



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30PM
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison at **5:29 PM**

MEMBERS: Legislators Jim Basile, Christina Calarco, Michael Didio (Vice Chair), Tricia Kerr, Brian Muldrow and Hans Pecher

EXCUSED: Lydia Patti Ruffini

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Mark Strong, Elane Daly, and Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gary Duckett, Parks & Trails Director Doug Dello-Stritto, Highway Supervisor Brian Soper, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Operations Officer Shereen Androsko, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: March 21, 2023

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Karl Rindfleisch (CCWSA) –

WATER/SEWER UPDATES:

- NYS and Cayuga County Department of Health reports filed as mandated.
- Continuing water and sewer supervisory duties in Town of Springport/Fleming district(s). Operations/Maintenance for the Town of Fleming. Also providing water operations/maintenance and billing services in the Town of Mentz and the Town of Westbury (water delivered via Wayne County supply).
- CCIDA continues necessary processes for funding the updated/new sewer infrastructure in the Aurelius Industrial Development Park. Conversations with the town of Aurelius representatives continue regarding the current conditions and needs for the park and surrounding area infrastructure.
- Cayuga Lake Protection Plan (sewer project along Cayuga Lake) is evolving, and outreach is progressing.

County Sewer District 2

- CCWSA repairs its grinder pumps and has stock ready. CCWSA is available to work with municipalities to repair their grinder pumps systems, too.
- Spring maintenance – flushing lines in preparation for seasonal influx of residents.
- CCWSA team providing oversight to maintenance and customer services. Wayne County WSA continues to provide emergency assistance when necessary.
- Bioxide equipment upgrades are being completed to provide an improved chemical feed system and permanent flushing components for efficiency and cost savings.
- “NYS DigSafely” location requests maintained daily. Alarms for malfunctioning grinder pumps checked and main pump stations monitored continually. Odor control systems are working properly throughout the system.

Master Regional Plan and Report - CC Regional Water System

- CCWSA Project Committee members and the full board continue to develop steps to service our county with safe, potable water.

Miscellaneous:

- Buildings & Grounds, Gary Duckett, has initiated plans to repair existing sewer infrastructure at the Public Safety Building and connection to the sewer transmission line at the Auburn line. Once upgrades are satisfactorily completed the expectation is for CCWSA to provide operations and maintenance of existing sewer lines on and for the County campus on County House Road, Sennett. CCWSA met with City representatives regarding the current water and sewer lines from their North Street connection. The County House Road sewer is transported directly to the city sewer connection, unmetered. The City has a substandard extended water line to approximately 5 homes that would benefit from a new water line from CCWSA connection point at

North/Potter Road. When CCWSA receives ownership and/or lease to the existing sewer line – the City will bill a wholesale rate to CCWSA and we will bill each account according to cost of transport and operations/maintenance requirements.

- 2023 Congressional Appropriation –Project funds will be used for a CCWSA second connection to the City of Auburn’s water supply at North Street to extend to existing waterline to CCWSA waterlines on Potter Road, Sennett and provide service to homes on Route 34 now served by the City for safe, potable water. Collaboration with EPA, CCWSA Financial Advisors, etc., continue to provide all necessary documentation to commit the funds to this project.
- FY2022 Financial Reports/Audit is complete and approved by the Board of Directors. All appropriate filings are under review and in process.
- Recent appointments to Board of Directors: Don Oltz (t/o Fleming) & Jeff Dygert (Auburn). Meetings are typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, with Project/Finance Committee now meeting the first Wednesday of each month regarding special projects and grant related materials.

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

Petroleum Quality Sampling

Purchased 12 samples from 5 stations for March. Received results, all passed.

Kwik Fill, State St, Auburn – 1 gas

Kwik Fill, Grant Ave, Auburn – 2 gas, 1 diesel

Pit Stop, Fleming – 2 gas, 1 diesel

A Plus, E. Genesee St, Auburn – 3 gas

TOP’s Friendly Market, W. Genesee St, Auburn – 2 gas

Ag Service Centers

Carovail, Auburn - Flow meters for herbicides and pesticides,; Saroodis Ag, Montezuma – TriFlow; Helena, Genoa - New large volume flow system and gas pump; Birkett Mills, King Ferry – scales.

Vehicle Scale

Degroff Grains installing new 85 ft vehicle scale, Fleming

Gary Duckett (Buildings and Grounds) –

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ADMINISTRATION: Crew Gary Duckett and Donna Blumrick:

1. Update County Office Building Project: The County Attorney’s Office is working with Bergmann to finalize the agreement. Bergmann provided an aggressive schedule with the work being completed the end of August.
2. I have attached an updated Building and Grounds project list dated 3-30-23.
3. Mental Health Parking Update: I asked Bergmann for an estimate to develop a plan for removal of the pergola and maximizing parking for the building. They currently have 50 spots for 50 County Employees. Need additional parking for Contracted employees, Unity House and Clients. With removal of the pergola we think we may be able to get an additional 13 spots.
4. Hardenberg Roof and PSB partial Roof Project Update: The County Attorney’s Office submitted a proposed agreement to the low bidder.

DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, and Brian Henyan:

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day-to-day efforts for grounds maintenance and snow and ice management Ed and his team responded to over 273 maintenance requests as in March.
2. The downtown crew was fully staffed but one employee is currently out due to an auto accident.
3. Ed’s crew assisted with the tenant work which needed to be completed by 3/31/23.
4. Surplus furniture update: People picked up their items, remaining items will be scrapped.
5. We received the budgeted tractor with snowblower, plow blade, loader, pallet forks and ballast box. Still waiting for the salt spreader (scheduled for week of April 3rd) and broom (scheduled for the first week in May).
6. Maintenance has been asked to move several offices around for DSS in recent months.

COUNTY HOUSE ROAD, FIRING RANGE, TOWERS and TOWER SITES: Crew Mitch Brown, Ben McIntyre, Bruce Simmons, Greg Purcell:

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day-to-day efforts for grounds maintenance and snow and ice removal Mitch and his team responded to 240 maintenance requests in March.
2. We have been looking for a PT Laborer and a PT Building Maintenance Mechanic for the PSB or over a year. We are unable to find PT people, we need to consider amending the budget so we can hire another FT person. This is an ongoing problem and has been made worse because current employees have been out with valid excuses. I will have some numbers for you at committee.
3. There have been several requests for maintenance caused by difficult inmates.

New Business?

Any Questions?

Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –

1. Parks & Trails Department:

- The Parks Director has been engaged with contractors and the county attorney’s office regarding the relocation a gas line and therefore easement on non-park county property in Aurelius.
 - The Parks & Trails Department event trailer has been completed and is being transported to a vendor for graphics. The Department is working with the Merry Go Round, the Cayuga County Convention and Visitors Bureau and our internal properties to collect logos and collateral for use with this new trailer.
2. Emerson Park:
- Projects:
 1. The Amphitheater project funding is being reviewed internally with the Planning Department.
 2. Whitebridge road property development plans are being reviewed by DOT.
 3. Replacement of the Deauville Island Shelter: proposed design/build solution and pricing has been submitted to the ARPA committee.
 4. Temporary road establishment is complete at Whitebridge Rd.
 5. All Emerson Park stone roadways will be filled, improved and oil and stone treated this spring in an effort to improve service and public access, decrease long term stone and repair costs and improve water quality by decreasing sediment introduction from run off from crushed stone access roads.
 6. Deauville Island channel dredging is complete – site rehab has started.
 7. Deauville Island Architecture Design RFQ was distributed for all structures planned for the redevelopment. 2 RFQ’s were received. Interviews are completed.
 8. Lifeguard recruitment docs are complete. The department will be reimbursing lifeguards for training costs incurred in 2023 for hired guards after completing 250 hours of lifeguarding.
 9. Parks staff has met with Auburn Little League regarding signage replacement, lighting upgrades and additional field space. Alternative locations for expanded operations have also been preliminarily discussed.
 10. Branding – utilizing the new logos designed in 2022 the department is designing vehicle markings, property entrance signs for the 38A/Whitebridge intersection, the main park entrance and the entrance to the Fleming section of the park.
 11. A contract has been executed with Trowbridge, Wolf, Micheals, Landscape Architects, a Fisher Associates Company for the rehab/redesign project for the entrance plaza at the Merry-Go-Round theater. Phase 1 will be the replacement of the sidewalk and lighting surrounding the entrance to the theater
 12. The department has designed a new memorial tree program featuring a centralized recognition location and guidance to ensure the program is sustainable.
 - Friends of Emerson Park:
 1. On April 2, the FOES held the Annual Emerson Park Easter Egg Hunt. Over 1000 patrons visited! The 2023 Emerson Park in Concert Series for July and August have been [announced](#).
 - Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: draft review underway.
 - Staffing: Lifeguard recruitment docs are complete. The department will be reimbursing lifeguards for training costs incurred in 2023 for hired guards after completing 250 hours of lifeguarding.
3. Ward W. O’Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):
1. Museum Festival of Trees was another well attended event with signed in visitors from November 19, 2022 until January 31, 2023 totaling 2,668 people. Estimated group size is 3 visitors per sign-in.
 2. Martha Shaw Harvesting History Series continuing for 2023. February presentation had 92 people in attendance. April presentation by John Lamphere, “ Robert Buffum: Jayhawker, Spy and Murderer”.
 3. March 1, 2023 will start the Museum Easter Egg Hunt. It will continue until April 8, the Saturday before Easter.
 1. November resolution to get approval to post hiring for 3 new museum aids. We received and interviewed 5 excellent candidates and will fill all 3 positions.
 2. Hannah Stoddard a museum aid for 2 years has taken another position and her last day at the museum will be Monday February 13, 2023 We wish her well. April Resolution; authorization to fill museum aide was submitted to fill this vacancy.
 3. Recoating of Steel Roofs on Museum –quotes are being requested; project funded in 2023 budget
 4. Internet to museum: Parks staff with IT are planning the new connection.
 5. New Parking Area for Museum and Parks on North Side of Museum-Parks staff are working with vendors on permeable parking. The Friends of Museum will donate \$15,000.00 from 2023 Patron Campaign to assist with project funding.
 6. The museum is open daily Monday thru Saturday 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. and Sundays 11 A.M. till 4 P.M.

HIGHWAY: Motion to bundle PW 1-4 by Calarco, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.

- 4-23-PW-1 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position in the County Highway Department (PC #3056)
- 4-23-PW-2 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC #2409)
- 4-23-PW-3 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC#2430)

4-23-PW-4 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC #2475)

PARKS & TRAILS:

4-23-PW-5 Authorization to fill one (1) Part Time Museum Aide vacancy at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum

Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.

Motion by Calarco to adjourn at 5:39 PM, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.