



MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:30PM
Live stream Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XICWAQjNKm8>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Andy Dennison at **5:29 PM**

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

OTHERS: Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Mark Strong, Heidi Nightengale, Chris Petrus, Bob Shea, Lydia Patti Ruffini, and Aileen McNabb-Coleman, City of Auburn Director of Capital Improvement Program & Grants Christina Selvek, Weights and Measures Director Kyle Laukaitis, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Gary Duckett, Parks & Trails Director Doug Dello-Stritto, Highway Supervisor Brian Soper, Sheriff Brian Schenck, District Attorney Brittany Antonacci, Assistant District Attorney Chris Valdina, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, Indigent Defendants Supervising Attorney John Price, Assigned Counsel Director Lloyd Hoskins, County Attorney Chris Palermo, Assistant County Attorney Brittany Massi, Assistant County Attorney Rich Graham, and Secretary to the Chairperson Sarah Blowers

MINUTES TO APPROVE: May 9, 2023

Motion by Calarco, 2nd by Basile, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: None

DISCUSSION: re: City Court Renovation/Expansion

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Karl Rindfleisch (CCWSA) – No updates

Kyle Laukaitis (Weights and Measures) –

Petroleum Quality Sampling

Purchased 24 samples from 11 stations. Received results, all passed.

Kwik Fill, State St, Weedsport – 1 gas. Speedway, Moravia – 3 gas, 1 diesel. Wilcox General Store, Ledyard – 1 gas. Pit Stop, Genoa – 2 gas, 1 diesel. Byrne Dairy, Auburn – 2 gas. BJ's – 1 Gas. Red's West End, Fair Haven – 2 gas. Speedway, Meridian – 2 gas, 1 diesel. Speedway, Grant Ave, Auburn – 2 gas, 1 diesel. Speedway, North St, Auburn – 2 gas. Fastrac, Weedsport – 2 gas

Gas Stations

Fastrac, Weedsport – 21 pumps. Circle K, Montezuma – 18 pumps

Ag Service Centers

Carovail, Auburn – Additional flow meters for herbicides and pesticides

Scales

Herbst Pharmacy, Port Byron. Kinney Drugs, State St, Moravia

WIC Baby scales, TOPS Program @ St Lukes

Marina

Fair Point Marina, Fair Haven – New pumps in tested and operation, 2 gas and 1 diesel

Gary Duckett (Buildings and Grounds) –

Committee Report

Buildings and Grounds Administration: Crew Gary Duckett and Donna Blumrick:

1. Christina Selvek with the City of Auburn asked to be present at the meeting to answer any questions you may have concerning the City's Request for proposals for an architect to do Design, Construction Administration and Construction Inspection for the expansion of City Courts. The City is planning to cover the cost for the architect, but the County Legislature will need to approve a Capital H and fund the construction phase of the project.
2. Update County Office Building Project: Shereen and I are continuing to provide information as requested. On 5/22/23 we provided feedback on a draft Program Report. At the request of the Chairman, I asked for a status update for the project on 6/6/23.

3. I have attached an updated Building and Grounds project list dated 6-2-23. Please note in Item 4 there is a problem. The current Fire Alarm System cannot be updated to meet code for new elevator. Getting quotes for replacements/upgrade.
4. Mental Health Parking Update: As you know I asked Bergmann for an estimate to develop a plan for removal of the pergola and maximizing parking for the building. Mental Health currently has 50 spots for 50 County Employees. Need additional parking for Contracted employees, Unity House and Clients. With the removal of the pergola, we think we may be able to get an additional 13 spots. Unfortunately, the problem is even worse now because the Hospital has temporarily blocked access to the rear parking area which consists of 4 parking spots, and I will be moving my office into that building requiring an additional 2 parking spots once the Hospital has reopened the rear parking lot. Bergmann has quoted \$55,000 for this work but their quote included some work I don't think is necessary (I asked the County Attorney for an opinion), and some work County Planning could handle if they have time.
5. Hardenberg Roof and PSB partial Roof Project Update: The PSB roof is nearly complete, will finish flashing on a day the weather is iffy. The Hardenberg roof was started on 5/23/23 and is progressing. When completed both buildings will have a 30-year, 2 ply roof system installed!
6. Electric Car Charging is coming. It is my understanding that motor pool is moving back to highway. We need to consider a space for charging stations at that time.

