



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link:** <https://youtu.be/RxmkG7jpoh4>

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Andy Dennison at **5:34 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature David Gould and Legislators Heidi Nightengale, Mark Strong, Robert Shea and Lydia Patti-Ruffini; Kyle Laukaitis, Gary Duckett, Doug Dello Stritto, Brian Soper, Chris Palermo, Max Pinchak

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** March 8, 2022 **Motion by Basile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Didio. All in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) –**

**WATER/SEWER UPDATES:**

- Received information regarding the City of Auburn water rate projected increase. Resolution is on the agenda for City Council meeting on April 7, 2022.
- Monthly and quarterly water quality testing and sampling throughout districts continues as mandated by NYS and Cayuga County Department of Health.
- Emergency Response planning update proceeding.
- The mandated report for systems Annual Water Quality is under review and will be sent to all customers of CCWSA based on samples taken in FY21.
- 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. Supervisor Ridley requested ARPA funding to alleviate the cost to the property owners. Supervisor Ridley has the application packet and Mr. Colopy's proposal for apply for funding. No additional information from the Town of Throop.
- Met with representatives from the Town of Sterling and Village of Fair Haven regarding their water system needs. The town has an additional district in development.

**County Sewer District 2**

- Flushing of sewer system on west side of the bay continues periodically. This system is helping to maintain proper pressures, preventing service disruption.
- Preventative maintenance program continues. Seasonal residents are beginning to return to the area and new homes are being constructed throughout the area.
- Future development is on the docket for the west side of the bay.
  - Mr. Colloca is developing his plan for new connections on the winery property. An extension of their outside kitchen will be complete with new connection to sewer in 2022. The grinder pump and appurtenances are still on backorder (it was estimated as 5 months to delivery). He intends to install and be ready for Memorial Day weekend.
- Thermostat and block heater failed and was replaced at PS4.
- Grinder pump wiring failure on West Bay Road. CCWSA team and contractor repaired the issue; and the system is now running appropriately to the two affected seasonally vacant homes.
- CCWSA repairs its grinder pumps and have a stock ready for the busy vacation season.
- "NYS DigSafely" location requests maintained daily. Alarms for malfunctioning grinder pumps checked and main pump stations monitored daily.

**Master Regional Plan and Report - CC Regional Water System –**

- Honoco Road Sewer and assessment of Village of Aurora's sewer treatment plant - Engineer has completed

- the review and the draft report is forthcoming..
- Update and responses to EFC/DEC from engineer completed and provided to EFC/DEC. This was to fill requirements of funding source allocated for the Honoco Road Sewer Project, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).
- Honoco Road Sewer project and the Regional Water District Project - SEQR is underway. Information sent to provide information and receive all comments to provide necessary review for completion of the environmental review.
- Collaborating with County Attorney's office to meet the county district requirements regarding SEQR and voting processes.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- Acquisition from County -- CCWSA has secured office desk/stations and will be receiving file cabinets, too.
- The operations team is registered to begin classes for water treatment plant operations and water license C/D.
- River Forest Park campgrounds in Brutus submitted water transmission engineering plans to DOH for review. It is anticipated that the system will be installed this spring, 2022, to supply the park with a safe, potable supply of water. The park will purchase directly from Brutus, but it is a supply from our connection to the city of Auburn/Owasco Lake.
- CCWSA FY2021 Financial Report (annual) is complete and reporting requirement are met.
- CCWSA provided a review of experiences and abilities to assist water and sewer service areas as a presentation to Association of Town Supervisors on March 17, 2022.
- Staff completed annual safety & sexual harassment training.
- Working with County Attorney's office to initiate the appropriate agreements for access to ARPA funds through resolution approved in 2021 and the extend the use of the garage in the County Highway complex for CCWSA operations/maintenance and repair programs.

#### **Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) – Petroleum Quality Sampling**

Received 12 sample results from 5 stations purchased in February.

All 12 samples passed.

Purchased 12 samples from 4 stations for March. Received results, all passed.

Wilcox General Store in King Ferry – 1 gas

Speedway in Moravia – 3 gas, 1 diesel

Speedway on Clark St Rd in Auburn – 3 gas

Ed & Jeans in Port Byron – 3 gas, 1 diesel

#### **Grocery Stores - Scales**

Wegman's Auburn installed 6 new self-checkout registers and removed 1 standard checkout lane

Tested all 54 scales in the store. 52 scales passed. 2 scales required repair, which was already scheduled. Retested, both passed.

