



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-B-ISSWVz4>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Tucker Whitman – **5:31 pm**

MEMBERS: Legislators Andy Dennison, Tricia Kerr, Hans Pecher, Paul Pinckney, Mark Strong, and Ben Vitale

OTHERS: Legislators Tim Lattimore, Elane Daly, Ryan Foley, Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Brittany Massi, Lacey Bailey, Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Jodie Nickerson, Kelly King, Tracy Verrier, Karen Kuhl, Suzanne Gauthier, Dan Welch

MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 13, 2021. **Motion made by Dennison, 2nd by Pinckney. All in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) – No updates

Vitale offered an update: The map plan will be coming through the Legislature in June due to timing of the Water & Sewer Authority meeting. Close to moving forward with a sewer line on Honico Rd along Cayuga Lake and may also be able to offer water in conjunction with Aurora and Wells College. Throop's short water line may be extended another mile to include 20 houses.

Larry Roser (Weights and Measures) –

- This month I got the results of the 12 gas samples purchased from 6 gas stations.
 - Kwik Fill on State Street in Auburn = 1
 - Pit Stop in Port Byron = 3
 - Kwik Fill in Weedsport = 1 (Their 89 is out of order)
 - Speedway in Meridian = 3
 - Speedway on Grant Ave in Auburn = 3
 - B.J.'s in Auburn = 1All 12 samples passed.
- We tested all 3 truck scales at Nucor Steel.
 - The Euclid Scale out back passed +60 lbs. @ 59,260 lbs.
 - The Outbound Scale passed -40 lbs. @ 69,060 lbs.
 - The Inbound Scale had a new load cell put in it.
It failed -100 lbs. @ 25,000 lbs.
It was adjusted and passed -20 lbs. @ 69,020 lbs.
- We tested all the pumps at Byrne Dairy in Auburn. They all passed. However 3 were shorting the customers 6 cubic inches in 5 gallons, which is at the maximum allowable tolerance. However the average of all the pumps came in as giving an extra 2.475 cubic inches in 5 gallons, an acceptable level. I did recommend if they had a pump company come to do any work on the pumps they definitely adjust the 3 pumps shorting at tolerance.
- TOP's had their 4 self-checkout scales removed and 6 new self - checkouts installed. They have all been tested and passed and sealed. They later had checkout #10 repaired It has been tested, passed, and sealed.
- New Hope Mills had a scale that was in maintenance when the rest were tested. They brought it out to start using it. It has been tested and passed.
- The Phillip Pittroff Farm in Victory had its 500 gallon tank go bad. They purchased the old 545 gallon tank from the Nelson Horst Farm in Cato (It was replaced by a 1,600 gallon tank). The new Pittroff 545 gallon tank was recalibrated and is now in use.

Gary Duckett (Buildings and Grounds/Parks and Trails) –

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

1. Gary's goal this year is to create a meaningful Capital Plan for Buildings and Grounds, including Parks and Trails. This will include getting a decision from the Legislature on the future of the County Office Building. We are currently reviewing the roofs on various county buildings.

2. Thank you for approving Resolution 129-21 we have an excellent candidate for the PT Building Maintenance Mechanic position.
3. Thank you for approving Resolution 130-21 we are seeking candidates for these four PT Laborer Positions at \$13.00. This will enable us to get assistance for the work that used to be done by the inmate work crew.
4. Gary provided input for the Venesky Report.
5. We received quotes to install the required backflow device in the County Office Building. The low quote was Bianco Plumbing and Heating at \$12,600. Funds are from the Buildings and Grounds Budget. Work will be done over a weekend once the backflow device is received. Estimated delivery is 4-5 weeks.
6. IBT2021-22 for the masonry project at the HPO was opened 4/23/2021. The work is needed because moisture is getting into the blocks resulting in the facia of the blocks falling off. The low bid was Heritage Masonry Restoration Inc. at \$81,765.00. There is a resolution for May to allow a Public Hearing in June to allow the funding to come from the Building Repair Reserve after the Public Hearing and approval of a resolution in June.
7. Provided a scope of work to purchasing to allow an ITB to be issued for an electrician to run wire for a new NYSEG service to the PSB and the old Nursing Home.
8. Working with a vendor to finalize plans for the replacement of the exterior lighting at the PSB with new LED fixtures. The funding is from a NYSERDA Grant being administered by Planning.

DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, and Jeff King:

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance and the day to day efforts for grounds preparation and mowing Ed and his team responded to over 105 maintenance requests last month.
2. VIP Structures completed the Family Court public service window (tenant work) project.
3. VIP Structures completed the Health Departments Clinic updates to the Hardenberg Building.
4. The courthouse lawn needs repair where the sewer replacement was done. This work will be done after East Hill completes the work on the retaining wall bordering the property.

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

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts Mitch and his team responded to over 222 maintenance requests last month. Many of these requests are related to cleaning for COVID and performing duties previously done by the inmate work crew. This has increased the workload on Mitch and his crew.
2. Mitch and crew have been working with the vendor to allow them to complete preliminary work on the replacement of the backup generator at the PSB. This project is scheduled to be completed in May.
3. Mitch continues to work on the administrative area of the PSB.

PARKS AND TRAILS Crew Doug Dello Stritto, Mike Dagnesi and Jon Borsa
Emerson Park:

- A. Parks & Planning Departments are reviewing final layout and architecture for the Deauville Island Destination Playground and Amphitheater projects approved by resolution 138-20.
- B. The Emerson Park Pavilion is no longer being used as a COVID 19 testing site and is being cleaned and prepared for contracted events.
- C. The Parks Department in coordination with the City of Auburn has completed the clean-out of the culvert pipes at Emerson Park. The Parks Department will continue to work with the City and CCSWCD to create a maintenance plan for the system.
- D. Parks and Planning Department staff are working with the Merry-Go-Round Theater to plan for reopening.
- E. Parks staff is working with Little League to address drainage, fencing repair and grounds keeping in preparation for their season.
- F. A decision still needs to be made for the July 3rd Fireworks.

