

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: APRIL 25, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SIMPSON
CONOVER
DICKINSON
FRASIER
MERLINO
SOKOL
VANSELOW
WOOD
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
JEFF INGLEE, FISH MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
JIM LIEBERUM, DISTRICT MANAGER WARREN COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REPRESENTING SARATOGA & NORTH CREEK RAILWAY:
JUSTIN GONYO, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
REPRESENTING RENEGADE RAILRIDERS:
ROBERT HARTE, CEO
KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS LEGGETT
MONTESI
SEEBER
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
PATRICIA NENNINGER, PERSONNEL OFFICER
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 25, 2016 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/works/>

Mr. Simpson called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Copies of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad and DPW Agendas were distributed to the Committee members, copies of same are on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Justin Gonyo, *Saratoga & North Creek Railway (SNCR) General Superintendent*, to provide an update on SNCR operations. Mr. Gonyo advised he was pleased to report that their new dining car had arrived and was stationed in North Creek. He apprised some of the features included modern electrical updates and a brand new HVAC (*Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning*) system. He said currently renovations were underway to the dining room to provide it with more of an "Adirondack Taste". He informed the car would be in service on their Pullman Dinner Train with service commencing May 28th. In regards to the Thurman caboose, he apprised they were in the process of completing the application with the NYSDOH (*New York State Department of Health*); he added the work on the interior and exterior of the caboose should be completed by May 31st. He indicated their goal to start-up service there remained July 1st. He reported on the Maple in April Festival which was taking place this weekend in Hadley. He said they would be participating in the event, offering train rides between the Hadley Luzerne Station and the Thurman Station for a fee of \$10 for adult tickets and \$5 for children tickets. He mentioned \$2 of the adult ticket price would be allocated to the Hadley Business Alliance for a scholarship fund they had set up. He apprised they would also be displaying two of their new high rail trucks at the car show to allow attendees to see what one of these trucks looks like. He informed of their contribution of a framed picture of one of their trains over the Hadley Trestle to the Hadley

Business Alliance which would be raffled off with all of the proceeds from the sale going toward their scholarship fund, as well. He advised their regular schedule for the Saratoga to North Creek passenger train would commence operations on May 7th. He reported that tickets for the Pullman Dinner Trains, which service was commencing May 28th and would be going out of North Creek Station, were available for purchase online at a cost of \$59 per passenger; he added the regular schedule for the Pullman Dinner Train commenced on May 30th.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Harte, *CEO, Renegade Rail Riders*, to provide an update on the activities of Renegade Railriders. Mr. Harte apprised they were still actively pursuing two different operations on the SNCR, the first of which consisted of an operation by the Stony Creek Station and the other at the North Creek Station. He said they were looking to develop the operation in North Creek for this June; he explained it was an easier run which ran along the Sandford Lake line branch. In regards to the Stony Creek operation, he informed it required a more involved process which they were actively pursuing but would require significant infrastructure costs in order to commence operating there. He stated the goal was to partner with Warren County as they moved forward with this operation. He indicated due to the work required and the timing they felt it would be more realistic to commence operating there next year. He mentioned they had commenced the manufacturing of the bikes which was within the United States. He added they were currently exploring the possibility of assembling the bikes here in Warren County which would provide some additional jobs on top of the 16-18 they were already bringing to the region.

Mr. MacDonald inquired what locations they were considering for the assembling process within the County and Mr. Harte responded that he did not know them off the top of his head but he would forward the information to them. Mr. Simpson questioned when they anticipated commencing the operation in North Creek and Mr. Harte replied that since the manufacturing was ahead of schedule their goal was for a soft-opening during the middle of June and scheduling the grand opening on July 1st.

