

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2016

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SIMPSON  
CONOVER  
DICKINSON  
FRASIER  
MERLINO  
SOKOL  
VANSELOW  
WOOD  
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
KEVIN HAJOS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REPRESENTING SARATOGA & NORTH CREEK RAILWAY:  
JUSTIN GONYO, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
MARK ELLSWORTH, TRAIN MASTER  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
LEGGETT  
MONTESI  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 31, 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 10:20 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Wood 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 apprised that the Fall Foliage Festival had been a success with over 600 passengers on the train and he noted a number of new attractions were offered this year. He said the goal was to continue to work with the Hadley Business Association to grow the event each year.

Mr. Gonyo reported that SNCR had repaved the crossing at Barton Mines Road, as well as the crossing located on Route 28 to address the fact that both were in states of disrepair. He informed the website for the Pullman Ski Train was operational as of last week. He stated that their parent company, Iowa Pacific, had made the determination to send them four sleeping cars instead of three for the Ski Train.

In response to a question that had been asked at a prior Committee meeting, Mr. Gonyo informed that according to the data compiled from their ticket software, individuals who had standing reservations were primarily coming from Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and Virginia. He mentioned the majority of their group sales were from Canada or Europe.

Mr. Gonyo apprised they had hired 134 part-time seasonal employees for the Polar Express event. He advised the train would be operated from November 18th through December 24<sup>th</sup>. He said the seat capacity for first class had been increased this year by 240 passengers. He advised that SNCR would be participating in the North Creek Lights On Ceremony on December 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Town of Corinth Christmas Train which was scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Conover thanked Mr. Gonyo for providing the information pertaining to where the individuals with

ticket reservations originated from and he inquired whether this information could be placed in a format that would allow it to be shared with the County Tourism Department; Mr. Gonyo replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Simpson requested an update on Renegade Railriders. Mr. Gonyo apprised that a few weekends ago they had a test run north of North Creek with the bike they would be manufacturing and using for this purpose during this test it was determined a few things would need to be altered prior to going into full production of them and it was their goal was to commence service during the spring of next year.

Mr. Simpson thanked Mr. Gonyo for providing the recent tour of SNCR's North Creek facility, as he found it to be very informative.

In conclusion, Mr. Gonyo introduced Mark Ellsworth, *Train Master*, reminding the Committee members as part of the new initiative he would introduce different SNCR managers to them. Mr. Ellsworth provided a brief summary of his work history with the railroad and his duties there.

Resuming the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Agenda review, Mr. Tennyson presented a request to authorize new contract with Ed Zibro d/b/a Warrensburg Bike Rally for use of the Warren County Fairgrounds property for their annual event to include automatic renewal terms for up to ten consecutive years. He informed that the current contract was not due to expire until the end of 2017.

A discussion ensued during which a number of Committee members voiced their concerns with authorizing the a long-term agreement for such a low daily use rate, as well as suggesting authorizing the agreement with an incremental increase in the use rate each year. It was determined discussion on this item would continue at a future meeting.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Mr. Tennyson apprised that the Trunk or Treat event took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Up Yonda Farm with over 351 participants. He said the event had steadily been growing each year.

Returning to the prior agenda item, Mr. Conover stated that he believed prior to making any decision on Mr. Zibro's request for the use of the Warren County Fairgrounds, the County Attorney should determine whether there were any issues with authorizing the use of County-owned property on a long-term basis, as well allow the Parks, Recreation & Railroad staff to gather the necessary information to ensure the Committee made an informed decision.

Concluding the Agenda review, Mr. Tennyson informed that the Warren County Fish Hatchery had stocked 3,064 salmon in Lake George on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Page 1- Request to authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the New York State Department of Transportation grant for the CR 44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project in the amount of \$1,104,907.

Page 7- Request to increase Capital Project H351, *CR44 over Hudson River Bridge Painting Project*, in the amount of \$1,103,107.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the requests; the necessary resolution was authorized for the item listed on Page 1 and the item listed on Page 7 was forwarded to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Page 8- Request to amend the contract with CHA Consulting, Inc. to include Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the CR 44 Bridge Painting Project to provide construction inspection services in the amount not to exceed \$149,581.

Page 14- Request to authorize a new contract with the lowest responsible bidder for CR 44 Bridge Painting Project pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 50-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating upon completion of the work.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve both requests and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Page 15- Request to amend Resolution No. 509 of 2013 to correct the funding source for the local match to be Capital Project H343, *Westbrook Road Sidewalk*.

