

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 25, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Ron Caponera
Jolene Race
Bernie Kelleher
Steve Hook
Dean Knox
Robert Pinto
David Robinson
Richard Thoma
Press: 1

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Solid Waste – J. Race

A station report was provided to the Committee.

Project Update:

- Meeting with Rich Almstead from Almstead Nursery & Landscaping regarding organic waste recycling & possibility of working with the Department
- Working on the 3rd Quarterly report for NYSDEC
- Sent out bid specs for the county waste bags, will award at next month's meeting
- Finished and submitted the 2014 budget
- Approval to extend the free metal/appliance collection through January 31, 2014. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by J. Brailey, motion carried.

J. Race reported that a meeting took place on privatizing the Solid Waste Department. The County loses around a half of a million dollars annually based on how the Department is currently operating. J. Race is working to determine if it would be beneficial to privatize the Department, or aggressively compete with other businesses. She is putting a report together on which path would be best for the County.

Highway – B. Kelleher

Work Schedule:

1. Patching roads
2. Preparing to do 11.2 miles of shoulder rehabilitation on County Route 9 between Mellenville and Ghent
3. Replacing culverts on County Route 11 in the Town of Gallatin
4. Mowing the County roadways, Landfills and Airport
5. Sealing bridge decks
6. Roadside sign maintenance
7. Equipment maintenance

Personnel Update

1. One man out of work with an extended illness
2. One Motor Equipment Operator II resigned

Conference Request - Authorization to send one Assistant General Foreman to the Statewide Conference on Local Bridges to be held in North Syracuse on October 29th, 30th & 31st 2013 at a total cost of \$350.00. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

Resolution Request - To fill the vacant position of Motor Equipment Operator II, Grade 12B, and any vacancies created there from, at the 2013 Base Salary of \$40,217.00; salary level contingent upon length of service of the appointee. This position is vacant due to the resignation of an employee. 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 create and fill (6) Six Seasonal Laborer positions in the Highway Department at the 2013 Grade 11, Step I starting hourly rate of \$14.4085 for the period November 15, 2013 thru April 1, 2014. These positions are needed to adequately staff the department for the 2013 / 2014 snow and ice season. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Authorization to award the bid for cutting edges for the period October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014 to Arrowhead Equipment Inc. of Queensbury N.Y. who was the low bidder at a cost of

\$15,290.40. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.
Resolution Request – Authorization to award the bid for (1) New Stainless Steel Gondola Sander to Zwack Inc. of Stephentown N.Y. at a total cost of \$13,250.00. Zwack Inc. was the only bidder meeting specifications. Motion to approve by R. Knott, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Department of Public Works – D. Robinson

Columbia County Courthouse:

- Project schedule dated 8-14-13 shows construction complete in December 2013 with punch-list items remaining into January 2014. Construction will most likely extend into January with punch list items remaining going into February.
- A shop drawing log and financial summary was provided.
- Lothrop Associates is moving forward with the design of replacement windows. Lothrop estimates the design package will be available to bid January 2014. Efforts are being made to accelerate the schedule. Physical samples have been provided per M. Benson's request. They are still waiting on a response regarding the asbestos issue. M. Benson recommends that they are bid prior to year end.
- Surrogate files will be moved from their current location (a temporary on-site building) to the basement of the new courthouse addition the first week in October.
- Exterior façade panels are being erected, front handicap ramp and east side sally port ramp are being excavated, formed and poured.
- New boilers will be brought on-line in a temporary mode within 14-days.
- Weekly construction meetings are held 9:00 am every Tuesday. Minutes from these meetings are distributed to members of the Public Works Committee.
- R. Thoma reported that the General Construction is 98% complete, 98% of plumbing is complete, 75-80% of electric is complete and 80% of the HVAC is complete. They are at 75% of the dollar value of the entire project at this time. They are \$114K under the original budget as bid.

Pine Haven:

- NYSDOH has provided positive feedback to the project architects as it relates to the possibility of moving the new skilled nursing facility from the northeast corner of the site to the western portion of the site.
- Environmental and soil investigations were conducted during the month of August 2013. D. Robinson is still waiting for the results of the report.
- A copy of the preliminary soils investigation report for the site was provided.
- Site plans and cost estimates are being developed to determine the cost-benefit of moving the proposed skilled nursing facility from the northeast corner of the site to the western side of the site. An environmental survey is being conducted on both areas. M. Benson argued that a PHASE I study should be completed on the existing site.

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- The new tertiary membrane filter has been moved into the new filter building. The filter building will be completed October 2014.
- A copy of a plan for roads and bridges as they pertain to borrowing was passed around.

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 Rehab – Livingston- Contract award approved formally by NYSDOT/FHWA; construction contracts executed by County; Preconstruction meeting held on September 16; and construction started on Thursday September 19 for Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehab. Final detailed design scheduled for completion by end of this year.
- County Route 9/Indian Creek - Chatham; Co. Rte. 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 - Design consultant selection process to begin in October by County DPW.

Locally Funded Bridge Program:

- Continue to review 2013 inspection reports for 2014 seasonal maintenance work and future capital bridge replacement/rehab using local funds and any other available funding sources
- New Forge Rd Bridge – Taghkanic –it was agreed by County DPW and construction contractor, A. Colarusso & Son, Inc., to hold off on beginning this bridge replacement project until next March/April
- 2013 Multi-Bridge Repair Contract – construction contract fully executed by both parties; preconstruction meeting held on September 3; construction started with demolition of near road bridge

in Gallatin last week and will continue at Adams Crossing Rd (New Lebanon) and County Route 9 (Ghent) over the next 2-3 weeks.

- 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 by the end of this week with the final to be completed in October by Ryan-Biggs Assoc PC.
- Bingham Mills Bridge Alternatives Assessment Report – the final report is to be submitted to county DPW next week by Barton & Loguidice. Feasible alternatives look to be partial superstructure replacement; full superstructure replacement; complete replacement; and full closure.

Conference Request – Authorization for one employee to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program Conference on Local Bridges in Syracuse NY on October 29-31 at total cost of \$375.00.

Conference Request – Authorization for one employee to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program Storm Water Management Workshop on October 10, 2013 in Albany, NY at a total cost of \$50.00. Motion to approve both conferences by E. Young, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

A list of additional engineering division activities was provided for the Supervisors to review at their leisure

Facilities- R. Pinto

A work schedule was provided.

Personnel-

-A full-time cleaner remains out of work due to a broken ankle – not work related

-A full-time cleaner has submitted her notice to retire, effective Sept. 28th

Resolution Request- Authorization to fill a budgeted, full time Cleaner Position GR 11B \$31,449.00 which will be vacant effective 9/28/13 due to retirement. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

An announcement was made that the Public Works 2014 Budget Meetings would be held on October 8th at 1PM.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM by J. Nayer, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

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