pinto has received three quotes for carpet replacement but the quotes do not specify the square footage that would be replaced and it is believed that the Probation Department is included in these quotes. It was questioned if the carpet could be tacked down for the remainder of this year and then budgeted to be replaced in 2014. A. Bassin made a motion to authorize an amount of up to \$10,000.00 to be spent on the repair of the carpet, subject to R. Caponera finding funding in the budget, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried.

Facilities – R. Pinto

The Department's work schedule was submitted.

An update on the Department's personnel was provided:

1. The Assistant Director of Facilities title has been abolished
2. Interviews for Laborer, Maintenance Worker & Bldg Maintenance have been conducted
3. A full-time cleaner remains out of work due to a broken ankle – not work related

Resolution Request – Authorization to transfer \$30,000 within the Public Safety Building budget, from AO-1E-1628-4300-E4000 to AO-1E-1628-4241-E4000. Motion to approve by A. Bassin, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request- Authorization for the Director of Facilities to fill one (1) budgeted position of Sr. Building Maintenance Worker, GR13C, 2013 Step 4 salary \$44,244 and any vacancies created there from, due to an internal appointment, effective September 12, 2013. This position will be permanently assigned to the Department of Social Services. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. **Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:27PM by A. Bassin, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

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