

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 23, 2013

PRESENT:

**Michael Benson, Chairman
Raymond Staats
Thomas Garrick
Jeffery Braley
Elizabeth Young
Richard Scalera
Sarah Sterling
Ronald Knott**

NOTIFIED:

**Arthur Bassin, notified
Jeffrey Nayer, notified**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Jolene Race
Bernie Kelleher
Dean Knox
Robert Pinto
Richard Thoma
Honorable J. Nichols
Honorable R. Koweek
Stephen Hook
Virginia Martin
Patrick Grattan
William Hughes
1 – Citizen
1- Press**

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

The meeting was turned over to the Honorable J. Nichols and the Honorable R. Koweek who both expressed their appreciation for the progress on the Court House project. They also discussed their thoughts regarding the replacement of the windows, stating that the obvious economical benefits /energy efficiency and reduction in noise would be a huge improvement. Along with the Honorable R. Mott, the judges all support and would like the committee to consider having the personnel remaining in the temporary building until the window replacement are completed.

R. Thoma explained that Lothrop Associates was moving forward with the design of the replacement windows and it should be completed by December. There are a limited number of manufacturers available that can actually produce the size of the windows found in the Court House. They have contacted Graham Windows and will be measuring the windows. In order to minimize the amount of work to the interior, they are considering replacing the windows from the outside. Hiring a 2nd company to evaluate and report on how to proceed.

It was suggested that R. Thoma look at the windows in the Greene County Court House to see if they would be a viable option for our project.

Department of Public Works – D. Knox

Court House update:

- **Project schedule dated 10/14/13 shows construction complete in January 2014 with punch-list items remaining in February & March 2014.**
- **Lothrop estimates the design package will be available to bid January 2014. Efforts are being made to accelerate that schedule.**
- **Surrogate files are being moved from their current location to the basement, this week 10/23 – 10/25/13. The Surrogate files will be moved to their final programmed space on the first floor prior to the court function moving back into the building.**
- **Exterior façade panels are complete; the prefabricated cornice panels are being erected this month. The concrete foundation for the front handicap ramp and east side sally port ramp are complete and the concrete ramps will be poured this month.**
- **R. Thoma reported that weather critical items are meeting deadlines. The east side is next, drainage is complete, curb cutting on the East Court Street side and then paving will be completed. Within the next 2-3 weeks the sidewalks will be poured and minimal landscaping will be completed by the end of November.**
- **Boilers are online as of Friday, October 18, 2013.**

Pine Haven update:

- **FFAE is continuing with the preliminary site design for the western side of the property.**
- **Cost estimates are being developed to compare the capital cost of constructing the skilled nursing facility on the northeast corner of the property versus the western side of the property. Preliminary cost estimate work is indicating the site costs for the western side of the property +/- \$2.4 million less than the site costs for the northeastern side of the property. The cost estimate report is expected the beginning of November.**
- **Chairman Benson requested that representatives from the Architectural firm be asked to attend next month's meeting.**

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- **The new tertiary membrane filter has been moved into the new filter building. Finishes still remain for the building to be complete. All work should be done by November.**

Resolution Request:

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a professional services agreement with ALECS, LLC for the purpose of developing hazardous materials drawings for the courthouse window replacement project in the amount of \$2,659. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Engineering – D. Knox

Federal-Aid Bridge and Highway Project Updates:

- **Columbia County Routes 7 & 7A Highway Rehabilitations 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. At County Route 16, Construction began on Sept. 19 – Clearing/grubbing, new stone fill and H-pile installation completed. New approach road and integral abutment construction is on-going. Winter shutdown will take place next month. 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 – Each design consultants work scope is complete and independent fee estimates needing to be completed should be finished next month.**
- **County Route 18 (fish & Game Road) Highway Reconstruction-Claverack- Design consultant selection process is underway by Co. DPW utilizing new Region 8 LSDA list. Formal requests for qualifications (RFQ) will be sent to all Region 8 LSDA firms by Nov. 1, 2013.**

Locally funded Bridge Program:

- **Continue to review 2013 inspection reports for 2014 season 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 until next March/April.**
- **2013 Multi-Bridge repair contract – construction started with demolition of near Road Bridge in Gallatin and continues at Church Rd/Mud Creek (steel repairs).**
- **Canaan 4 Corners Bridge: Vosburgh Bridge, Town of Livingston: and East Taghkanic Bridge Replacement – final 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 Rehab – Stockport – detailed design almost complete, advertising for construction bids later this year. However, will be performing most of the repair tasks and full deck replacements during the summer 2014 construction season.**
- **Stuyvesant Falls Bridge in-depth inspection assessment – The draft final report was recently submitted to Col. Co. DPW with the final to be completed in November by Ryan-Briggs Assoc. PC.**

- **Bingham Mills Bridge Alternatives Assessment report** – The final report was submitted to Co. DPW earlier this month. Feasible alternatives look to be partial superstructure replacement. Full superstructure replacement; complete replacement; and full closure. Barton & Loguidice, PC will meet with the Co. DPW and Towns of Clermont & Livingston to review the full report.