Weedsport Supermarket – tested all scales, all passed.

Cato Grocery Store – tested all scales, all passed.

Bayside Grocery – added 1 new deli scale, 1 scale failed in customer's favor, adjusted, all passed.

#### **Personnel Scales**

Tested 2 scales at Cayuga-Onondaga Boces, both passed.

#### **Pharmacy Scales**

Tested Auburn Correctional Facility Pharmacy Scale and weight Set, all passed.

Kinney Drugs – State St. – replaced/repared Pharmacy Scale, retested, passed.

#### **Bulk Milk Tanks**

Rechecked 3 Tanks – all passed.

Twin Hills Farms – Cato – 1600 gals.

Double O Farms LLC – Cato – 400 gals.

Phillip H. Pitroff – Martville – 545 gals.

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

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

1. Barton & Loguidice (B&L) continues to work on the analysis of the County Office Building so they can make a recommendation on the building, renovate, add-on, or build new. They have been conducting interviews with department heads. Chairman Gould asked Lynn Marinelli and I to serve as primary contacts. Lynn will assist B&L with getting required information from Department Heads. Following a tour of the County Office Building B&L provided a draft layout of each floor showing the square footage occupied by each department. Ed Eberhardt and I reviewed the layouts and advised where changes needed to be made.

2. Thank you for passing resolution 96-22 authorizing the use of rescue funds for some of the projects on the Buildings and Grounds List including replacing Courthouse Heat Pumps, replacing HVAC in the Historic Post Office and replacing the late 1940's elevator in the Historic Post Office.
3. Don Carr and I reviewed the proposals from the 8 firms that responded to RFP 2022-03 for an architect to provide Architectural and Engineering Services such as develop specifications for the Hardenberg Roof project and the PSB roof project. The architect will also be needed for some of the other projects listed on the Buildings and Grounds request for Rescue Funds and Capital Plan. Don and I agree we would best be served by Bergmann. There is a resolution for your consideration and approval this month.
4. The status of the Court Tenant work is as follows:
  - The construction of the wall is nearly complete at the time of this update.
  - Tile and Carpet installed the carpeting.
  - Lowes provided the blinds on 3/16/22. They are scheduled for installation on 3/30 and 3/31.
  - Ed's crew completed the painting.
5. Ed's downtown crew and Mitch's PSB crew have both been short staffed in March.
6. DePalma Masonry will be replacing the concrete stairs between the lower and middle parking lots of the County Office Building as soon as weather permits.
7. Heritage Masonry is planning to start the Historic Post Office masonry repair project authorized by Resolution 195-21 on Monday 4/4/22.
8. Surplus furniture update: I sent an email to all County Department Heads on 4/1/22 asking if they have a need for the items. I asked for responses by Friday 4/8/22. Items remaining after the County Department have made their choices will be offered to County Town and Villages per policy followed by disposal by Public Auction.
9. We got some good news for a change! The plow truck we ordered last July could be delivered in early May as long as it doesn't have a "chip hold".

**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 snow and ice removal Ed and his team responded to 167 maintenance requests so far in February. There continues to be are multiple requests for minor renovations moving desks and records.
2. As stated above Ed's crew has been short staffed in March. Another PT Building Maintenance mechanic resigned effective 3/31/22.
3. Ed and his team completed the painting portion of the Court Tenant Work. They also replace a small piece of linoleum that was requested. They are continuing to paint other areas requested by the courts (and other offices) as time permits.
4. Ed is working to replace the failed HVAC equipment in the Historic Post Office. He will be working on this as time permits. Note it needs to be done before the summer cooling season.
5. Jon Borsa (Parks) continues to provide snow removal at Mental Health on a regular basis. He and Mitch Brown have been assisting with other snow removal downtown as well.
6. Ed continues to work repairing and replacing the wall mounted heating units in the Courthouse.
7. Ed's crew will be responding to requests to look at and deliver furniture.

