



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30PM
Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/0XLt6uMuaxM>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Tucker Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

MEMBERS: Legislators Andy Dennison, Ryan Foley, Timothy Lattimore, Hans Pecher, Paul Pinckney, and Ben Vitale (Vice Chair)

EXCUSED: Andy Dennison

OTHERS: Chair Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Legislators Elane Daly, Heidi Nightengale, Keith Batman, Charlie Ripley, Michael Didio, Tricia Kerr, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gary Duckett, Parks Supervisor Doug DelloStritto, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: April 14, 2020, Motion by Foley, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.

Motion by Foley to approve appointment, 2nd by Pinckney all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Parks Commission

Jean Saroodis, PO Box 1106, Weedsport, NY 13166, Term - 1/1/20-12/31/20, Northern Cayuga County (Re-appt.)

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

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

Discussion:

Wilson says that they have been filing applications for different areas for water and sewer infrastructure. She says as far as she knows this week the water has been down in Lake Ontario, but they have been very concerned about lake levels.

- **Larry Roser (Weights and Measures) -**

In April we purchased 12 Gas samples.

3 from Speedway on Grant,

2 from Pit Stop in Port Byron,

2 from Kwik Fill in Weedsport,

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3 from Speedway in Meridian.

All gas samples passed.

This Month we calibrated the new 2,000 gal. tank at the Shertzer farm on Sherwood Road in Ledyard. This replaces their old 1,250 gal. tank. They will now be able to be picked up every other day instead of every day.

. If the pick-up charge was \$50 per, as some other farms pay, this would be a savings of over \$9,000 per year.

The Skinner Hill Farm in Moravia is planning on reopening. The first cows are to arrive by 4/30/2020. This is not the best timing but good luck to them.

We tested the Truck Scale and the fertilizer Dump scale at Carovail in Auburn.

The Truck Scale passed +60 lbs. at 65,760 lbs.

The Fertilizer Scale failed -40 lbs. at 4,000 lbs. The indicator would not go into recalibration mode so a temporary indicator was installed and the old indicator is being rebuilt.

We tested the Truck Scale and the fertilizer Dump Scale at Helena Chemical in Genoa.

The Truck Scale failed +60 to -40 lbs. at 27,000 lbs.

It was adjusted and passes +20 lbs. at 65,660 lbs.

The fertilizer Dump Scale passed -10 lbs. at 16,100 lbs.

The Herbicide Meters are on schedule to be tested on May 5, 2020 at both Carovail and Helena Chemical.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Crew Gary Duckett and Donna Blumrick:

1. In these difficult times I have removed my thoughts on the County Office Building.
2. Buildings and Grounds has continued to support the COVID-19 efforts as follows:
 - Emerson Park has been receiving emergency supplies for EMO.
 - Buildings and Grounds has continued to support the efforts of the Hospital at the Nursing Home.
 - Enhanced cleaning in all County Buildings is continuing.
 - In an effort to reduce exposure we continue to keep the three crews; downtown, PSB and Parks separate as much as possible.
 - One member of the team is scheduled to be furloughed. This combined with the fact that we are not getting help from the Inmates, the Core Crew or any other work programs will make keeping up with the work very difficult.
 - I haven't figured out a way to properly oversee the highway buildings. This was never part of Buildings and Grounds but appears to be now.

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

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts to keep the snow and ice under control and now to repair the grounds and prepare for mowing Ed and his team responded to over 37 maintenance requests in April.
2. Thyssenkrupp Elevator has made repairs to the South Elevator of the County Office Building authorized by Resolution 253-19, PO#1141 during the slowdown. Ed also had the south elevator camera power supply replaced during this process.
3. Daiken has made repairs to the Chiller in the County Office Building approved by Resolution 93-20, PO#528. They will be in for startup of the equipment soon.
4. The replacement of one rooftop on the Hardenberg Building authorized by Resolution 83-20, PO526 is planned in May.
5. The replacement of one rooftop on the Historic Post Office Building authorized by Resolution 84-20, PO527 is planned in May.
6. We are painting the County Attorney's Office area while staff is out of the office.
7. Ed has been working with the vendor to solve a problem with Boiler Alarms from Boiler 2 in the County Office Building.

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 to keep the snow and ice under control Mitch and his team responded to over 109 maintenance requests.
2. Gary and Mitch have been working with Wendell to finish the specifications for the replacement generator at the PSB. We provided the specifications for the IBT to purchasing on 5/1/2020.
3. Gary and Mitch have been working on replacing the failed Liebert unit serving the Server room at the PSB approved by Resolution 193-20. The vendor has been added and we will order the unit as soon as the funds are transferred and Valerie can get a PO created.
4. Purchasing reissued the ITB's to replace some Exterior and some Interior LED Lighting at the PSB. The funding is from a NYMIR Grant obtained by Planning. The opening date was extended but there were no bids received on the project. Planning reached out to NYSERDA for a recommendation.
5. Remodel of the new Sargent's Office and restroom.
6. Running Data Cables for the training Center.
7. Dealing with an increase in sewer plug ups.
8. Upgraded detergent dispensing pumps in the laundry room.
9. Making seasonal adjustments to the new rooftops on the PSB.

Nursing Home Update:

- A. The Hospital Clinic is up and running in the facility. They have been taking care of the maintenance in their area and even stopped a flooding toilet in another area of the building and cleaned up the mess.
- B. Utility costs for the building are up.
- C. We had to repair the backflow preventer and replace one of the main shutoffs in the maintenance area.

