



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30PM
Live stream Link - <https://youtu.be/0AXKtTJX1Kk>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:28 PM

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

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Lydia Patti-Ruffini, Robert Shea, Mark Strong, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Heidi Nightengale; Jeanine Wilson, Kyle Laukaitis, Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Kelly King, Steve Lynch, Doug Kierst, Brittany Massi, Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 12, 2022, **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) – No updates

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

Petroleum Quality Samples – 12 Samples purchased from 5 different locations. All 12 passed. Purchased from: Van Norstrand Oil - Cato, Pit Stop – Port Byron, King Ferry Corner Store, Kwik Fill-Moravia, Cayuga County Motor Pool - Auburn.

D & L Truckstop, Owasco St, Auburn invested in all new pumps for the station. Installed last week of July.

Attended 5-day NYS Weights and Measures Training School in Syracuse, NY. Training supplied by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Training topics included updates on all applicable NYS laws and regulations, NYS Quality Manual, updates to federal guidelines, as well as training on all types of device testing and package checking and pricing methods.

Used NYS Zeltex instrumentation to test octane and ethanol content at all county marinas to ensure product in tanks were correct. This device was also used to verify 87 octane regular gas that is not included in the NYS Petroleum Quality program. All tests passed at marinas and gas stations.

Tested Highway Dept for quantity, all devices passed or correction factors remained the same.

Tested all fuel pumps at county marinas. All passed. NYS Weights & Measures Director issued a one-year waiver for marina pumps that have not been upgraded to handle higher fuel costs due to ½ gallon pricing being removed from NYS regulations. Indicated that this would be most likely not be renewed next year and affected marinas would have to upgrade or replace affected pump systems.

Fairpoint Marina in Fair Haven not pumping gas so far this season.

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

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

1. Barton & Loguidice (B&L) presented their findings on the COB to the Legislature on 7/26/22.
2. We are working with the County Attorney's Office to get an agreement to modernize the HPO elevator authorized by Resolution 222-22. The vendor proposed some changes to the agreement we proposed.
3. We are working with HR/Civil Service to fill the second vacant Laborer position authorized by Resolution 243-22. One was filled on 6/27/22.
4. We are still looking for people interested in the two (2) Building Maintenance Mechanic PT positions we have available per Resolutions 74-22 and 161-22.
5. Building and Grounds project updates are on the attached sheet.
6. We will have a resolution for September to renew the agreement with Feedwater Treatment Systems for treating water in our HVAC Equipment including boilers, cooling towers etc.

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

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day to day efforts for grounds maintenance Ed and his team responded to over 76 maintenance requests so far in July.
2. Paul France left his position as a Building Maintenance Mechanic FT and accepted the position of Mobile Work Crew Supervisor.
3. Brian Henyan left his position as Building Maintenance Mechanic PT and accepted the position of Building Maintenance Mechanic FT.

4. The downtown crew is still short staffed. We are not getting applications for our PT Laborer and Building Maintenance Mechanic positions. We were able to fill one of the laborer positions but that person has been assigned to the Public Safety Building due to them being short staffed as well.
5. Ed has some summer help from Employment and Training.
6. The downtown crew moved OFA from the basement of the COB to the Boyle Center.
7. The downtown crew is cleaning and painting the OFA space in the basement before they move Case Integrity into that space. Of course, Ed's crew will be moving them as well.
8. Replace Courthouse Heat Pumps, Res. 96-22, \$200,000 – Ed continues to work on this.
9. HPO HVAC Res. 96-22, \$400,000 Ed is working on some components of this project.
10. Surplus furniture update: All County Department Heads who requested to see the items have done so. Items remaining will be offered to County Town and Villages per policy as soon as I have staff adequate to take their calls. Once that has been done remaining items will be disposed of by Public Auction.

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 for grounds maintenance Mitch and his team responded to over 153 maintenance requests so far in July.
2. They continue to perform extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. Mitch's crew continued to be short staffed in July. Downtown recently sent our one laborer out there to assist.
4. Completed HVAC Pm on the 14 tower buildings
5. PM'D the Generators at all Tower sites and PSB
6. Assisted TRIAD run data lines and update WIFI in and around the PSB
7. Working on a solution to the flooding in Booking
8. PM'D the roof top units here at the PSB.
9. PM'D boiler for Dorm showers and ADMIN side

New Business?

Any Questions?

Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –

Parks Department Updates:

1. 2023 Budget preparation has begun.

Area Updates:

Emerson Park:

2. Deauville Island Redevelopment:
 1. NYS, Foundation and private sector funding opportunities are being sought to accompany the \$1.75 mil CFA proposal approved in July.
3. Friends of Emerson Park:
 1. Are providing volunteer staff and logistics support for the EPIC summer movies and music series.
4. Summer Programming: The Parks & Trails Department with the support of the Friends of Emerson Park is presenting the following summer events on Deauville Island:
 - EPIC Summer Series <https://friendsofemerson.com/pages/events>
 - Every Wednesday: Outdoor Movie Nights
 - Every Thursday: Live Music | 6p-9p

Concerts have consistently been drawing 1200-1500 attendees
5. Replacement of the Deauville Island street lighting is contracted. Contractor is awaiting fixtures to install.
6. Replacement of the Deauville Island seawall and site repair is complete.
7. Removal of the Island shelter is planned pending contractor availability.
8. The Department beach sand to replenish our swimming area and water access at Owasco Paddles has been ordered.
9. Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: due 1/1/23.

