

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**Barbara Fischer, Asst. Dpty Clerk
Bernie Kelleher
Jolene Race
Robert Pinto
Dean Knox
Dave Robinson
Architects- Pine Haven
Robin Andrews
Ronald Caponera**

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:50PM.

Pine Haven:

The architects for Pine Haven Nursing Home presented a packet of the West site with an alternative 2- story building. Re-modifications of some of the original plans were submitted. R. Caponera inquired why the cost of the building would go up with the 2 story addition? Architect Ivan Garcia stated that the structural system is different and a nursing home can't be made of wood framed construction. The architects are exploring a cold form bearing wall system with fire rated drywall instead of structural steel. Neither demolition of the current nursing home, relocation of the training tower, nor the cost of fill is included in the project. There will be metal roof trusses instead of wood because of the NFPA code for a 1 hour rating on the walls and roof. An environmental study has been done and the report is forthcoming.

Solid Waste- J. Race

A station report and a year to date budget report was provided to the committee.

Project update:

- There was a follow up meeting with Almstead Nursery & Empire Zero. There will be meetings with local school districts & the Chamber of Commerce to promote possible business opportunities. Researching potential grant and funding sources as well.**
- Awarded \$14,591.40 form NYSDEC for the 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. This was a 50% reimbursement and the payment should be received by January 2014.**
- A Capital Project Pre-Application to NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling grant was submitted in the amount of \$658,602.50 which equates to a 50% reimbursement of \$329, 301.25. Reimbursement for the New loader to be purchased in 2014 (\$170,000) the Excavator that was purchased in 2013 (\$97,205.00), new containers (\$100,000), a new pole barn at the Greenport Transfer Station (\$150,000) and a new International tri axle (\$190,000) were requested in this grant. The anticipated review and approval of this grant will be the end of 2014 or the beginning of 2015.**

- **HHW bid specs are being sent out for the 2014 collection event.**

Resolution Request- Authorization to transfer \$10,000.00 .4 account number EL-8E-8160-4973-E4000 Tipping Fees MRF to .4 account EL-8E-8160-4025-E4000 Service & Repair. Whereas, the funds are needed to pay for needed repairs for the remainder of the year. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

Resolution Request- Authorization to transfer \$50,000.00 .4 account number EL-8E-8160-4791-E4000 Tipping Fees to .4 account EL-8E-8160-4280-E4000 Transportation. Whereas, the funds are needed to pay for fuel for the remainder of the year.

Highway- B. Kelleher

Work Schedule:

I.

1. Patching shoulders
2. Erecting snow fence
3. Setting up snow and ice control equipment
4. Cleaning ditches
5. Roadside sign maintenance
6. Equipment maintenance

II. Personal Update:

1. One MEO I resigned
2. One MEO II has submitted a letter of intent to retire effective December 30, 2013
3. We hired one Welder and five Seasonal Laborers

III. New Business:

1. Request permission for the Director of Highways to attend the 2014 New York State County Highway Superintendents Winter Conference in Albany, NY on January 21-23, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$460.00. The balance in the Education line to cover this cost is \$2,169.04. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.
2. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Resolution Request-Requesting Authorization to fill One (1) vacant position of Motor Equipment Operator I, GR 11C, in the Highway Department at the 2013 Step I starting salary of \$32,138.00. Whereas, This MEO I Position is vacant due to the resignation of an employee and is needed to adequately staff the department. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. Refer to .1 if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request-To award the bid for (1) One Promac Model 36 CHD Rotary Cutter and the installation of auxiliary hydraulics to our 2011 Gradall to Vantage Equipment of Latham, N.Y. at a total installed cost of \$34,500.00. Whereas, this piece of equipment was put out to bid and Vantage Equipment was the sole bidder. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by S. Sterling. Refer to Finance.

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. At County Route 16, Construction continues with most of the new County Route 16 alignment and new bridge integral abutments completed. Winter shutdown will take place early next month. For Walker's Mill bridge historic rehab. Final detailed design is still on schedule for completion by the end of the year.**
- **County Route 9/ Indian Creek- Chatham; County Route 25/ Fitting Creek- Stockport Bridge Replacements- Each design consultants work scope is complete and independent fees estimated are currently being progressed.**
- **County Route 18 (Fish & Game Road) Highway Reconstruction- Claverack; Design consultant selection process is underway by County DPW utilizing new region 8 LSDA List. Formal requests for qualifications (RFQ) have recently been sent to all Region 8 LSDA Firms. All responses are due in mid- December.**