**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 snow and ice removal Mitch and his team responded to over 151 maintenance requests so far in February.
2. They continue to perform extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. As stated above Mitch's crew has also been short staffed in March.
4. Working on converting the PSB back to NYSEG. (Resolution 197-21). NYSEG has installed the new pole required for the project and they have a transformer for the project. We have an agreement with O'Connell Electric to install the line. Soil and Water is planning to start digging the trench for the line after Easter.
5. The Solar Project is under construction.
6. Working on Camera upgrades.
7. Upgraded fixtures in the kitchen including faucets and drains.
8. We have the new motor for the sewer grinder. It needs to be replaced because the bearings are failing. We will rebuild old one for a spare.

**New Business?**

**Any Questions?**

**Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –**

**Parks Department Updates:**

1. The Parks Department is entering existing 2022 reservations into the new web based system and testing the purchase integration with the Finance Department.
2. The Parks Department is designing a new logo.
3. Parks Department will host a seasonal Job Fair: May 7, 10am-2pm

**Area Updates:**

**Emerson Park:**

1. Deauville Island Redevelopment:

2. Phasing documentation is being updated to seek private and public funding opportunities.
3. Friends of Emerson Park:
4. Easter Egg hunt: April 16, 9:30am
5. Park clean-up May 7, 10am -2pm
6. NYSCOBA donated \$5000 to the Friends of Emerson Park
7. Summer Programming: All annual events held prior to 2020 are scheduled for this year. Parks & Trails Department with the Friends of Emerson Park are
8. Replacement of the Deauville Island retaining wall: the wall has been replaced and the site disturbance is being repaired. The Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District did an excellent job controlling erosion, minimizing disturbance and completing this complex replacement in a timely manner. Thank you also the City of Auburn for enabling the work to be done by maintaining a low lake elevation negating possible erosion while the site was open.

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

1. In process of finishing painting of floors and walls throughout the museum.
2. 8 new security cameras will be installed bringing the total to 44 covering the interior and all exterior of the museum.
3. Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt is under way. Will take place from March 20 thru April 23, 2022
4. Museum Patron/Volunteer/Staff Recognition Dinner scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2022
5. Old Ways Day at Museum is scheduled for Saturday June 4, 2022 from 10-4
6. Permits are being prepared for the construction of the donated picnic pavilions.

**Sterling Nature Center (Jim D'Angelo Director):**

1. New Sterling Nature Center Facility construction: site work for parking, service roads and building foundations is underway.
2. Jim D'Angelo, Sterling Nature Center Director is the Cayuga County representative to CLEAR (Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency initiative) representing the Nature Center's ideas and insights regarding the strategies they are proposing.
3. In-person programing and Facebook Live events continue to be well attended.

**Trail Update:**

No report

**Owasco Flats:**

No report

**Brian Soper (Highway) –**

- We will begin our paving season weather dependent on April 11th and the Sealing will start on or about the 25th of April also weather dependent.
- Snow& Ice we have met a few times and are close to an agreement to out forward. It is a T/M base contract based off a per trip average cost.
- Highway had a surprise PESH safety inspection on the 29th at which we do have a few minor issues that will need to be address any of them that are more than \$1,000 in cost will be reimbursable through the state.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BUILDINGS:**

4-22-PW-1 Authorizing an agreement with Bergmann Architects Engineers Planners to create plans, designs and specifications for a variety of county projects. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-2 Authorizing the Buildings and Grounds Department to hire a part time Building Maintenance Mechanic to replace a part time Building Maintenance Mechanic who resigned. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

**HIGHWAY:**

4-22-PW-3 Authorizing the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of Jericho Road over Putnam Brook Bridge Replacement, and accepting reimbursement of Federal-aid and/or state-aid, or Bridge NY Funds. Authorizing establishment of Capital H, authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute any and all agreements. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-4 Authorization to fill Senior Engineering Technician position in the County Highway Department. **Motion by Kerr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-5 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter an agreement with Lakeshore Employee Testing Services. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Basile. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-6 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and Highway Superintendent to enter into an agreement with towns mowing on county roads. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow. All in favor.**

**PARKS:**

4-22-PW-7 Authorize the second modification of the Cato –Brutus Trail Bridge “A” Project (2/3 Required). **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-8 Authorize the transfer of funds from department expense to equipment trackable. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

4-22-PW-9 Authorizing the suspension of Emerson Park passenger car parking fees for 2022. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Pecher at 6:41 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Basile. All in favor.**

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE’S OFFICE AT 253-1308 AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO ADVISE WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.