Ward W. O'Hara Ag Museum/Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center Update (Tim Quill Director PT):

1. 20 TV/DVD exhibits installed and operating. Audio visual exhibits on maple syrup making, honey production, logging, printing and many on various types of vintage tractors
2. Easter Egg hunt was a big success. 1,695 Attendance on Door Counters Over 200 participants in the egg hunt
3. Painting of most of the floors in museum complete, museum looks much cleaner and welcoming
4. Ag Museum Board met for first time on April 19, 2021 in the classroom. Director updated them on projects since their last meeting in November.
5. 2021 Old Ways Day on June 5, 2021 was cancelled due to covid
6. Museum Patron Dinner and recognition is postponed and hopefully can be held in September
7. No school Group programs in 2021 due to covid
8. A witch hunt similar to the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt is being scheduled for October at the museum
9. Halloween at the museum is on hold
10. Open House Christmas at the museum is on hold
11. Sealing and lining of Museum Parking lot scheduled to be done before Memorial Day
12. Museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-4 and Sundays 11-4. Despite covid we are receiving many visitors.

Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director PT):

1. The McIntyre Rd parking area was expanded with grindings from the bridge work being done on that road.
2. Programing
 - a. At least one Facebook Live program each month to supplement the in-person programs and for those who are unable to visit the Nature Center due to COVID-19.
 - b. Requiring masks and pre-registration for in-person programs and limiting attendance to 15-20 people due to COVID-19. All in-person programs are outdoors only due to limited indoor space.
 - c. Jim is offering more than one date and/or time for popular programs to spread out attendance into smaller groups due to COVID.
 - d. Recent and upcoming programs:
 1. Signs of Spring,
 - a. Friday March 19, 1pm (9),
 - b. Saturday March 20, 1pm (9),
 - c. FBLive Saturday March 20, 10am (31)
 2. Leadership Cayuga County Tour, Thursday April 8, 2:45pm (18)
 3. Vernal Pool,
 - a. Friday April 9 1pm, (4)
 - b. Saturday 10 1pm, (12)
 - c. FBLive April 10 3pm (21)
 4. Wandering Naturalist
 - a. Friday April 16, 10am (heavy rain 39F)
 - b. Saturday April 17, 10am (7) a reporter from iheartOswego joined the walk and posted a photo essay story about it and the Nature Center:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set?vanity=iheartoswego&set=a.4318696641496686>
 5. 4H Photography Workshop Thursday April 22, 6pm (19)
 6. Beach Cleanup, 10am-noon
 7. Association of Nature Center Administrators, Zoom mtg Tuesday April 28
 8. Warbler Walk, April 30 & May 7 7am
 9. Warblers & Wildflowers, May 1, 8, 15 1pm
 10. Wandering Naturalist, May2, 10am
 11. Red Creek High School Volunteer Day, Wednesday May 5, 9:30am (15-20students)
 12. Trail Work Day, May 29, 10am

Trail Update:

- a. The Auburn Fleming Trail: new decking is being installed on bridge 3 as weather permits (from Dunning Ave entrance.)
- b. The Cato-Brutus Trail:
 1. Bridge A: (Chase Rd) CFA funding has been approved. Resolution language requested by NYS has been approved, final design report will be submitted this month.
 2. Bridge C: (Ditmar Rd) Bridge fabrication is nearly complete. Site work and preparation are underway. Installation target date is May 17, 2021.
- c. Cato - Fair Haven trail: several downed trees have been cleared from this trail by the Highway Department
- d. Cayuga County Highway continues to perform trail maintenance as necessary.

Owasco Flats: Nothing new to report.

Any Questions?

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- Paving is underway as of 5/3/21 11.1 miles of turnkey paving has been complete. Our own crews have prepped most of the project rds. and will be starting paving on 5/5/21 in Auburn area, 5/10/21 in the Venice Area, and chipping 5/10/21 in the Ira area. Things are looking good weather permitting.
- I have been working on the surplus equipment list and should have it in resolution form to bring before committee next month.
- Bridge/Culvert NY app's have been submitted and are under review before the selection process.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

- 5-21-PW-1 Authorizing the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for Buildings and Grounds use (2/3 Required). **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Strong. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-2 Fixing day and notice of public hearing pursuant to NY Gen. Mun. Law § 6-d to make appropriations from the Buildings Repair Reserve. **Motion by Vitale, 2nd by Pinckney. All in favor.**

PARKS & TRAILS:

- 5-21-PW-3 Authorizing the Parks & Trails Department to hire a full time Assistant Park Maintenance Supervisor. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Pinckney. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-4 Authorizing the alteration of Emerson Park parking fees for 2021. **Motion by Vitale, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-5 Authorizing the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for Parks and Buildings and grounds use (2/3 Required). **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Strong. All in favor.**

HIGHWAY:

- 5-21-PW-6 Authorization to fill Working Foreperson position in the Highway Department. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Strong. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-7 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department due to the Resignation of a former employee. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-8 Authorization to accept additional NYS DOT funds & authorize 2021 paving and chipping list #3. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-9 Authorization for the Highway Department to purchase Highway equipment. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.**
- 5-21-PW-10 Authorizing the Creation of a Temporary Leave Bank for a Cayuga County Highway Employee. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.**

ADJOURNMENT: 6:13 pm. Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Kerr. All in favor.

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE'S OFFICE AT 253-1308 AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO ADVISE WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.