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

Emerson Park:

1. Resolution 89-20 authorizing the hiring of seasonal staff for Parks and Trails was rescinded by Resolution 177-20. Resolution 176-20 established a review process for hiring resolutions going forward. The four members of Highway that have been sent to the park have been a great help with the spring cleanup and as long as we have them they will

be able to keep up with our basic lawn maintenance. Going forward decisions will need to be made on the following topics so parks can plan for the fast approaching season.

- a. Usage at all county parks has increased dramatically. We are very concerned about not having security on the grounds at Emerson Park especially to enforce our Dawn to Dusk Hours. People are complaining about dog walkers not picking up after their pets.
 - b. Are we going to plant flowers and more importantly maintain our flower beds (water, fertilizer, weeding, etc.)?
 - c. Are we going to open restrooms? How do we keep them clean?
 - d. Are we going to hold our major public events?
 - e. Are we going to allow (or even be able to) allow private gatherings of over 10 people?
 - f. Are we really going to start charging for parking again on June 28th?
 - g. Once these decisions are made we will determine what positions are required and we will be approaching the hiring group for approval of some positions.
- We are hopeful the Governor will have made some recommendations on these topics before the May meeting.
2. VIP structures is planning a May mobilization for the Pavilion Porch repair if allowed by the state.
 3. We are rebidding the Emerson Park sewer station. If the remaining pump fails, this will become an emergency resolution.
 4. Deauville Island construction is tentatively scheduled to resume on or after May 18 to complete the paving, grading and planting to close the project.
 5. Jon Borsa continues to assist Gary at the Nursing Home as needed.

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

- A. The Museum is currently closed with maintenance continuing.

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

1. Sterling Nature Center: Parks and Planning staff continue to work with NYS, REDI Commission, Beardsley Design and the Town of Sterling to plan the execution of the REDI projects including all site work and construction of the new Sterling Nature Center.
2. The Nature Center property has seen a spike in attendance.

Trail Update:

1. We are continuing to support the snowmobile clubs with materials for trail maintenance projects tentatively scheduled for summer.
2. Parks have requested assistance from the Highway Department to replace failing culverts on the Hojack Trail.

Owasco Flats:

Nothing new to report.

Any Questions?

Discussion:

Duckett says the usage at the parks has increased dramatically and they are a little concerned about security. He says they have asked the Sheriff for help and he has stepped up patrols as best they can. They usually start to plant flowers about now at a cost of about \$3,600 on then ongoing maintenance with the flowers. He asks if it is something we want to forgo this year or not. Whitman says in his opinion for \$3,600 he thinks it is a worthwhile investment and adds to the park. He says hopefully we will get to the point where events can be held at the pavilion too. Whitman asks if anyone is opposed to the flowers and no one is opposed. Duckett says we will need to make some decisions on our bug county events. He cannot imagine that we will be able to have major public event this summer at all. He says his opinion would be to take a stance and cancel them all. Pinckney thinks it is too early to cancel events and maybe some planning that has to go along with it. He says we will know more in 30 days and take it as we go and is trying to be more optimistic. Lattimore asks about our contract with the vendor at the pavilion and how that will work. Duckett says they requested us to them a break on the fee because they cannot even rent the building right now. He says so far they have given them almost \$24,000 in rent for the building, but from now forward they a proposing a percentage of sales. Duckett asks about the beavers and geese and how we want to handle it this year. He says the approach we have taken in the past is we do what we have to do here. Whitman says he does not have any opposition to it right now and down the road we can talk about what we might want to do in the future when there is less things going on. Palermo says that he can work with Duckett on this and come to Whitman if anything comes up.

BUILDINGS:

5-20-PW-1 Authorization to enter into a 24 Hour Temperature Control Service Agreement with Upstate Temperature Control Inc. for the controls of the Johnson Controls pneumatic temperature controls for the HVAC equipment in the Historic Post Office. **Motion by Lattimore, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.**

PARKS:

5-20-PW-2 Resolution to modify the current license agreement with A&M Catering for management of the Emerson Park Pavilion due to the public health restrictions on gatherings. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Foley.**

Discussion:

Foley says it does not say the exact amount we are going to lose here and asks if there is an estimate. Palermo says that it will be the annual amount divided by 12 months with the modified term of May 1st-August 1st, which is typically the busiest point of the year. He says instead of the prorated monthly amount based on the annual rent for those four months it will be 10% of their sales. He says in order to project out what their revenues will be for the year we would need to know when they will be able to hold events.

All in favor.

5-20-PW-3 Authorizing Cayuga County to refund fees associated with facility rentals at Emerson Park. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.**

- **VACANT (Highway) – No updates**

Discussion:

Vitale says last month we talked about the salt we contracted for and we have our sheds all full, so we are good for this year. The road work for the year he continues to work with Rich to put that schedule together. They do have the Navistar settlement that is just under \$70,000. We have \$650,000 budgeted for equipment this year and the settlement is up to 18 months, so if we buy a truck this year or hold off a little bit. He recommends at least one truck this year and use this settlement toward it. He says it is good for 18 months, so we can look at finances.

HIGHWAY:

5-20-PW-4 Accept Navistar settlement. **Motion by Pinckney, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.**

Motion by Pinckney to adjourn at 6:13PM, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.