



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Chambers – to follow Government Operations

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Joseph Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

MEMBERS: Legislators Joseph DeForest, Andy Dennison (Vice Chair), Ryan Foley, Timothy Lattimore, Christopher Petrus, and Charlie Ripley

EXCUSED: DeForest and Lattimore

OTHERS: Chair Tucker Whitman, Legislators Elane Daly, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Youth Bureau Director Lloyd Hoskins, Director of Public Works Dave Gardner, Deputy Director of Public Works Carl Martel, Citizen Reporter Ryan Franklin, and Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: June 11, 2019, Motion by Petrus, 2nd by Ripley, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) –**
 - Protection of County Sewer District 2 from high water levels at Lake Ontario continues.
 - Sewer District 2 additional testing for infiltration is scheduled to take place on July 11.
 - Meetings continue with State and Federal representatives to outline and discuss the Cayuga Regional Master Plan for water and sewer.
 - A meeting is scheduled with DEC to discuss regulatory reporting and application information for a water intake from Cayuga Lake.
 - Minority/Women Business Enterprise unfunded mandates continue. We attended another conference regarding this program which was held in June at Cayuga Community College.
 - Secured additional contract work within the Village of Union Springs.

- **David Gardner (Director of Public Works) –**
 - Verizon Network Fleet demonstration

Discussion:

Foley asks the cost. Gardner responds that they are \$30.00 per unit and \$18 per month for services. He believes there are 62 cars in the entire county, so he would like to out one in each vehicle. He says this will help in buying the vehicles, getting the most use out of them, and trading them in if there is still value to them.

- Nuisance wildlife removal

Discussion:

Gardner discusses the nuisance wildlife removal and like every municipality they go to the Region 7 DEC in Cortland and get permits to eradicate the nuisance wildlife. He says the way it has been done in the past has not been wrong, but thinks there is a more right way to do things. The way they have done it historically is someone would complain about the geese making a mess. He says they would call 911 let them know we are heading down there, Duckett would go home get his shotgun, and load it with county issued non-corrosive ammo and dressed in normal clothing. He says if someone is in the park and sees that they might think the person is poaching or doing something wrong. He thinks using own personal vehicle and weapon are not the best way to do it. He suggests going in a marked county vehicle and have some type of hunting vest on. He thinks the firearms should also be county issued and will be stored properly.

Palermo says the two things that come to mind right now are amending the county policy to allow an exception for possession of a firearm in a vehicle and on county property. He believes the only exceptions right now are the District Attorney and law enforcement. He would like to contact NYMIR to find out the insurance implications of county owned firearms for non-law enforcement purposes in county vehicles or on county property. He says some of the details can be looked at and have a resolution prepared.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

7-19-PW-1 Authorizing masonry repairs to the steps and pavers of the Courthouse including resetting and repointing (2/3). **Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**

7-19-PW-2 Authorizing the replacement of the brake on the south elevator of the County Office Building (2/3). **Motion by Ripley, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.**

PARKS & TRAILS:

7-19-PW-4 Authorizing submission of a 2019 CFA Grant Application for the completion of Bridge "A" North of Chase Rd, Town of Cato, on the Cato Brutus Trail and confirming Cayuga County's intent to allocate funding resources to the project pending award of New York State CFA Grant Funds. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.**

HIGHWAY:

7-19-PW-3 Authorization for the Director of Public Works to fill a heavy MEO position within the Highway Division **Motion by Petrus to amend resolution to add, "WHEREAS, The Director of Public Works has identified an internal candidate for the position who is eligible for promotion and currently is employed as a Medium MEO" and add, "RESOLVED, that the vacancy created by promotion in the Medium MEO title (Position Control No.: 02409) remain vacant through the end of 2019", 2nd by Dennison, all in favor.**

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

7-19-PL-2 Declaration of intent that the Cayuga County Legislature be lead agency for environmental review of the Emerson Park Improvements Phase 1 Project. **Motion by Dennison, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.**

Motion by Foley to adjourn at 8:10PM, 2nd by Petrus, all in favor.