



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30PM
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CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison

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; Kyle Laukaitis, Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Steve Lynch, Doug Kierst, Michael Miller, Karen Kuhl, Brittany Massi, Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: September 13, 2022 **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS:

Cayuga County Parks Commission

Joseph DeForest, 1396 State Rte 34, Genoa, NY 13071, Term – 1/1/22 to 12/31/24

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Karl Rindfleisch (CCWSA) – No updates

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

Petroleum Quality Sampling - This month we tested 12 gas/diesel samples purchased from 4 different gas stations. Byrne Dairy, Speedway – Whitebridge, Speedway – Clark St, and Cayuga County Motor Pool. All samples passed.

Truck Scales – Tested truck scales at: All scales passed after adjustment if required.

Cedar Creek Farms

DeGross Grains

Spruce Haven Farms

Aurora Ridge Dairy

Sunnyside Farms

Roach Dairy

Willet Dairy

Fuel Delivery Trucks – Tested all fuel delivery trucks in the county. Included NYS training for testing.

Companies tested were: Suburban Energy, E&V Energy, and VanNorstrand Oil Company. All trucks tested passed.

Tested large scale at King Ferry Wineries. Failed in the customer's favor. Adjusted and passed.

Bulk Milk Tank – Tested 2700-gallon tank at Arlin Martin Farm in Cato. Passed.

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

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

1. Chairman Gould formed a committee to consider and make a recommendation to the Legislature on the future of the County Office Building. The committee had their first meeting on 9/22/22. It became apparent that more detailed information from an architect will be needed to make a recommendation. Currently we are planning to seek more detail for options A and B.

The four options are:

- A. \$25,000,000 Renovate building
- B. \$35,000,000 Renovate with additional 25,000 sq. ft.
- C. \$55,000,000 Relocate to existing building elsewhere.
- D. \$70,000,000 Build new building.

A decision needs to be made as proved by the recent chiller problem, roof leaks and constant elevator problems. See attached sheet for some of my other thoughts on the building decision.

2. I am working with TK Elevator to modernize the HPO elevator authorized by Resolution 222-22.
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. Ed called the vendor Daiken Applied and they responded and got the unit back up on 9/1/22. Unfortunately, the unit went back down again on Sunday 9/4/22. Ed called the

vendor and they responded on Labor Day. They were able to get the unit running again on 9/8/22. They advised us if the unit failed again it would need to be completely disassembled and rebuilt. The unit did fail again on Friday 9/9/22. Daiken responded on 9/12/22 to begin the teardown. They found internal parts were failing and some of the parts were no longer available, they reached out to a machine shop to see if they could repair our parts and it was determined they could do so. The cost of the entire project would be \$57,000 but we had no options. Emergency resolution 350-22 was approved and the Chairman signed the agreements to allow the work. A PO was issued. As of this writing the vendor has not provided a schedule for repair.

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 160 maintenance requests so far in September.
2. The downtown crew is still short staffed. We are not getting applications for our PT Building Maintenance Mechanic positions. We were able to fill one of the laborer positions and we now have two applicants for the Laborer position.
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. They are now moving the DSS Attorney's into the space vacated by Case Integrity.
5. Replace Courthouse Heat Pumps, Res. 96-22, \$200,000 – Ed continues to work on this. Need assistance from Don Carr.
6. HPO HVAC Res. 96-22, \$400,000 Ed is working on some components of this project.
7. Surplus furniture update: The agreement with Auctions International expired. Buildings is scrapping the furniture that is of little or no value.

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

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts for grounds maintenance Mitch and his team responded to over 210 maintenance requests so far in September.
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) –

Appointments/Reappointments:

Parks Commission – Joe Deforest, Southern Cayuga County representative

1. Parks & Trails Department:
 1. 2023 Proposed Parks & Trails Department budget review with county leadership is scheduled for 9/28
2. Emerson Park:
 1. Deauville Island Redevelopment:
 1. Phase 1 – CFA application for the amphitheater quadrant is submitted, results expected in November.
 2. Fisher Associates has revised preliminary schematics for the Whitebridge Rd. property at Emerson Park based on feedback from the department. NYS DOT has been contacted regarding access to Whitebridge Rd. (Perm 33-Com) has been submitted.
 2. Friends of Emerson Park:
 1. The Friends of Emerson Park are working closely with the Parks Department to plan the summer 2023 programing calendar.
 2. The 2022 concert and movie series drew over 13,000 participants during the 10 week series. The assistance of the Friends of Emerson in producing these events was vital to their success.
 3. Removal of the Island shelter, construction of a new tent pad site is complete.
 4. Shelter replacement RFP design request: 2 proposals have been received a 3rd is pending. The funding for a replacement shelter was requested at the September Public Works Committee Meeting and it was referred to the ARPA committee.
 5. Main sidewalk, Merry-Go-Round Theater plaza and lighting replacement design RFP process has begun.
 6. Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: draft review underway.

