



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30PM
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Heidi Nightengale, Elane Daly; Jeanine Wilson, Kyle Laukaitis, Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Steve Lynch, Doug Kierst, Michael Miller, Shereen Androsko, Lynn Marinelli, Brittany Massi, Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: August 9, 2022, **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Basile, all in**

favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority

Donald Slocum, 3533 Sill Road, Locke, NY 13092, Term -9/1/22 to 12/31/22, **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Jeanine Wilson (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). Also providing water operations/maintenance and billing services in the Town of Mentz and the Town of Westbury (water delivered via Wayne County supply).
- Town of Throop continues effort for water project at Centerport, Sine and Reyer Roads.
- CCIDA Aurelius Industrial Development Park sewer project has been awarded the EDA/Federal Grant opportunity. The CCWSA will operate and maintain the sewer line with intention for ownership once complete, inspected, approved and operational. The contract is executed and the new Director of IDA, Mike Miller, is drafting the Plan and timeline as required to meet the EDA Federal regulations. CCWSA is a partner for the grant and additional documentation will be required as the project progresses.
- CCWSA is now under contract for operations and maintenance for the Town of Fleming Water District. Water is purchased from the Town of Owasco treatment plan to two tanks and rural distribution lines. As with many small municipalities with aging infrastructure it is difficult to meet the growing demands and regulations. CCWSA will provide services to meet compliance and move to preventative maintenance programs as the town requires.
- CCWSA is in discussions with the Town of Locke to assist with their water system. The lack of properly licensed workforce and aging infrastructure is cause for concern. CCWSA will determine the needs and what can be done to assist depending on the decision of the town board.

County Sewer District 2

- Flushing of sewer system on west side of the bay and “jetting” throughout the village is continuing. This system is helping to maintain proper pressures, preventing service disruption.
- CCWSA repairs its grinder pumps and have a stock ready. CCWSA is available to work with municipalities to repair their grinder pumps systems, too.
- “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 –

- Honoco Road Sewer and assessment of Village of Aurora’s sewer treatment plant discussions with the Village is continuing to provide a conduit for services to properties along Cayuga Lake.

Miscellaneous:

- Karl Rindfleisch is now the Director of Operations of the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority. The vacancy was announced due to my plan to retire from the Authority. Karl has been an integral part of the growth and success of the agency for the past 16 years and I am positive that he will continue with the mission of the agency to “ensure the health and welfare of

the County by providing and protecting the water and wastewater services”.

- Continuing meetings with Buildings & Grounds, Gary Duckett, to provide operations and maintenance of existing sewer lines on and for the County campus on County House Road, Sennett.
- At the August meeting a discussion regarding property on Beech Tree Road was discussed. It was suggested that CCWSA meet with a County Property Committee to discuss available parcels. CCWSA is respectfully requesting a parcel of property currently owned by Cayuga County. The parcel is part of a larger tax map #101.00-1-7.1. Further discussions are necessary.
- 2023 Congressional Appropriation – Community Projects programming for funding met the first step for funding through Congressman Katko’s office. The project awarded thus far is a CCWSA second connection to the City of Auburn’s water supply at North Street to extend to existing waterline on Potter Road, Sennett. No funding decisions have been announced.

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

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. Chairman Gould is forming a committee of legislators to advance a decision on this. A decision needs to be made as proved by the recent chiller problem, roof leaks and constant elevator problems.
2. We will be working with TK Elevator to modernize the HPO elevator authorized by Resolution 222-22 as soon as the parts arrive.
3. Building and Grounds project updates are on the attached sheet.
4. The chiller in the County Office Building stopped working Sunday 8/28/22. Because of a problem with our HVAC Controls were not notified of the failure. Ed discovered it Monday morning and the vendor, Daiken, made repairs. The unit went back on line the morning of 9/1/22. They will need to take the unit out of service for a day in the next month or so, will pick a cold day or perhaps one of our Holidays.
5. All areas please see project list updated 8/31/22

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 Ed and his team responded to over 138 maintenance requests so far in August.
2. 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 (Vince Catalone) has been assigned to the Public Safety Building due to them being short staffed as well.
3. Ed has some summer help from Employment and Training.
4. The downtown crew completed cleaning and painting the OFA space in the basement. They then moved Case Integrity into that space.
5. Replace Courthouse Heat Pumps, Res. 96-22, \$200,000 – Ed continues to work on this.
6. HPO HVAC Res. 96-22, \$400,000 Ed is working on some components of this project.
7. Surplus furniture update: Buildings reorganized the furniture for Auctions International. They took pictures and plan to list the items for 14 days.

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

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts for grounds maintenance Mitch and his team responded to over 192 maintenance requests so far in August.
2. They continue to perform extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. Working on a solution to the flooding in booking

New Business?

Any Questions?

Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –

Parks Department Updates:

1. 2023 Budget entry is complete. Review scheduled for 9/28.

Area Updates:

Emerson Park:

2. Deauville Island Redevelopment:
 - a. Preliminary design for White Bridge property (boat slip relocation) received. Feedback provided.
3. Friends of Emerson Park:
 - a. Planning the EPIC Summer Movies and Music series for 2023 has begun.
4. Summer Programming: The Parks & Trails Department with the support of the Friends of Emerson Park and funding from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation added 10 weeks of free summer programming attracting over 13,000 attendees to Deauville Island. The feedback from patrons and vendors was overwhelmingly positive and 2023 programming plans are already underway.
5. Replacement of the Deauville Island street lighting is complete.
6. Removal of the Island shelter and establishment of a pad for the replacement shelter is complete.

