



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**TO BE HELD AT CAYUGA WORKS CAREER CENTER**  
**199 Franklin St., Suite 204, Classroom R223, Auburn, NY**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live stream Link - <https://youtu.be/kVdQtb8QtVI>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Andy Dennison at 5:30 pm

**MEMBERS:** Legislators James Basile, Christina Calarco, Tricia Kerr, and Hans Pecher

**EXCUSED:** Michael Didio (Vice Chair), Brian Muldrow

**OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature** David Gould, Legislators Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Lydia Patti Ruffini, Elane Daly, Heidi Nightengale, Robert Shea; Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian, Soper, Kyle Laukaitis, Brittany Massi, Lacey Bailey, Dan Lovell, Kim Dygert

**MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 12, 2022. Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco. All in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Calarco. All in favor.**

**Parks Commission**

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

Lezli Parsons, 14360 Victory St., Sterling, NY 13156, Term – 1/1/22 to 12/31/24

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) – No updates**

**Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –**

**Petroleum Quality Sampling**

Received 12 sample results from 4 stations purchased in March.

All 12 samples passed.

Purchased 12 samples from 6 stations for April.

BJ's Gas, Kwik Fill- Weedsport, Kwik Fill- Grant Ave, Auburn, A Plus- Auburn, Tops- Auburn, Pit Stop- Fleming.

**Grocery Stores**

Tested scales at Aldi Store in Auburn. 1 failed in customer's favor.

Tested scales at BJ's Wholesale Club in Auburn. 1 pre-pack scale failed in customer's favor.

Tested scales at Tops Friendly Market in Auburn. 8 scales upgraded with new models. 30 scales total. 1 pre-pack scale failed in customer's favor.

Owasco Market purchased new scale, failed inspection against customer, not put into service.

**Gas Stations**

Kwik Fill in Moravia installed 14 new pumps. 13 passed, 1 failed and ordered repaired.

**Manufacturing**

New Hope Mills pre-pack scale previously tested was repaired and retested.

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

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

1. DSS wants the space in the basement that is occupied by OFA. Approximately 736 square feet.
2. 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 conducted interviews with department heads. They are scheduled to look at the following buildings on 5/4/22:
  - a. Boyle Senior Center – 149 Genesee Street – Office for the Aging
  - b. Hardenberg/Vitale Building - 95 Genesee Street & 8 Dill Street - Health Department, District Attorney, & Veteran Services Agency
  - c. Historic Post Office – 157 Genesee Street – Board of Elections,
  - d. Courthouse – 152 Genesee Street - Probation, Youth Bureau, Assigned Counsel/Stop-DWI
  - e. Old Jail - 10 Court Street – Records, Historian, Building Maintenance
  - f. Weights and Measures office space in Highway

3. Thank you for passing resolution 160-22 authorizing the use of Bergmann Architects and Engineers. I have already reached out to them for the ballasted roof on the Hardenberg Building and the Ballasted roof on the PSB. EMO is working with them on a potential training center.
4. The status of the Court Tenant work is as follows:
  - The construction of the wall is complete. Only need to get a new lock on the door.
  - All but 7 of the blinds Lowes provided on 3/16/22 were rejected by the court. Replacements are on order and are scheduled for delivery on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. DePalma Masonry will be replacing the concrete stairs between the lower and middle parking lots of the County Office Building as soon as they have time.
6. Heritage Masonry is planning to complete the Historic Post Office masonry repair project authorized by Resolution 195-21 on Friday 4/29/22.
7. 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.
8. We finally received the plow truck we ordered last July.
9. Attended meeting called by EMO at the Fire Training Tower. Dale and others shred the needs of a new training facility with Bergman Architects. Not sure where the funding for this project is coming from. Not a Buildings and Grounds Project.

**DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, Brian Henyan and Jeff King:**

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day to day efforts for snow and ice removal and responding to Department Heads Requests for furniture Ed and his team responded to over 144 maintenance requests so far in April. They have started to work on the grounds and lawns damaged over the winter as well.
2. As stated above Ed's crew has been short staffed in April. Another PT Building Maintenance mechanic resigned effective 3/31/22. We are not getting applications for these positions.
3. Ed and his team are continuing to paint areas requested by the courts (and other offices) as time permits. Note we only paint areas that need painting, not just to change colors.
4. Ed is working to replace the failed HVAC equipment in the Historic Post Office including a failed compressor. He will be working on other HVAC improvements as time permits.
5. Jon Borsa (Parks) continues to provide snow removal at Mental Health on a regular basis. He and Mitch Brown have been assisting with snow removal downtown as well. Hopefully that season is finally over!
6. Ed continues to work repairing and replacing the wall mounted heating units in the Courthouse.
7. Ed's crew responded 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 176 maintenance requests so far in April. They have started to work on the grounds and lawns damaged over the winter as well.
2. They continue to perform extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. Mitch's crew continues to be short staffed in April.
4. Working on converting the PSB back to NYSEG. (Resolution 197-21). Soil and Water started digging the trench for the line on 4/20/22 and completed it on 4/28/22. O'Connell Electric has installed the conduit and has started to pull the cable on 4/29/22. The plan is to get the cable pulled and then NYSEG can come for the hookup. I want to thank Soil and Water for their hard work on this project! The City of Auburn loaned us a steel plate to cover the trench. County Highway will be providing fuel for the generator. Thanks to the employees at the PSB for their patience during this process.
5. The Solar Project is under construction.
6. Installed the new motor for the sewer grinder.
7. Secured maintenance agreement for HVAC equipment at the 911 towers with Upstate Temperature Control approved per resolution 169-22.
8. Oversaw roof replacement for Cato Tower
9. Helped secure vendor for UPS battery replacement
10. Mitch has a quote for PM'S and maintenance on the HVAC systems for the PSB. We hope the resolution to approve this is on the PSB agenda for May.
11. The crew has been stripping and waxing floors
12. Secured Bid for new Ferris 3300 mower
13. Cleaning out old mowers for scrap and sale

**Resolutions: None for April**

**New Business?**

**Any Questions?**

**Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –**

**Parks Department Updates:**

1. The Parks Department has activated the online facility rental calendar for shelters at Emerson Park. Some functionality testing is still taking place.

2. The Parks Department final logo designs have been approved by the Parks Commission. Samples attached.
3. Parks Department Seasonal Job Fair: May 7, 10am-2pm
4. Approximately 50% of our season positions are filled.

**Area Updates:**

**Emerson Park:**

1. Deauville Island Redevelopment:  
Phasing documentation is being finalized to seek private and public funding opportunities.
2. Friends of Emerson Park: Easter Egg hunt: April 16, 9:30am Estimated attendance: 500 – 700
3. Park clean-up May 7, 10am -2pm
4. Summer Programming: All annual events held prior to 2020 are returning for 2022. The Parks & Trails Department with the support of the Friends of Emerson Park will be presenting outdoor movie nights (Wednesday) and live music (Thursday) for free starting June 30 and ending Sept 1.
5. Replacement of the Deauville Island retaining wall: the site repair will be completed as conditions allow.
6. Removal of the Island shelter is being quoted, temporary and permanent replacements are being planned for approval.
7. Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: due 1/1/23, review of existing agreement and drafting of the new agreement will be drafted in May for review by the Parks Commission.

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

1. Easter Egg Hunt ran from March 20 thru April 23, 2022. Attendance was high and visitors were very positive about their experience at the museum.
2. Plans are under way for the Museum's annual Old Ways Day on Saturday June 4, 2022.
3. Work is continuing on finishing garage exhibit.
4. Work on 2 Picnic Pavilions is underway.
5. All wall and flooring painting at museum is complete.
6. Four of the new eight security cameras are on line and working well. Waiting to install the other 4 until after the 2 pavilions are complete. We have a clear picture of all inside and outside areas of the museum on the cameras.
7. Museum is open Monday thru Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 11-4. Attendance is good.
8. Museum Ag Board Met in April for the first time in 2022. They will meet every month right thru November. Their By-Laws call for meetings during those months. They do not meet in December, January, February or March.

