

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: APRIL 27, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO
CONOVER
WOOD
TAYLOR
FRASIER
DICKINSON
SIMPSON
SOKOL

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR VANSELOW

OTHERS PRESENT:

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
JIM LIEBERUM, WARREN COUNTY MANAGER, SOIL & WATER Conservation District
REPRESENTING SARATOGA & NORTH CREEK RAILWAY:
JUSTIN GONYO, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
BROCK
SEEBER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
SARAH MCLENITHAN, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works, who distributed copies of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Agenda, Mr. Tennyson commented the update would be provided by Justin Gonyo, SNCR (Saratoga & North Creek Railway) General Manager.

Mr. Gonyo advised that SNCR had several projects underway, the most extensive of which was a brush project. He said they had purchased and were putting into service several pieces of equipment including a high rail gravel truck and a jordan spreader, which would be used for spreading ballast, ditching and removing brush. He noted this project would require five additional seasonal positions that they would not typically have on the railroad from late May until early November of this year.

In addition to the brush project, Mr. Gonyo apprised they were redoing all of the seats in both of their dome cars, and making other enhancements including more refrigeration and the addition of a dishwasher to one of the cars. He reminded the Committee they were renovating the interiors of two of their coach cars. He explained both of the coach cars would be updated with new furnishings and upholstered seats; however, he said, one of the coach cars would include the addition of a café, as well. He added they planned on doing some cosmetic improvements to the Hadley Luzerne and Thurman train stations to enhance their overall appearance.

Mr. Gonyo stated they had been working with the Town of Corinth to finalize a design on the train station there. He anticipated the ground breaking would occur sometime in late June or early July of this year.

With regards to freight operations, Mr. Gonyo reported that during the month of May they would be moving another 4,000 tons of product from the Tahawus Mines in order to satisfy their contract with the Massachusetts State Department of Transportation. He advised a GP38 would be delivered from the State of Minnesota sometime during the month of August.

Mr. Gonyo apprised he would be meeting with the Executive Vice President of Marketing for Canadian Pacific Railway this week to further discuss the freight contract they had been working on. He stated he was hopeful that these discussions would lead to having the necessary contract in place in order for them to move the stone from the Tahawus to the New York City region.

In conclusion, Mr. Gonyo requested authorization to relocate the concession caboose that was located at the Riverside Station in the Town of Rippiarius to the Thurman Station. Mr. Dickinson questioned the reason for the move and Mr. Gonyo replied that they felt they would get better use of the concession caboose at the Thurman Station, since it had not been in operation at the Riverside Station. He noted SNCR felt this would be an added amenity for both passengers and visitors to the Thurman Station.

David Strainer, Town of Queensbury resident, questioned whether the County owned the caboose and Mr. Gonyo replied affirmatively. He explained it was outlined in the lease between SNCR and the County that the County owned the caboose but SNCR was responsible for maintaining it.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting.

Mr. Merlino questioned who was responsible for maintaining the Hadley and Thurman Stations and Mr. Gonyo replied that SNCR was and he explained that every year they hired seasonal grounds keeper position. Mr. Merlino asked whether they kept a record of who they last approved to use the stations and Mr. Gonyo replied in the negative. Mr. Merlino apprised he had opened the Hadley Station last Friday for the Hadley-Luzerne Maple Festival and the interior of the station was in a state of disorder, as the bathrooms were a mess and had not been restocked with toiletries, and the garbage had never been emptied. Mr. Gonyo commented that the Station had not been utilized since October of 2014.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Mr. Tennyson advised that the Up Yonda Farm Maple Festival and Pancake Breakfast had been a success, as it was well attended. He passed around a photo of the event; *a copy of which in on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson reported that the Agenda included a summary of the stocking that would be completed by the Warren County Fish Hatchery. He added the majority of the stocking would take place this week.

This concluded the Parks, Recreation & Railroad portion of the Committee meeting and the DPW portion of the meeting began at 10:40 a.m.

Commencing the DPW Agenda review, Mr. Tennyson advised that Jim Lieberum, Manager, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, was in attendance to provide an update to the Committee regarding the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Annual Report, which generally involved developed areas. Mr. Lieberum apprised that every year at this time they addressed the MS4 Annual Report, as it was the County's responsibility to develop it for the infrastructure in the Towns of Queensbury and Lake George. He explained it was a NYS DEC (New York State Department of

Conservation) Report that included a tally or summation of the activities and goals that were achieved from the County's MS4 Plan. He said the report was broken down by 6 Minimum Control Measures that ranged from Storm Water Projects to Public Education and Outreach. He mentioned the comment period for the report was open until May 15, 2015. He stated access to the document was available via their website or a link on the County website that lead to their website. He added a hard copy was available for review in the Public Works Office or the Soil & Water office and he welcomed any public comments.