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

1. Starting September 1, 2022 the museum hours will be Monday Thru Saturday 10 A.M. till 4 P.M.

2. 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
3. Museum staff:
 - a. Participated in the August 18, 2022 Farmers Night at the EPIC Concert Series on Deauville Island
 - b. Two representatives distributed museum brochures at the Geneva Historical Society Rose Hill Mansion Community Days on Saturday August 13, 2022.
 - c. Museum Board members and volunteers canvassed the Area/Weedsport, Port Byron, Aurora, Skaneateles, Auburn, Elbridge, distributing museum brochures to area businesses, hotels, motels, campgrounds, and areas that potential visitors would be straying, or eating.
4. The Museum supported the Great Race as Command Center, the annual Disc Golf Tournament and Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H youth animal show and competition.
5. Martha Shaw Harvesting History Series will resume on September 8, 2022 at 6 P.M. with 2 National Park Rangers presenting The Harriet Tubman National Historical Park Past, Present and Future.

Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director):

1. REDI:
 - a. Lower temporary parking and future overflow parking area working well
 - b. Public has adjusted to connecting trails established for the lower parking area
 - c. Still waiting on temporary electricity hookup, RG&E installed meter 8/24/2022 Installed 8/31
 - d. Main parking lot was paved and striped; the top coat will be paved in spring.
 - e. Porous pavement has been working well during rain storms
 - f. Plans are being made for winter parking.
 - g. Large stone retaining wall and small protective wall around Carpathian walnut are installed
 - h. Building slab and exterior slabs were poured earlier this month
 - i. Tree planting will be completed when stock is dormant.
 - j. Jensvold Rd rehab has been completed with the assistance of the Highway Department.
2. Social Media
 - a. Facebook: 7,086, up 69
 - b. Instagram: 124, up 2
3. Naturalist
 - a. We will be participating in Monarch Watch tagging program.
 - b. Planning wildflower seed planting in areas disturbed by construction
 - c. Fall migration is under way, shorebirds and eagles have been sighted
4. Recent and upcoming programs

Dragonflies, Jewels of the Pond, July 29 & 30 (5,5)
 Sunset-Moonrise walk; Friday August 12, COVID canceled
 Water Resources Educational Experience, Saturday August 13, 1pm
 Wandering Naturalist; Sunday August 14, COVID canceled
 Friends Annual Pork Roast; rescheduling for next year due to logistics concerns
 Members only Owl Prowl, Aug 20 (5, great horned owl and bull frogs on trail)
 Owl Prowl; August 26 & 27, 7pm
 International Vulture Awareness Day; Saturday September 3, 1pm
 Monarch Migration and Tagging, September 4, 9, 11, 11am
 Full Moon Walk, September 9, 7pm and September 10, 8pm
 Coastal Cleanup September 10, 10am
 Fall Jamboree Food Booth, September 17 & 18 11a-5p
 Day with the Eagles, September 23 & 24, 11a-2p

Trail Update:

1. The Auburn Fleming Trail: regular maintenance performed
2. The Cato-Brutus Trail: Snowmobile clubs are completing annual mowing, Highway will be using arm mowers on sections of the trails requiring opening.
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: mowing is underway
5. Cayuga County Highway trail maintenance calls:
 1. Culvert Cleanout – 0
 2. Tree overhanging/blocking - 2

Owasco Flats:

Annual roadway repair is underway.

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- The road stripping was completed at the end of August with all 170 mile that required to be stripped complete.
- Roadside mowing was completed with the 2nd round of the mandated mowing completed. We will continue with trouble spots and the brush mowing as staff is available.
- The Snow & Ice agreements will be going out to the various Towns and Villages for the boards to sign and return by the end of September.
- East Brutus St capital paving project is near completion with top soil and grass seeding left. Final walk through is set for 9/1.
- ARPA projects Salt Shed Walls are set. We will be doing the finish grade and paving the floor in the next few weeks as the weather allows. The roof structure is on schedule with a 10/1 delivery date.
- 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 with Soil & Water has been completed. The paving will be completed in early September no date has been confirmed
- Tollgate Hill Rd slope failure project with Soil & Water is still waiting on the plans to come back from Hunt Engineering. There has been **no movement** in the repair area sense the original slide. Highway monitors the site on a regular schedule to see if it requires any further safety protocol. Which it has not.
- Glenn Haven slope failure is awaiting the permits and utility relocation. This will be a share repair with soil & Water as well.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

- 9-22-PW-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign a three-year renewal agreement with Feedwater Treatment Systems, Inc. to provide HVAC Water Treatment and Legionella Management service for various County owned buildings. **Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 9-22-PW-2 Authorizing an agreement with Westminster Presbyterian Church to allow them to utilize the southern edge of the Courthouse Parking lot located at 9-15 William Street, Auburn, NY for an estimated four to six weeks to allow a contractor to dig a trench for foundation repair and drainage improvements for the church. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

HIGHWAY:

- 9-22-PW-3 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Aurelius to mow on county roads. **Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 9-22-PW-4 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for engineering services on the Bridge NY Jericho Road Bridge Replacement Project. **Motion by Basile, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.**
- 9-22-PW-5 Authorizing the transfer of funds DM51302 to DM51304. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 9-22-PW-6 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 9-22-PW-7 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Legislature and Highway Superintendent to amend Resolution 336-22. **Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

Motion by Pecher to adjourn at 6:07 PM, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.