



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/ofH8x31EVeE>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Tucker Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:31PM

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

OTHERS: Legislators Elane Daly, Timothy Lattimore, Chris Petrus, IT Technicians Dan Lovell, Jeff Gould, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Superintendent Buildings & Grounds Gary Duckett, Interim CEDA Director Danielle Szabo, Planning Director Steve Lynch, Weights & Measures Director Larry Roser, Highway Superintendent Brian Soper, Employment & Training Director Kelly King, Tourism Director Karen Kuhl, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: August 10, 2021, Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) – No updates

Larry Roser (Weights and Measures) –

- This month we got 12 gas/diesel samples purchased from 5 different gas stations. Speedway in Moravia, Helena Chemical in Genoa, Pit Stop in Fleming, and D&L Truck Stop in Auburn. They all Passed
- We tested 10 truck scales.
 - Dumond – South in Fleming passed -60 lbs. @ 66,180 lbs.
 - Dumond – North in Fleming passed -40 lbs. @ 66,200 lbs.
 - Dumond – Newest in Fleming failed +80 lbs. @ 27,000 lbs.
 - It was adjusted and passed -20 lbs. @ 66,180 lbs.
 - Conquest Cattle Feeder in Conquest passed -100 lbs. @ 56,490 lbs.
 - Lincoln Dairy in Fleming passed -20 lbs. @ 66,180 lbs.
 - Patterson Farms in Aurelius passed -20 lbs. @ 66,160 lbs.
 - Spruce Haven Farms in Fleming passed -20 lbs. @ 66,160 lbs.
 - Hanson Aggregates in Springport failed +340 lbs. @ 25,000 lbs.
 - It was adjusted and passed +0 lbs. @ 62,300 lbs.
 - O'Tooles Stone & Gravel in Moravia passed +0 Lbs. @ 67,700 lbs.
 - Ridgecrest Dairy in Genoa passed +80 lbs. @ 67,500 lbs.
- This month we tested 4 milk tanks and recalibrated 1.
 - Both of Ashland's 10,000 gal. Silo Milk Tanks passed.
 - Valley Mound Farm in Scipio's 6,000 gal. passed.
 - Valley Mound Farm in Scipio's 3,000 gal. Tank failed.
 - It was recalibrated and passed. They were being overpaid over \$2,300 per year.
- We tested the gas pumps at Van Norstrand's Major Brands in Cato. 2 failed to the customers favor 2.5 cents per gallon. 4 passed but were to the customers favor about 1.3 cents per gal. And 1 passed to customers favor .8 cents per gallon. We adjusted the worst 6 to within .1 cent per gallon.
 - Pit Stop in N. Victory had 6 of their 8 pumps adjusted. They had passed but were to the customers favor around .9 cents per gallon. Now they are to the customers favor around .4 cents per gallon.
 - E & V Energy in Fleming has a new fuel truck D-25. We tested the 3 fuel types and adjusted the Kerosene. It was giving away .2%. Now all 3 fuel types pass.
- Cedar Lane Ag. in Moravia had a new indicator installed on their bagger scale. It failed -.25 lbs. @ 50 lbs. We adjusted it and it now passes +0 lbs. @ 50 lbs.
- Modern Market in Moravia had 4 new check outs. All 4 were tested and passed.

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

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

1. Gary's goal 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.
2. Working on converting the PSB back to NYSEG. (Resolution 197-21). We have an agreement with O'Connell Electric to install the line. We are waiting for the plan from NYSEG.
3. A PO was issued to allow the replacement of the exterior lighting at the PSB with new LED fixtures. The funding is from a NYSEDA Grant being administered by Planning. Waiting for delivery schedule of the fixtures.
4. The agreement for the Masonry work at the Historic Post Office has been signed. Hopefully we can schedule this work before winter.
5. Entered the proposed 2022 B&G Budget.
6. As you know many department heads felt disheartened that they were not asked for input on the process used to determine the Compensation Plan for Non-Bargaining Employees. I was one of them but rather than participate the email thread I decided to bring my concerns to the Chair of the Legislature and to the Public Works Committee. Here are my observations:
 - a. When the consultant did their analysis of the positions they asked for input from Department Heads. That was done when the Department of Public Works existed under Local Law #5 for 2018. At that time, we all worked for the Director and Deputy Director of Public Works. The analysis of our positions by the consultant reflected that hierarchy. They scored the Park Maintenance Supervisor and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds as equals at their Grade Level IV and a pay scale from \$62,382 to \$80,404.
 - b. Resolution 192-20 authorized Local Law #4 for 2020 repealing Local Law #5 doe 2018 and establishing the departments as they are now; Buildings and Grounds, Weights and Measures and the Highway Department.
 - c. The current analysis of the Buildings and Grounds Employees scored the Park Maintenance Supervisor as a Grade 3 with a pay scale between \$52,350 and \$60,362. The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds was scored as a grade 6 with a pay scale between \$69,642 and \$80,301.
 - d. It is obvious to me that the people doing the second analysis did not fully understand what the Park Maintenance Supervisor and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds positions entail. I called the Chair of the Legislature to discuss my concerns and I found out that the position of Park Maintenance Supervisor is being reviewed with consideration being given to changing the Job Title to Director of Parks and Trails. That makes sense to me as that title more closely reflects what the person in that position actually does.
 - e. As many of you know I started with the County as the Park Maintenance Supervisor over 18 years ago. I always maintained that the pay scale for this position should be equal to the pay scale for the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds a position I have held for the last 7 years. You may recall I did both jobs for nearly 4 years so I am in a unique position to evaluate them.
7. It is my humble opinion that all the positions that fall under Public Works should be analyzed to insure we can keep the good people we have as well as attract good applicants.