Moving on, Mr. Tennyson requested to award the bid and authorize a contract with Highway Rehabilitation Corp., as the lowest responsible bidder for Hot-in-Place Pavement Recycling (WC-33-15) for a term commencing upon execution of the contract and terminating December 31, 2015. He noted this service was used annually on various road projects.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to award the bid and authorize the contract with Highway Rehabilitation Corp., as the lowest responsible bidder as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson requested to award bid and authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the application of Pavement Markings for Warren County Roads and for the Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport (WC-34-15) for a term commencing upon execution of the contract and terminating December 31, 2015 with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms. He explained this was the annual bid for pavement markings on various roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to award the bid and authorize the contract with the lowest responsible bidder as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson requested to award the bid and authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for Crane Services (WC-36-15) for a term commencing upon execution of the contract and terminating December 31, 2015 with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms. He stated the crane services would be utilized on the various bridge projects that required heavy lifting capabilities.

Mr. Dickinson questioned how many responses Mr. Tennyson anticipated receiving for the crane service bid and Mr. Tennyson replied generally they received a few responses; however, he stated, some of the bids were from contractors that had to travel long distance and were not competitive.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to award the bid and authorize the contract with the lowest responsible bidder as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson apprised the next four agenda items pertained to Capital Project H351.9550 280, CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project. He then proceeded to outline the four agenda items as follows:

Page 5- Request to authorize a grant agreement with the NYS DOT (New York State Department of Transportation) for CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting in the amount of \$63,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 12- Request to increase Capital Project H351.9550 280, CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project, in the amount of \$50,400.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 13- Request to authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with Saratoga County relative to the sharing of the local share costs for the CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project.

Page 14- Request for new contract with CHA, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering Design Services for the CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Merlino questioned when the work would commence on Capital Project H351.9550 280, CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project, as he was concerned work would be occurring during the Americade Event scheduled for this spring. Mr. Tennyson estimated the work would commence in late summer or early fall of this year. He said he was hopeful the work would be completed prior to the end of the year; however, he stated, if it was not it would be finished up during the early spring months of 2016.

Mr. Tennyson apprised the next three agenda items pertained to Capital Project H352.9550 280, County Bridge Painting Project. He then proceeded to outline the three agenda items as follows:

Page 22- Request for a new grant agreement with the NYS DOT for County Bridge Painting Project in the amount of \$68,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 28- Request to increase Capital Project H352.9550 280, County Bridge Painting Project, in the amount of \$54,400.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 29- Request for a new contract with Clark Patterson Lee in the amount of \$68,000 for Preliminary Engineering Design Services for the County Bridge Painting Project commencing upon execution of the contract and terminating upon completion of the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson requested a transfer of funds between various road projects totaling \$22,378. He advised the conditions of the roads had been updated based upon the current conditions having gone through the winter season.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request for transfer of funds as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson requested authorization for the County Treasurer to close multiple Road Projects and transfer any remaining balances to other road projects based upon the request for Transfer of Funds. He explained that the projects had been completed and therefore, should be closed out.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Tennyson requested authorization for four DPW employees to attend Advanced Training for Excel Seminar at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, New York on June 18, 2015. He explained that the Information Technology Department notified him this was not one of the in-house trainings they offered.

Mr. Merlino asked whether funding was available within the DPW Budget to cover the cost of the training and Mr. Tennyson replied affirmatively. Mr. Dickinson questioned what the titles were of the employees attending the training. Mr. Tennyson advised the titles were Highway Manager, the DPW Fiscal Manager and her assistant, as well as the Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of the DPW. He pointed out the DPW utilized Microsoft Excel for Engineering and Fiscal matters on a regular basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention is on file with the minutes.*

In regards to the Palisades Road Bridge over Brant Lake Inlet Project (CR26), Mr. Tennyson advised he was awaiting some grant documents to amend the scope of work for the project. He explained that once the project had commenced they realized it required more extensive work than they had originally

projected. He said he anticipated receiving the Supplemental Agreement with the NYS DOT, as well as a Supplemental Agreement with the Engineering firm on the Project prior to the May 15, 2015 Board meeting. He said if this was the case he would put forth Pre-Post Resolution Requests to ensure the project moved forward.