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

1. My base schedule is Wednesday-Sundays
2. REDI: Site work is wrapping up and moving into the construction phase. Footers have been poured and they are getting ready to pour the foundation.
3. We have been accepted as a partner with the Great Lakes CleanUp. "The Great Lakes CleanUp is a collaborative single week trash removal event to protect habitats throughout the Great Lakes Basin." I will be submitting data on the types and amount of debris we collect from the spring cleanup. For more information check out:  
<https://greatlakescleanup.org/SterlingNatureCenter.html>
4. Social Media
  - a. Facebook: 6,844
  - b. Instagram: 88
5. We will be having informational displays at:
  - a. Ontario Orchards' Bird Day 9am-1pm Saturday April 23
  - b. Oswego YMCA Healthy Kids Day 11a-3p Saturday April 30
6. We are planning and advertising for
  - a. World Migratory Bird Day May 14
  - b. Inspiration; A festival or Art and Nature June 4 & 5
    - i. June 4 will be a look back at the past 25 year of the Friends and a look forward to the next 25 years
    - ii. June 5 will be the Traditional events, live music, art, crafts and nature
7. Naturalist
  - a. The bald eagles have two young in the nest with great viewing opportunities from the observation decks.
  - b. There at least 11 active great blue heron nest this year, 5 potential heron nesting sites are not being used due to the eagles nesting in the rookery
  - c. Possible nesting: common raven, barred owl, and Cooper's hawk
  - d. I am participating in the NYS Breeding Bird Atlas for the survey blocks of the nature center
8. Programing
  - a. Using Facebook Live to publicize upcoming programs and doing short 5 minutes along the trail episodes on special teachable moments I come across.
  - b. Recent and upcoming programs & meetings:
    - SUNY Oswego Field Trip, March 30 (18)
    - Construction Bi-weekly Meeting, April 1
    - Friends Board meeting, April 2
    - Great Lake CleanUp Monthly Zoom meeting, April 7
    - Tour Cayuga Field Trip, April 7, (12)
    - Sunset-Full Moon Walk April 15, (3, rain)

Oswego County Catholic Schools Field trip, April 20 (12)  
Sterling Silver Seniors, April 21  
Bird Day at Ontario Orchards, April 23, 9am-1pm  
Beach Clean-up, April 23 1pm  
Poetry Extravaganza, April 24, 2-4pm  
Warbler Walk, April 29, 7am  
Construction Meeting, April 29, 9am  
Warblers and Wildflowers, April 30, 1pm  
Wandering Naturalist, May 1, 10am  
Red Creek High School, Trail Workday, May 4  
Warbler Walk, May 6, 7am

**Trail Update:**

Cato Brutus Trail Bridge "A" Bid has been awarded to Contech Engineering Solutions. Installation is projected for October 2022. Extensive site and trail work will be completed to prepare the site by the Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Owasco Flats:**

No report

**Brian Soper (Highway) –**

- The paving projects are going well with the first approved list of 39.74 miles being completed before the increases on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The shoulder back up will be starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. The second list for approval is in this month's resolutions for your approval it is for an additional 16.07 miles.
- The chipping projects are also moving along with 19.03 mile complete as of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.
- The Snow & Ice agreements have been given back to the Town Highway Superintendent's to gather the necessary information from there book keepers to formulate the per trip cost to be entered in the agreements. The legislature will then be presented those agreements at the June meeting for your approval.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HIGHWAY:**

- 5-22-PW-1 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to access and use the Internet Government Solutions Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) System for NYDOT funded projects. **Motion by Basile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pecher. All in favor.**
- 5-22-PW-2 Authorization to accept SFY 2021-22 additional NYS DOT funds & to authorize 2022 paving list #2. **Motion by Kerr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Basile. All in favor.**
- 5-22-PW-3 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter in to an agreement with Hybrid Building Solutions to erect Auburn Salt Shed. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco. All in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Pecher at 6:18 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr. All in favor.**