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

Museum Events for Remainder of 2022

1. Witch Hat Hunt October 1 thru 31, 2022
2. Halloween At the Museum Saturday October 22, 2022 – 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. Pumpkin carving, Horse and wagon, Model T, Tractor and wagon rides, trick or treating, costume parade
3. 10th Annual Festival of Trees, - November 19, 2022 thru January 31, 2023 – Over 120 Trees decorated and on display, museum decorated for holidays, November 19 thru December 23, 2022 Sat & Sun 10 A.M. till – 8 P.M. Monday thru Friday 2 P.M. till 8 P.M. December 26 thru January 31 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. 7 Days a week
4. Old Fashion Christmas at Museum – Sunday December 11, 2022 – Horse and Wagon Rides, Model T and Tractor & Wagon Rides weather permitting, Other holiday activities- View Festival of Trees

Other Notes:

1. Curtains ordered for the Pavilion off Implement Room – Delivery estimate October 4, 2022
2. 2 Overhead door openers ordered and to be installed – O'Hara Room other Implement Room
3. New donations – New Holland Super Baler – 1950 vintage – housed in log cabin next to Hay Press
- 2 Row Corn Planter – vintage 1930's

- Paintings of Farm scenes Natalie McCormick- granddaughter of John Cameron Sr. Founder of Cameron Bakery, Auburn
 - Steel Ice Box & Steel vintage easy washing machine – vintage early 1900's
4. Landscaping replacement- Volunteer Dave Smith and Carol Quill are planning and will execute replanting
 5. The museum is receiving donations in memory of Thomas Walczyk who was killed August 31, 2022 in motor cycle accident. Tom was a member of Antique Power Tractor Club and helped out with their events at Museum.
 6. Marketing: Flags in front of museum have helped to increase visitors and survey cards are being used for demographic information collection.
 7. Park Staff have completed: installation of a new exit door in the Riley room, sod placed along new sidewalks in back of museum and 2 broken windows in the log cabin have been replaced.
 8. Hiring: Currently the museum employs 9 PT museum aides. The museum is authorized by resolution to employ up to 14. Filling some of these positions will ensure the museum operates on its' published schedule and does not increase the salary budget.

Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director):

1. REDI:
 - a. The temporary electricity has been hookup, RG&E installed meter 8/24/2022, Fisk made the connection 8/26
 - b. Large stone retaining wall and small protective wall around Carpathian walnut are installed
 - c. The tree planting away from the new building has been done.
 - d. Materials for new pavilion have been delivered, construction will take place this fall.
 - e. Reconnecting propane take to current building is being planned.
2. We have submitted an application to put the Sterling Nature Center on the New York State Birding Trail.
3. Jensvold Rd:
 - a. Tree took down wires and blocked Jensvold Rd, 9/1, Highway Dept. helped clear tree.
 - b. Road was chip-sealed 9/7
4. Social Media:
 - a. Facebook: 7,239
 - b. Instagram: 128
5. Naturalist:
 - a. With help from volunteers we are participating in the Monarch Watch citizen science tagging program again this year 250 Monarchs have been tagged.
 - b. Fall migration is under way, shorebirds, sparrows and eagles have been sighted.
 - c. I lowered the water level in Dragonfly Pond to expose mudflats for the migrating shorebirds: greater & lesser yellowlegs, solitary & spotted sandpipers have been observed.
6. Recent and upcoming programs:
 - Members only Owl Prowl, Aug 20 (5, great horned owl and bull frogs on trail)
 - Owl Prowl; August 26 & 27, (5, 24; two barred owls, screech owl and frogs on trail)
 - Lakeview Deck Wedding, September 2
 - International Vulture Awareness Day; September 3, (9)
 - Monarch Migration and Tagging, September 4, 9, 11, (10, 17, 11)
 - Full Moon Walk, September 9, 7pm and September 10, (10)
 - Coastal Cleanup September 10, (7)
 - Friends Group Fall Jamboree Food Booth, September 17 & 18
 - SUNY Oswego Class Field Trip, Sept. 21
 - Day with the Eagles, September 23 & 24, (24, 15) (Around 20, 7 eagles)
 - NYS Ornithology Association Field Trip, Saturday October 1
 - CCC Ecology Class Field Trip, Monday October 3
 - Sunset Full moon Walk, Friday, October 07, 2022
 - Sunset Full moon Walk, Saturday, October 08, 2022
 - Naturalist Wandering, Saturday, October 15, 2022
 - Photo Award, Saturday, October 22, 2022

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 Snow & Ice agreements majority of the contracts have been executed to date the deadline is 10/11/22 for returning.
- ARPA projects Salt Shed is complete we will start filling within the next few weeks.
- ARPA project Fuel System vendor is waiting on some of the component to start the work. Last conversation we are looking at mid-October at this point.
- Oakhill rd. drainage project paving has been completed and we are waiting on our guiderail vendor to install rail to complete the total project. Thank you to S&W for the assistance.
- 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.
- Highway will start the 5-day 8-hour work week of October 10th

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

10-22-PW-1 Amending the 2022 county budget to allow the Court “Tenant” Work to be completed in the Courthouse and the Historic Post Office with the cost to be 100% reimbursed by the State of New York. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.**

HIGHWAY:

10-22-PW-2 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Muldrow, all in favor.**

PARKS & TRAILS:

10-22-PW-3 Authorize the Director of Parks & Trails to fill a Part Time Cleaner position within the Cayuga County Parks & Trails Department. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

10-22-PW-4 Authorize the Director of Parks & Trails to fill the Working Foreperson Position within the Cayuga County Parks & Trails Department. **Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Calarco, in favor.**

10-22-PW-5 Authorization to create and fill a part time Building Maintenance Mechanic Position within the Cayuga County Parks & Trails Department. **Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Kerr, all in favor.**

Motion by Pecher to adjourn at 5:53 PM, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.