Resuming the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Agenda Review, Jeffery Tennyson, *Superintendent of Public Works*, presented a request to amend the 2016 County Budget in the amount of \$5,000 to reflect the receipt of funds donated by the Lewis Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving along to Information for Discussion/Review of the Agenda, as follows:

- Update on the spring stocking- Jeff Inglee, *Fish Management Specialist*, advised due to the warmer temperatures this year they were able commencing stocking the fish earlier than usual. He mentioned the only thing remaining was the stocking of the Schroon River, as well as for some upcoming derbies. He remarked because of the stellar job by the Fish Hatchery employees, the stocking went very smoothly this year. Chairman Geraghty questioned whether Mr. Inglee felt the size of the fish they stocked this year was adequate and Mr. Inglee replied in the affirmative. He said the management plan they had put together for the Fish Hatchery had worked well over the last few years. Chairman Geraghty asked whether they had any issues with varmints and Mr. Inglee replied affirmatively, he noted there were always issues with them. Mr. Tennyson pointed out a significant amount of work had been done to varmint proof the ponds located there. Mr. Simpson remarked he had recently taken a tour of the facility and was rather impressed with what he saw. Chairman Geraghty questioned whether the Fish Hatchery had been booking up for the summer season with tours and Mr. Inglee replied in the affirmative. Chairman Geraghty suggested that anyone who had never visited the facility do so. In response to a question asked by Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Inglee apprised that to his knowledge they had never tracked the number of fish they stocked that survived since it was a 'put

and take' system which would be difficult to track. Mr. Conover questioned whether they were at capacity and Mr. Inglee replied in the affirmative.

- Update on Spring Zing Fishing Clinic & Open House- Mr. Inglee apprised they created this event which was scheduled for May 14th at the Fish Hatchery for promotional purposes so individuals had a better idea of what they did there. Mr. Inglee reviewed the brochure for the event which the Tourism Department had created for them and contained a listing the schedule and events that would be taking place there, as well as the list of the sponsors for the event, *a copy of which is on file with the minutes*. Mr. Tennyson apprised that he had brought some posters advertising the event to the meeting so that the Town Supervisors could post them at their towns.

Commencing the review of the DPW Agenda, Mr. Tennyson presented the following requests:

- Page 1- Request for a new contract with Grout Tech Inc., for grout pumping for various projects in Warren County pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 28-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating March 31, 2017 with the possibility of two one-year extensions.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- Page 3- Request to close Capital Project No. H299, *Bridge Rehabilitation Projects*, and return the estimated funds remaining of \$111,405.98 to the Debt Service Fund.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- Page 4- Request for a transfer of funds between various Road Projects totaling \$47,264.53.

Chairman Geraghty requested that Mr. Tennyson provide the total amount of all of the transfers on future forms.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the request for transfer of funds form is on file with the minutes.*

- Page 6- Request for authorization to sell one surplus 2008 Rugby 10-ft. dump box with triple gate for a single axle dump truck to the Town of Lake George Highway Department for the total of \$750.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- Page 7- Request to amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to reclassify the existing position of Account Clerk #3, *Grade 4, Annual Base Salary \$34,770*, to Senior Account Clerk #3, *Grade 7, Annual Base Salary \$39,232*, effective May 20, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 9- Request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,462 from Budget Code A.1620 470, Buildings & Grounds, Contracts, to Budget Code A.1490 110, Public Works Admin DPW Salaries-Regular to provide funds for the salary increase of the Senior Account Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Referral/Pending Items section of the agenda, Mr. Tennyson assured the Committee that he would keep them updated on the status of the NYSDEC grant funds for the household hazardous waste collections. He stated registration was available online and they would be advertising for the collection dates and locations soon. Mr. Simpson inquired how many had pre-registered thus far and Mr. Tennyson responded that he estimated the number of registrations received to be around a few dozen; however, he noted, they anticipated receiving many more as the event dates grew closer. He added his Office was fielding a number of inquires regarding the types of items they would be accepting.

Mr. Montesi asked for further clarification on the transfer of funds amongst the various road projects, as he was concerned with the transfers that were listed for significant amounts. Mr. Tennyson apprised the road projects had been completed last year with funding set aside for them based upon the estimated costs. He said the adjustments were necessary based upon the findings of the Auditor and the County Treasurer's Office. He noted these were not new expenses.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jim Lieberum, *District Manager, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District*, who provided an update on the Warren County MS4 report that was prepared by his Office on an annual basis.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Ms. Wood , Mr. Simpson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist
(As typed by Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board)