Page 17- Request to amend Resolution No. 348 of 2016 to correct the funding source for the local match to Capital Project H343, *Westbrook Road Sidewalk*.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Vanselow and carried unanimously to approve the requests and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes. Note: Pursuant to the meeting it was determined that these matters would be handled through a Clerk's Correction.*

Page 19- Request to authorize a new contract with the lowest responsible bidder for Capital Project H366, *West Mountain Road (CR 58) Pavement Preservation Project*, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 52-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating upon completion of the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Page 20- Request to authorize a new contract with Rozell East, Inc. for crane services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 75-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017; can be extended for up two additional one year terms.

Page 22- Request to authorize a new contract with Town & Country Bridge and Rail, Inc. for shotcrete pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 67-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017; can be extended for up two additional one year terms.

Page 24- Request to authorize a new contract with Town & Country Bridge and Rail, Inc. for construction, reconstruction of guide railing posts and component parts pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 65-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017; can be extended for up two additional one year terms.

Page 28- Request to authorize a new contract with SJB Services for periodic professional

geotechnical consulting services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 62-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017; can be extended for up two additional one year terms.

Page 35- Request to authorize a new contract with Kubricky Construction Corporation for Bridge and Structures Repair, Rehab and Highway Construction pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC74-16) and proposal; for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017; can be extended for up two additional one year terms.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned requests and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Page 43- Request to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$19,300 to reflect the receipt of insurance recovery funds for replacement of a video message board.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, 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.*

Page 47- Request for transfer of funds between various budget codes totaling \$199,159.06 for various road projects.

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 resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Referral/Pending Items section of the agenda, Mr. Tennyson apprised they were awaiting receipt of the grant funds for the household hazardous waste collections from the NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*).

Mr. Tennyson requested that Kevin Hajos, *Deputy Superintendent of Public Works*, provide an update regarding an agreement for grant funding they anticipated receiving prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Hajos stated that they anticipated receiving the agreement for an upcoming bridge painting project which included one bridge located in the Town of Stony Creek and two others located in the Town of Johnsbury. He said once the agreement was received they could apply the contract and establish the capital project.

Proceeding to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the Agenda, Mr. Tennyson advised the intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Lake George pertaining to the collection of parking and special event fees for the County-owned Beach Road parking lot had expired at the end of the season this year. He said no action was needed at this time, as he believed the intent was to inquire what the Village's objective was going forward. Chairman Geraghty informed he was working on scheduling a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the matter further.

A discussion ensued

Chairman Geraghty inquired whether the lack of site distance associated with the portion of County Route 3 in the Town of Stony Creek that bordered the Stony Creek Ranch Resort property had been

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addressed and Mr. Thomas replied in the negative. Mr. Tennyson stated he had a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning with the property owners to review the site. He informed unless the property owner signed an access agreement the County could only cut the brush located within their right-of-way which would not fully address the issue. He said a signed access agreement would allow the County to cut the brush back on a portion of the parcel owned by the property owner which would further improve the site distance there.

Mr. Dickinson requested that he be provided with the total amount of revenue collected for parking and special events. Mr. Tennyson that he would request the information from the County Treasurer's Office and forward it on to Mr. Dickinson. Mr. Simpson stated he felt they should review all of the agreements in place for parking to assist them with making a determination on the agreement with the Village for the Beach Road parking lot.

Mr. Conover voiced his concerns pertaining to the fact that issues with paving projects did not get addressed immediately due to scheduling conflicts, equipment issues, etc. He suggested that the County contract with paving companies so that these issues could be addressed without delay, as well as to allow the Towns and/or the County the choice to have the work completed in-house or by an outside contractor.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Simpson stated he would like to discuss a County chipping grinder. Mr. Tennyson advised that they had previously discussed the possibility of moving forward with a consolidated bid for stump and brush grinding services. He stated upon discussing the matter with several contractors it was determined that the market for bio mass was not such that it could be done at cost. He mentioned it would be about \$3,000 a day to have a grinder on site operating. He advised the plan was to put a bid out that would allow the towns to piggy back on to which would include a mobilization charge for the contractor to come on site and set up the grinder, as well as a charge for each day it was operated.

A discussion ensued.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Tennyson pointed out the DPW Overtime, and Salt Usage Reports included in the agenda packet.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Simpson adjourned the meeting at 11:12

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board