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

1. Work is continuing on finishing garage exhibit. One Plexiglas door fronts is installed. Working on second.
2. Working on upgrading several museum exhibits.
 - Log Cabin exhibits-rearranging exhibits and space
 - Wagon Exhibit under new pavilion
3. Starting in July for the months of July and August the museum will be open daily from 9 A. M. till 5 P.M.
4. Working on Following Programs
 - 2023 Patron Campaign
 - 2022 Witch Hat Hunt in October
 - 2022 Festival of Trees November thru January
 - 2022 Christmas Open House December
5. Museum is open daily and receiving visitors from all over the state and country
6. New feather flags out front of museum have resulted in new visitors.

Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director):

1. REDI:
 - a. Lower parking area established for temporary parking and future overflow parking

- b. Connecting trails were established for the lower parking area
 - c. Awaiting on temporary electricity hookup
 - d. Parking lot was paved the week of July 17, the top coat will be paved in spring. Plans are being made to use the grass parking along the woodland edge for winter parking.
 - e. Large stone for retaining walls are being installed
 - f. Slab was poured on July 29
 - g. Tree planting will be completed in the spring of 2023.
2. NYS Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez toured the Sterling Nature Center construction site and met with local leaders on Tuesday, July 12
 3. Social Media
 - a. Facebook: 7,017, up 41
 - b. Instagram: 122, up 8
 4. Naturalist

Monthly sightings: Cooper's hawks, barred owls and marsh wren has been observed.

5. Recent and upcoming programs & meetings: we are averaging 12 participants per program for the year, long term average is 12-14, construction and COVID have been affecting visitation
 - All About Bats, July 15 & 16, (18, 8)
 - Sunday Wandering Naturalist, Sunday July 17, (X)
 - Chasing Butterflies, July 22 & 23 (2, 8) hot and humid days
 - Dragonflies, Jewels of the Pond, July 29 & 30 at 1pm
 - Water Chestnut Pull—TBD
 - Sunset-Moonrise walk; Friday August 12, 8pm
 - Wandering Naturalist; Sunday August 14, 10am
 - Friends Annual Pork Roast; rescheduling for next year due logistics concerns
 - Owl Prowl; August 26 & 27, 7pm

Trail Update:

1. The Auburn Fleming Trail: regular maintenance performed
2. The Cato-Brutus Trail:
3. Hojack Trail decking- timber has been secured by the Sterling snowmobile club through the trail grant program and Parks & Trails staff will install the decking with assistance of and at the convenience of the club.
4. Cato - Fair Haven trail: bank stabilization of a failing culvert location and trail clearing were performed by the Highway Department
5. Cayuga County Highway trail maintenance calls:
 1. Culvert Cleanout – 1
 2. Tree overhanging/blocking - 0

Owasco Flats:

Millings have been secured to repair the roadway.

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- We have completed 40 miles of paving to date. There was an additional 11 miles approved but with the increases in costs we are forced to push the finish work out to next season due to funding.
- The chipping projects were completed with 53 miles approved all completed.
- The road stripping vendor has completed 100 miles of stripping with the second 70 miles are ready and waiting on vendor which has supply issues delaying them.
- Roadside mowing has been on going we have completed the first round throughout the county. We are third of the way through our second trip.
- The Snow & Ice agreements resolution is in for this month's approval
- East Brutus St capital paving project is moving on time.
- ARPA projects Salt Shed demo is complete with the rough grade is set. The footers are being dug and will be poured at this time. Walls will be set in mid to late August.
- ARPA project Fuel System is on the vendors schedule for the second week of September as long as the rest of the components are delivered on time.
- Oakhill rd. drainage project has been 2/3rd completed. Soil & Water has been working hard to stay on schedule with this difficult project. We have 2 other projects to follow Glenn haven Slope failure which engineering has been completed and Tollgate Slope failure which we are waiting on the engineering to be completed.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

8-22-PW-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to award the bid to American Commercial Cleaning and sign a two-year Agreement for the cleaning of four county buildings: the Cayuga County Office Building, the Hardenberg Building, the Mental Health Building and the Old Jail. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

HIGHWAY:

8-22-PW-2 Authorization to create and fill Garage Manager position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.**

8-22-PW-3 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Didio, all in favor.**

8-22-PW-4 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Didio, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.**

8-22-PW-5 Authorization to increase Fuel Expense, Revenue and Machinery Rental Budgets. **Motion by Didio, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.**

8-22-PW-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and Highway Superintendent to enter into a Three-year agreement for Snow and Ice removal with Towns and Villages of Cayuga County. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.**

Motion by Calarco to adjourn at 5:58 PM, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.