Mr. Tennyson stated that Page 38 of the Agenda included a letter from Assemblyman Stec regarding the Winter Recovery Grant. He explained that although the official documentation had not been received as of yet, he anticipated the County would be receiving \$1,649,779.49 in CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funding, as well as an additional \$177,498.79 in Winter Recovery Grant funding for road improvements this year. He said he would like to use the additional funding for the specific road projects his engineers recommended. He referred the Committee to page 39 of the Agenda, which contained the Road Project list for 2015. He advised the upper section listed the 2015 Road Projects that had already been funded for this year and the center section listed the Road Projects he was proposing to utilize the Winter Recovery Grant funding for. He noted the bottom of the page listed the road projects that remained unfunded this year. He passed around photos that showcased the conditions of the roads he was proposing to utilize the additional grant funding for; *copies of which are on file with the minutes*. He stated once he received the official documentation from the NYS DOT regarding the additional grant funding he would present two Pre/Post Resolution Requests seeking to establish new Road Projects, as well as a request to transfer funding into the two existing Road Projects that required some enhancements.

Mr. Merlino apprised he was pleased that the County had been awarded over \$2,000,000 this year for Road Improvements, as he was aware of false statements being made that the County only spent \$350,000 on Road Improvements but was willing to expend over \$800,000 on improvements to the Airport. He questioned how much funding was expended on Road Improvements last year and Mr. Tennyson replied that \$3.14 million was expended in materials and contracts for Road Projects in 2014. He added if labor and equipment rates were included in that figure it amounted to \$4 million.

Mr. Dickinson questioned whether they were going to make improvements to CR#66, Country Club Road in the Town of Queensbury and Mr. Tennyson replied affirmatively. He apprised that they felt some utility work that had been done there in recent years that changed the drainage in the sub-structure of the roadway; therefore, he stated, they planned on doing a complete reconstruction to that section of the road.

It was the consensus of the Committee that should the necessary paperwork be received from the NYS DOT, Mr. Tennyson would present two Pre/Post Resolution Requests seeking to establish new Road Projects, as well as a request to transfer funding into the two existing Road Projects that required some enhancements.

In regards to the Middleton Bridge Replacement Project, Mr. Tennyson reminded the Committee they were awaiting word from the New York State Attorney General's Office as to the status of whether the two strips of property owned by the NYS DOT were considered forest preserve or not. He said a letter had been received advising that their office was looking into the matter. He added that he had discussed the matter with Senator Little's office, as well and they informed him they were engaged with the NYS DOT on the matter. He said at some point a determination would need to be made as to whether they wanted to move forward with the Bridge Project or make enhancements to the roadway instead. He mentioned he would provide the Committee with updates as they became available.

Mr. Tennyson advised page 40 of the Agenda was a flyer for the Efficiency in Winter Road Maintenance Workshop that was taking place at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George on May 6, 2015. He said this was a free workshop offered to elected officials and highway superintendents. Mr. Merlino commented he and a few other Supervisors had expressed interest in attending the workshop.

Page 41 of the Agenda, Mr. Tennyson stated, referred to a request from the LGA (Lake George Association) for a letter of support from the County for their current programs to the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation. He advised he was bringing forth this matter for informational purposes, as he did not require a resolution to send letters of support. Amanda Allen, Deputy Clerk of the Board, reported that the Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, had mailed the letter of support out last week to the Helen V. Froehlich Foundation. Mr. Tennyson said he would inquire whether the LGA required a letter from himself, as well since he believed they liked to include as many letters of support with their application as possible.

Mr. Tennyson apprised that the DPW Salt and Fuel Usage Reports were included with the agenda for the Committee to review. He commented the projected shortfall for salt had been alleviated somewhat by the relatively mild weather in March. He added they were benefitting from the low fuel prices thus far in the year.

Mr. Conover requested that Mr. Tennyson provide his thoughts on Clearlane Enhanced Deicer, which was an alternative to rock salt. He explained he would like to know whether the County was considering utilizing this in certain areas instead of rock salt and what type of impact this would have on the formula used to determine the Municipal Snow and Ice Contract Fees. He stated he was aware that Clearlane Enhanced Deicer was more expensive than rock salt; however, he said, it was more environmentally friendly and required less application. He added it was proven to be more effective in lower temperatures than rock salt. He reported the Village of Lake George claimed it was saving them a substantial amount of money, as they had been utilizing it for some time. He commented it may be worthwhile to utilize it even if it provided no cost savings because it was considered to be more environmentally friendly than rock salt. He noted there were costs associated with the equipment being able to handle this type of product.

Mr. Merlino advised that according to the local representative at the NYS DOT, a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the current conditions of the State roadways in Warren County. He said he felt they were unhappy with the negative press they received following the discussion at the April 27, 2015 Committee meeting; therefore, he stated, they decided to schedule the meeting with the Supervisors who had voiced concerns about the State roadways located in their local municipalities.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Ms. Wood, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board