Downtown: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Paul France, Brian Henyan, Al Raymond and Thomas Walker:

1. In addition to routine building maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day-to-day efforts for ground maintenance and prepping for the changing seasons Ed and his team responded to 158 maintenance requests as in May.
2. We are working to get ready for TK Elevator to install the new elevator mechanism in the Historic Post Office. In addition to the new Fire Alarm System mentioned earlier I am getting quotes to install a new electric panel and other required electrical enhancements.
3. The downtown crew is currently fully staffed. We are looking at ways we can assist the PSB Crew. DSS purchased a trailer for our use to mobilize the core crew. We have purchased a Ferris zero turn lawn mower for their use.
4. Ed's crew has finished the odds and ends remaining to complete the 2022-2023 tenant work. We are now working on the 2023-2024 tenant work.
5. Surplus furniture update: The crew filled two, 30-yard dumpsters with junk furniture etc. We now have some new furniture items that have been turned over to us. We will provide photos for county departments and will then send auction.
6. Ed disconnected some old, unused HVAC equipment from the Hardenberg roof so it could be removed before the roof was done.
7. Maintenance continues to support a variety of office moves requested by various departments, most notably the Health Department, Finance Department and DSS.

County House Road, Firing Range, Tower Sites: Crew Mitch Brown, Ben McIntyre, Bruce Simmons, Greg Purcell:

1. In addition to routine building maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day-to-day efforts for ground maintenance and prepping for the changing seasons Mitch and his team responded to 209 maintenance requests as in May.
2. Mitch's Crew is fully staffed but continues to struggle with staffing issues caused by paid, excused absences. Thank you for approving Resolution 245-23 to allow us to fill a FT Building Maintenance Mechanic Position, so far, we have three applicants. We will wait a week or two and then Mitch and I will interview the applicants.
3. Completed Preventive Maintenance on all towers.
4. The following PMs were completed at the PSB: Sewer Pump's, Backflow preventer and Black Creek completed their quarterly PM's.
5. Working on ongoing problems with inmates' criminal mischief including damaging cells and other features at the jail as well as clogging drains creating more than normal work for Buildings and Grounds.
6. Finished/corrected drainage problem along driveway.

New Business?

Any Questions?

Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –

- Parks & Trails Department:
All Seasonal positions have been filled with the exception of life guards.
- Emerson Park:
 - Projects:
 1. The Amphitheater project funding is being reviewed internally with the Planning Department.
 2. Whitebridge road property: NYS DOT has requested further engineering documents for the new park access rd.
 3. Replacement of the Deauville Island Shelter: resolution for replacement submitted this month.
 4. Boat Slip move to the North side of the outlet is complete. Upgraded LED lighting is scheduled to be installed as well as power for our emergency services partners.
 5. All Emerson Park and Owasco Flats stone roadways will be filled, improved and oil and stone treated by June.
 6. Deauville Island Architecture Design RFQ was distributed for all structures planned for the redevelopment. Scope and cost outline are being prepared.

7. Branding –is requesting proposals for property entrance signs for the 38A/Whitebridge intersection, the main park entrance and the entrance to the Fleming section of the park.
 8. TWM Landscape architects, a Fisher Associates has submitted draft rehab/redesign documents for the entrance plaza at the Merry-Go-Round theater. Phase 1 will be the replacement and realignment of the sidewalk and lighting surrounding the entrance to the theater.
 9. In partnership with OWLA and the Watershed Inspection Program the Emerson Park rain garden project will be expanded south of the Emerson Park Pavilion.
- Friends of Emerson Park:
 1. The EPIC summer concert series kicks off July 6.
 - Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: review of terms has been completed with the Rev Theatre leadership team. Final draft is in process with the count attorney’s office.
 - Staffing: The department did commit to reimbursing lifeguards for training costs incurred in 2023 for hired guards after completing 250 hours of lifeguarding.