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 143 maintenance requests last month.
2. Responded to several requests for moves, modifications, etc. related to people coming back to work in the building with concerns about COVID.
3. East Hill is working on the retaining wall between the Courthouse and their parking lot.
4. The computer control for the HVAC for the County Office Building, the Courthouse and Mental Health has had some issues needing extra attention and repair.
5. Historic Post Office: This month there have been several issues with the building including AC problems, plumbing problems and working to replace the condensate tank in the boiler room.
6. Provided support for the WIC move from the Historic Post Office to their new location on North Street.
7. The Mobile Work Crew has started back up. This group provides some laborers but also requires supervision.
8. Oversaw asbestos testing in the Hardenberg Building including the roof and some asbestos in a crawl space.
9. Oversaw the replacement of the main water line in the basement serving the County Office Building. Included installing new piping, new water meter, shutoff valves and backflow device.
10. This month there is a public hearing to allow funding to come for the Building Repair Reserve to replace the Hardenberg Roof as well as a resolution to approve the work. As noted in the resolution the Director of Purchasing advised the Gary that the County could legally piggyback on Garland/DBS's Project Delivery Process for the OMNIA Partners' Roofing Supplies and Service, Waterproofing and Related Products and Services Master Agreement to replace this failing roof. Gary has attached information about the process used by Garland and a representative from the company will be available at Public Works to answer any questions. Please note Garland currently does all the roofing projects in Seneca County and has done many in Wayne County. Both are very pleased with the quality of the materials and the work.

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 138 maintenance requests last month.
2. They have been performing extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. Work continues on the administrative area of the PSB.
4. They have been installing new wires throughout the building in support of the security system.

5. They are prepping the plow trucks and HVAC equipment for the upcoming winter.
6. They are getting quotes for a new overhead door.
7. They continue to be busy with mowing and trimming. We were able to replace the PT Laborer that left to go back to school. The new person, Jonathan Johnson, is doing good.

PARKS AND TRAILS Crew Doug Dello Stritto, Manette Becker, Mike Dagnesi and Jon Borsa

Emerson Park:

1. The Parks Department has entered the 2022 budget.
2. The Parks Department Social Media accounts are:
 - Facebook @cayugacountyparksandtrails
 - Instagram @cayugacountyparksandtrails
 - Twitter @cayugaparks
3. The Parks Department has begun new logo design based on Park Commission feedback from the July commission meeting.
4. Parks & Planning Departments submitted a Consolidated Funding Application to secure construction documents for the Deauville Island Redevelopment plans. The design funding being sought is for the Destination Playground, the new concession and restroom building and the infrastructure to support these buildings. The funds for this grant application have already been expended by the Emerson Foundation (\$212,000 for the programming plan) and Cayuga County (\$67,000 for concept design based on the Master Plan, public input and the programming plan).
5. Cayuga County IT has engaged a vendor to provide costing to network to our Emerson Park facilities not currently serviced. This will provide the park the ability to connect monitoring currently available in buildings and services, add video surveillance to the park and provide network access needed in the future for the new facilities on Deauville Island.
6. A group of citizens is forming a Friends of Emerson Park group to support volunteerism, programming initiatives and project fundraising for the park.
7. Flooding
8. New landscaping is being installed in front of the Admin to replace the Ash trees removed in 2020.
9. We have received a demonstration rain garden proposal Watershed Inspection Program.

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

1. Museum is open normal hours.

Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director):

1. New Sterling Nature Center Visitors Center: A request to reallocate funds from REDI grant CO 104 to CO Alt 37 has been approved by the REDI Commission and we are still awaiting approval from the grant administrator. The project will be rebid in September and we are anticipating a spring 2022 construction start.

Trail Update:

1. The Auburn Fleming Trail: new timbers have been sourced to being installed on bridge 3 as staffing permits (from Dunning Ave entrance.)
2. The Cato-Brutus Trail:
 - Bridge A: (Chase Rd) CFA funding documentation has been submitted for contract release from NYS.
 - Bridge C: Complete, this project is complete.
3. Cato - Fair Haven trail: no report
4. Cayuga County Highway continues to perform trail maintenance as necessary.

Owasco Flats: has experienced some flood waters

New Business?

Any Questions?

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- We have 2 paving jobs scheduled for the week of the 20th when they are complete that will finish our capital paving for the season. We have a few small road repairs to be done that include some paving.
- East Brutus St. pavement preservation project bid has been opened. The bids are higher than expected we are currently looking at options for additional funding or areas to trim to get us where we need to be. We will have it sorted out and a resolution in front of you next month.
- We continue to make repairs as quickly as we can to the flood damage from the storm mid-month. We have 2 large repairs left to get to mostly due to redesign so the repairs are fixes not just repairs. Currently we are at \$130,000.00 in damages for the storm with more issues to be looked at for possible damage. We have been assisting the Towns with the fema calculations for EMO.
- I have been working with several Towns Highway Superintendents to look for some efficiency's in plowing routes. There will be some realigning of roads going into this coming season. Both to create savings for the County and to eliminate overlapping.
- Equipment Auction was a success with the closing coming in at \$126,285.00 for the surplus sold. This allows the necessary funds to update our forepersons truck fleet without seeking funds from fund balance.
- Ridge Rd and Ledyard Rd bridges are on schedule.

RESOLUTIONS:

HIGHWAY:

Motion by Vitale to bundle PW1 & 2, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.

9-21-PW-1 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position #02481 in the Highway Department

9-21-PW-2 Authorization to increase revenue and expense accounts to purchase equipment.

Motion by Vitale to adjourn at 5:49PM, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.