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- Demolition of the Old Gutheil Bridge at Near Road- Town of Gallatin; Church Rd.- Greenport steel repairs; Russell Bridge- Ghent concrete, bearing and painting repairs; and Glenco Mills Bridge- Taghkanic, drainage repairs have been completed. Adams Crossing Rd. bearing replacement and paving will be completed in spring 2014.**
- **Canaan Four Corners Bridge; Vosburgh Bridge, Town of Livingston; and East Taghkanic Bridge Replacements- Final design tasks for these three (3) 2014 complete bridge replacements continue by the respective design consultants, with utility coordination, row acquisition and environmental permitting tasks also ongoing at each bridge site. Bid advertisement for each of these bridges is scheduled for Jan-Feb 2014.**
- **Stottville Bridge Rehabilitation- Stockport- With detailed design almost complete, we will be advertising for construction bids in early 2014.**
- **Stuyvesant Falls Bridge in- depth inspection/assessment- The draft final report was recently submitted to Co. DPW with the final to be completed in the next few weeks by Ryan Biggs Assoc., P.C.**
- **2015/2016 Bridge and Large Culvert Rehab/Replacement Projects- RFP's for design services for future (2015 and 2016) bridge and large culvert rehabilitation /replacement projects are being developed and will be distributed to qualified bridge/structural design firms on the Region 8 NYSDOT LSDA firms in early 2014.**

Resolution Request- Supplemental Agreement- Row mapping for Co. Rte. 5/Stony kill Bridge Replacement- Town of Canaan- Authorizing the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to execute a supplemental agreement with Barton & Loguidice, PC of Albany, NY in the amount of \$1800.00 for right-of-way survey and mapping of four (4) parcels necessary for the replacement of the Canaan 4-corners bridge carrying Columbia County Route 5 over the Stony Kill in the Town of Canaan.

Whereas the current design agreement work scope between Barton & Loguidice, PC and Columbia County for the Canaan 4- corners bridge (Co. contract #C158-12, Dated June 21, 2012) does not include row survey or mapping task, and after initial design was completed it was deemed necessary to acquire four (4) fee land acquisitions in order to construct this bridge further necessitating this extra row survey and mapping work. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried. Refer to Finance

Other Engineering Division Activities:

- Review of the 2013 Biennial/annual bridge inspection reports
- Federal/ NYS bridge, highway and airport project reimbursements
- Locally funded bridge program planning/administration
- County/Town highway right-of-way investigations and layouts
- Processing reduced speed limit requests- various towns
- County bridge and speed limit map updates
- Pine Haven cell tower construction
- County courthouse renovation project misc.
- 2013 new county guiderail installation surveys/designs
- Large culvert replacement final design/row acquisitions- County Rte .8- Germantown
- County airport septic system repairs
- County Route 42 No Parking Zones, Canaan

Facilities- R. Pinto

A work schedule was provided.

Personnel-

A cleaner who has been out of work on (FMLA) due to a non-work related injury is back to work.

Resolution Request- For the Director of Facilities to fill one (1) budgeted position of Laborer, GR11, 2013 Step I salary \$30,085.00 effective December 12, 2013. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

Building Committee- D. Robinson

Columbia County Courthouse

- Project schedule dated 11-4-13 shows construction complete in January 2014 with a punch- list of items remaining into February 2014
- Lothrop estimates the design package for the replacement windows will be available to bid in December 2013

- Exterior building façade and cornice panels are complete. The concrete front handicap ramp, east side sally port ramp and south side handicap ramp and steps are complete. Finishes for these ramps and stairs will continue into December 2013. East side sidewalk is scheduled to be poured the week of 11/18/13. Site asphalt and plantings will occur the week of 11/25/13. The interior heating system has been brought on-line and the elevator work should be complete by the end of the month.
- Project financial report will be forwarded upon receipt by Lothrop.
- RFP for moving services will be prepared and let for bid in December 2013 anticipating OCA returning to the courthouse in or around March 2014.
- Weekly construction meetings are held at 9:00 am every Tuesday. Minutes from these meetings are distributed to members of the Public Works Committee.

Pine Haven update:

- FFAE will present the findings of their site investigation and conceptual site plans at the November Public Works Committee meeting.
- PDF slides illustrating the site development costs for the northeast portion of the site versus the western portion of the site are attached.
- PDF slides depicting the site development and building layout & floor plans for the western side of the site are attached.
- Verizon began installing their power and telcom wiring to the tower the week of 11/11/13. Verizon may be on-line by Thanksgiving.

Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant update:

- Building finishes are being completed this month which completes the work schedule for 2013.

Conference Objective Form to allow attendance at the NYS County Highway Superintendents Winter Conference from January 21-23, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Albany, NY. A motion to approve by E. Young and seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by T. Garrick, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried.

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