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

- Programing
 - Martha Shaw Harvesting History Series last presentation was Thursday May 11, 2023 6 P.M. Reverend Brinkerhoff speaking on History of Brinkerhoff Family in Auburn
 - Next Harvesting History Series Thursday June 8, 2023 Local Historian and Museum Aid Robert Norton will present a program on Old Fashion Medicines and their Remedies
 - No Harvesting History Series in July and August will resume in September
 - Old Ways Day scheduled for Saturday June 3, 2023 10-4 P.M.
 - July and August Museum summer hours Open 7 days a week from 10 A.M. till 5 P.M to accommodate summer tourist infusion into the area
 - School groups scheduled for June 8 Port Byron Grade 4, June 9 Genesee Elementary Grade 5, and June 15, Herman Avenue Grade 4.
- Projects
 - A. Roof on O’Hara/Riley/Osborne Rooms, 2 connecting wings and pavilion completed 5/30/23.
 - B. 8 over head doors will be installed on the Implement Pavilion completely enclosing the structure. Friends are paying for 5, 3 funded from the 2023 museum budget
 - C. Canvas walls on wagon pavilion will be moved to Pavilion on end of O’Hara Wing with possible overhead doors next year
 - D. Permeable parking lot north of educational center is being bid.
 - E. Parks and IT are planning fiber internet installation to the museum
 - F. At present we have 12 Part Time aids staffing the museum 361 days of the year.
 - G. Museum board decided at its May meeting to meet 11 months of the year all months except December.
- Sterling Nature Center (Jim D’Angelo Director PT): Report attached
 - REDI:
 1. Construction of building has started, it is expected to be completed by November
 2. More materials are arriving, roofing panels, framing supplies...
 - Social Media:
 1. Followers for Facebook: 8,129 up 116
 2. Instagram: 229, up 13
 - Naturalist
 1. Great blue herons have young
 2. Spring wildflowers are blooming and warblers continue their migration.
 3. Sandhill cranes have been calling from the back of the Beaver Wetland
 4. Barred owls observed by visitors along Jensvold Rd
 - Red Creek High School completed their annual service project on May
 - Visiting Volney Elementary for their Earth Day event on May 19 and conducting presentations on Bats to K-6 students.
 - Short Films
 1. Laura Donnelly received a grant to make a short film about SNC through SUNY Oswego. Planning to be done by November 2023
 - Upcoming programs

The Search for Warblers!!! May 12, 19, 26, 8 am
 Wildflowers & Warblers; May 14, May 20, 1 pm
 Dragonflies, June 9 & 10
 Rookery Life June 16 & 24
 Beaver Walk June 17 & 23
 Summer Solstice Walk June 21
 Butterflies June 30 & July 1

- Reviewing management plan short and long term needs:
<https://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/1285/Proposed-Functional-Management-Plan-for-the-Sterling-Nature-Center-PDF>
- IWAP, Integrated Watershed Action Plan is nearing completion.
 1. Stakeholder meeting June 9
 2. Public Meeting June 15, 4pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-ihpjiopGNVVQ2rUZGuFlkR4wycF56lv>
- Owasco Flats:
Regrading and oil & stone sealing are scheduled for June. This is a budgeted project.
“Blueway” Mile and half mile markers have been sourced and the Parks & Trails Department is working with the City of Auburn to establish the locations for the new signage as requested by Moravia emergency services. Trail head signage for the Blueway Trail will also be installed.
- Trail Update:
 - The Auburn - Fleming Trail: new signage, mowing, drainage work is scheduled.
 - The Cato-Brutus Trail: no update
 - Cato - Fair Haven trail: no update
 - Cayuga County Highway trail maintenance calls:
 1. Culvert Replacement/clearing: 1
 2. Tree overhanging/blocking -0

Brian Soper (Highway) –

- I attended Highway School this week. As always there was a lot of useful information in the 3 days we were at Cornell.
- Shoulder back up on the paved roads will begin June 8th and continue through the month of June. What is not completed in June will be done in September when we rent the equipment again for the month of September. There are multiple towns that have requested to work with us in return for shouldering on their roads as well. This works well as they supply the bulk of the trucking which helps with efficiency of the project in both the towns and the county. This is the same as our oil and stone process we do with the towns.
- The stripping program is scheduled with our vendor to begin in early July and should be completed within two weeks of the start.
- The Motor Pool Garage Manager position has been a challenge to fill due to the lack of applicants. I will continue to look for people to apply. Until then we will keep things running as efficiently as possible with the help of my office staff handling issues while I am on job sites.
- Roadside mowing started May 15th and will continue through the summer months. There will be two units mowing out of each barn daily. When staff numbers allow Auburn will add up to two additional units to try to keep up with the vegetation growth.

RESOLUTIONS:

BUILDINGS:

- 6-23-PW-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign a second one-year extension to the agreement for the cleaning of two county buildings the Cayuga County Courthouse and the Historic Post Office.
Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

HIGHWAY:

- 6-23-PW-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and Highway Superintendent to enter into a Three-Year Agreement for Snow and Ice removal with Towns and Villages of Cayuga County.
Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

- 6-23-PW-3 Authorization to accept additional paving funds.
Motion by Basile, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

- 6-23-PW-4 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature to approve, endorse, and partner with the Town of Owasco for the grant application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Round 16 Urban and Community Forestry (UCF2) for Tree Maintenance of Removing and Pruning Street Trees in the Town of Owasco.
Motion by Pecher, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.

Motion by Basile to adjourn at 6:09 PM, 2nd by Calarco, all in favor.