



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30PM**  
**Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/fvgRjvXRvIQ>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Tucker Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

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

**EXCUSED:** Ryan Foley

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

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** May 12, 2020, Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lattimore, all in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

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

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

In May we purchased 12 Gas samples.

3 from Circle K in Montezuma,

2 from Lakeside in Union Springs,

2 from King Ferry Corner Store in King Ferry,

3 from Pit Stop in Genoa,

2 from Kwik Fill in Moravia.

All 12 passed.

Also Note: the Fastrac in Weedsport has removed all their pumps. It looks like a rebuild of the station.

This Month we checked 3 milk tanks that were due and had not been checked in 5 years.

Ripley Farm's #1 tank is a 4,000 gallon tank, and was found to be in tolerance. No action needed.

Eldred Brothers Dairy's #2 tank is a 4,000 gallon tank, and was off against the farm to the tune of \$47.13 per day or \$17,203.63 per year. It has been recalibrated and they will get more for their milk in the future.

Fessenden Dairy LLC's #1 tank is a 6,000 gallon tank, and was off to the farms favor to the tune of \$20.66 per day or \$7,542.36 per year. It has been recalibrated as they had been overpaid in the past.

Note: I was told Byrne Dairy has reduced the number of producers from 111 to 35. Many were in Cayuga County and most have joined Finger Lakes Coop. I counted roughly 25 from Cayuga County changed. Byrne kept a couple of the larger dairy farms. In Cayuga County.

We retested the fertilizer Dump scale at Carovail in Auburn. It had failed in April and had to be rebuilt. It was recalibrated and passed -20 lbs. @ 28,150 lbs.

We tested the Truck Scale at Cayuga Milk Ingredients in Auburn.

It was reported to be off as much as 500 lbs. at a full milk truck, so it was recalibrated down by around 300 lbs. for the lighter Rochester Scale truck at the start.

It was tested and still failed from +20 to +60 lbs. on sections @ 27,000 lbs.

It was adjusted and passes +40 lbs. at 65,700 lbs.

The Herbicide Meters were tested at both Carovail and Helena Chemical. 9 out of 10 meters passed. One was giving away about 1%. It was adjusted and is off by less than ¼%. OK

- **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 continues to receive 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 was 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.
  - Gary hasn't figured out a way to properly oversee the highway buildings. This was never part of Buildings and Grounds but appears to be now.
  - Looking for guidance on the Cleaning Agreements.
    - A. The agreement with American Commercial Cleaning of the County Office Building and Mental Health Building can be extended for two one year periods. See attached TAB sheet from 2018.
    - B. The agreement with GDI for the Hardenberg Building and the Records Building (Old Jail) can be extended for two one year periods. See attached TAB sheet from 2018.
    - C. The agreement with GDI for the Courthouse and the HPO cannot be extended again so we will need to go out to bid for this work.
    - D. My suggestion is to extend the two agreements that we are allowed to extend (assuming the vendors will do so) and bid the Courthouse and the HPO. How would you like me to proceed?

**DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Paul France, and Jeff King:**

1. In addition to routine maintenance and the day to day efforts to keep the lawn maintenance under control and repair the grounds Ed and his team responded to over 91 maintenance requests in April.
2. 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.
3. The replacement of one rooftop on the Hardenberg Building authorized by Resolution 83-20, PO526 is planned in early June.
4. The replacement of one rooftop on the Historic Post Office Building authorized by Resolution 84-20, PO527 is planned for the week of June 1.
5. Painting the County Attorney's Office area was completed as well as some moves in that space. .
6. Ed and his crew has been working with various departments and purchasing on making modifications for startup.
7. Install new backflow preventer in the Courthouse.
8. Tenant work is completed for 2019-2020.

**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 158 maintenance requests.
2. Gary and Mitch have been working with purchasing to issue ITB 2020-11 to replace the generator at the PSB.
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 advises the unit will ship June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mitch and his crew are getting the area prepped.
4. Dealing with an increase in sewer plug ups.
5. Gary is working with the County Attorney and Doug Kierst on a proposal for the power at the facility.
6. Servicing the air handlers and the rooftop units.

**Nursing Home Update:**

- A. The Hospital Clinic continues to operate.
- B. The backflow preventer in the building was repaired and one shutoff replaced.
- C. I responded to a sprinkler system alarm. The system is due for a 5-year inspection.
- D. As you may know Auburn Community Hospital owns the small area we use for parking at Mental Health Building. They also own the rest of the property around the building. We are in desperate need of more parking. Perhaps a land swap could be made part of the sale of the Nursing Home to the Hospital?

**PARKS AND TRAILS Crew Doug Dello Stritto, Mike Dagnesi and Jon Borsa.  
Emerson Park:**

1. We are down from 4 highway guys helping to 3 highway guys. We appreciate the help. Going forward please consider the following:
  - a. Usage at all county parks has increased dramatically. We are very concerned about not having security on the grounds at Emerson Park. (See resolution)
  - b. Flowers are scheduled to be planted on June 2. We are only planting the beds that can be watered by soaker hoses or sprinklers. We will not be using the water truck this year.
  - c. Are we going to open restrooms? How do we keep them clean? (See resolution)
  - d. All major public events have been cancelled for the year.
  - 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 28<sup>th</sup>? (See resolution).

We are hopeful the Governor will have made some recommendations on these topics before the June meeting.
2. VIP structures is planning a June mobilization for the Pavilion Porch repair if allowed by the state.
3. We are rebid the Emerson Park sewer station. (See resolution). If the remaining pump fails, this will become an emergency resolution.
4. Deauville Island construction has been delayed due delays caused by the pandemic. The contractor plans to complete the paving, grading and planting to close the project in late August.

**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?**

- **Gary Duckett (Highway) – No updates**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BUILDINGS AND PARKS:**

- 6-20-PW-1 Resolution to authorize License Agreement with A&M Catering to provide hospitality management of the Emerson Park Pavilion. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lattimore, all in favor.**
- 6-20-PW-2 Authorizing the hiring of limited seasonal staff for the Parks & Trails Department for the 2020 season. **Motion by Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pecher.**
- Motion by Dennison to amend to remove lifeguards, head lifeguards, and typist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pinckney, all in favor.**
- Motion on resolution as amended, all in favor.**
- 6-20-PW-3 Waiving fees for Emerson Park. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lattimore, all in favor except Vitale and Pinckney.**
- 6-20-PW-4 Authorization pursuant to NY Gen. Mun. Law § 6-d to appropriate from the Buildings Repair Reserve. **Motion by Pinckney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennison, all in favor.**

**HIGHWAY:**

6-20-PW-5 Authorizing the Purchasing Director and the Cayuga County Highway Superintendent to commit to purchase road salt beginning with the 2021-2022 winter season. **Motion by Lattimore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pecher, all in favor.**

**Motion by Pinckney to adjourn at 6:20PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pecher, all in favor.**