County Airport Update:

The County was notified last week that a funding application submitted earlier this year to the NYSDOT Aviation Bureau for 2013 NYS Aviation Capital Grant Program Funds for the extension of Public Water and Sewer Service from the County Commerce Park to the county Airport was not selected for funding.

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

Highway – B. Kelleher

Work Schedule:

1. Patching roads
2. Tagging and inventory dead and diseased trees slated for removal
3. Setting up snow and ice control equipment
4. Completed mowing the County roadways, landfills and airport for the season
5. Completed 11.2 miles of shoulder rehabilitation on Co. Route 9 in Ghent.
6. Roadside sign maintenance.
7. Equipment maintenance.

Personnel Update:

1. Two men out on extended sick leave
2. Two men out on workman's compensation with job related injuries
3. Postings are out for six seasonal laborer positions and interviews are being conducted.
4. We have hired 3 Motor Equipment Operator I's from the outside and 1 lateral transfer from the Solid Waste Division
5. Promoted one Sr. Auto Mechanic to the vacant position of Sr. Automotive Mechanic
1. Now have two vacant Sr. Auto Mechanic positions.
6. One Welder has accepted a position with the Facilities Division.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill the vacant position of Sr. Motor Equipment Operator I, GR 13 and any vacancies created there from, in the Highway Department at the 2013 base salary of \$41,830. Position is vacant due to retirement and will be filled promotionally from within the department. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by Young, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request- Authorization to fill the vacant position of Welder, GR 13C, in the Machinery fund at the 2013 Step 1 starting salary of \$37,608.00. This position is vacant due to the transfer of an employee to the Facilities Division. Motion to approve E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request –Award the bid for (1) hook Lift system and associated equipment to be mounted on a County supplied cab and chassis to Zwack, Inc. of Stephentown, NY. Zwack was the sole bidder at an installed price of \$49,250.00. Motion to approve J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – To transfer \$115,000.00 from DM-5E-5130-4271-E4000 Motor Fuel line to DM-5E-5130-4275-E4000 Diesel Fuel line. Whereas, additional funds are required to cover costs until the end of the year. Motion to approve R. Staats, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – To transfer \$60,000.00 from \$60,000.00 from DM-5E-5130-2050-E2000 Vehicular Equipment line to the DM-5E-5130-4275-E4000 Diesel Fuel line. Whereas, additional funds are required to cover costs until the end of the year. Motion to approve R. Knott, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request – to transfer \$3,000 from DM-5E-5130-4150-E4000 Education line to the DM-5E-5130-4999-E4000 Misc. Expense line. Whereas, the transfer needed to cover costs for the remainder of the year. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Facilities – R. Pinto

A work schedule was provided.

Personnel –

Full-time cleaner remains out of work due to a broken ankle – not work related.

Applications are out for cleaner’s position. End date October 25, 2013.

A conversation involving Supervisor W. Hughes, Board of Election Democratic Commissioner V. Martin, R. Pinto and Supervisor R. Knott took place regarding the security of the voting machines located in the basement of 401 State Street. It was stated by V. Martin that the lock securing the machines had been removed by R. Pinto during May of 2013, and there were concerns regarding the integrity of the machines. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Benson requested that when Ms. Martin obtains a copy of the NYS Audit addressing the security concern and alleged incident that took place, she distributes copies to the committee for their review.

Solid Waste – J. Race

A station report was provided to the Committee.

Project update:

- Setting up a follow up meeting with Almstead Nursery to discuss the organics program
- Submitted the 3rd Quarterly report to NYSDEC
- Working to revamp the Greenport Transfer Station to handle the loading of recyclables.
- Entering into an agreement with Sunnking, Inc. to handle the recycling of the County’s electronics. This agreement will allow for free transportation, packaging material and will provide a \$/03 lb. revenue with the exception of televisions and monitors.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill the position of part time laborer in the Solid Waste Division, GR 11 at a step 1 hourly rate of \$14.4085. Position is vacant due to resignation. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill the position Motor Equipment Operator I in the Solid Waste Division at a Step 1 salary of \$32,138. Position is vacant due to a lateral transfer. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Resolution Request - Awarding the bid to Waste Zero for the purchasing of garbage bags for the Solid Waste program. Whereas, the bid will not exceed the budgeted amount of \$60,000.00. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried.

Refer to Finance.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM by E. Young, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried.

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