



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:30PM**  
**Live stream Link - <https://youtu.be/tY9zKi3ou1k>**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Andy Dennison, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

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

**OTHERS:** Chair of the Legislature David Gould, Legislators Lydia Patti-Ruffini, Robert Shea, Mark Strong, Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Gary Duckett, Doug Dello-Stritto, Brian Soper, Kelly King, Steve Lynch, Doug Kierst, Brittany Massi, Secretary to the Chair Sarah Blowers

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** May 10 & June 14, 2022, **Motion by Basile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

**Jeanine Wilson (CCWSA) –**

- NYS and Cayuga County Department of Health reports filed as mandated.
- 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 has engaged a financial advisor to seek funding for the town water project.
- CCIDA Aurelius Industrial Development Park sewer project is awaiting final communication for an Economic Development grant. The CCWSA will operate and maintain the sewer line with intention for ownership once complete, inspected, approved and operational. Attorneys are finalizing the agreement between CC, CCIDA and CCWSA.

**County Sewer District 2**

- Flushing of sewer system on west side of the bay and “jetting” throughout the village is continuing. This system is helping to maintain proper pressures, preventing service disruption.
- Preventative maintenance program continues. Seasonal residents have returned to the area and new homes and upgrades are being constructed.
- Future development is on the docket for the west side of the bay.
- Campgrounds are full, upgrades of services within the grounds are ongoing.
- CCWSA repairs its grinder pumps and have a stock ready. CCWSA is available to work with municipalities to repair their grinder pumps systems, too.
- “NYS DigSafely” location requests maintained daily. Alarms for malfunctioning grinder pumps checked and main pump stations monitored continually. Odor control systems are working properly throughout the system.

**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 was submitted to the Village for review and concurrence.
- Environmental review – SEQR Lead agency status reviewed and confirmed by CCWSA. SEQR assessment reviewed, discussed, and confirmed as Negative Declaration at CCWSA Public Hearing on May 25. Publication of environmental determination was completed.

**Miscellaneous:**

- 2023 Congressional Appropriation – Community Projects programming for funding met the first step for funding through Congressman Katko’s office. The project awarded thus far is a CCWSA second connection to the City of Auburn’s water supply at North Street to extend to existing waterline on Potter Road, Sennett. The project was submitted to the Interior subcommittee for review. We will be notified in June or July 2022 if the project is extended through this committee and is passed to be moved through next. We’ve been advised that timing and budgeting of projects selected now is unpredictable, but meeting this first hurdle is a positive step toward funding.

- Awaiting CCWSA & County Attorney's offices to provide appropriate agreements for access to ARPA funds through resolution approved in 2021
- We respectfully request extended use of the garage (old Motor Pool) in the County Highway complex to continue CCWSA operations/maintenance and repair programs.

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

**Petroleum Quality Samples** – 12 Samples purchased from 6 different stations. All 12 passed. Purchased from: Circle K – Montezuma, Fine Food & Gas-Owasco, D&L Truck Stop, Kwik Fill-W. Genesee, Cayuga County Motor Pool-Auburn, Lakeside Trading-Union Springs.

Fine Food and Gas not currently selling gas, all pumps bagged due to lack of fuel.

**Bulk Milk Tanks** – Spruce Haven Farms – Full calibration on 9000 gallon tank, increased volume from previous calibration due to larger capacity trucks now available from CMI.

Spruce Haven Farms – Calibration on second 9000 gallon tank. Passed

Patterson Farms – Calibrated 1350 gallon tank. Passed Calibrated 3000 gallon tank. Passed

**Truck Scales** – Carovail, Auburn 140,000 scale failed shift test +60 lbs, adjusted and it passed.

Helena Chemicals, Genoa 140,000 lbs scale, Failed -80, adjusted and it passed.

NUCOR Steel, Auburn- Tested 3 Truck scales to over 100,000 lbs. All scales passed.

**Hopper Scales** - Carovail, Auburn – Tested to 28,000. Failed at 4000 lbs, +110 lbs, adjusted and it passed.

Helena Chemicals, Genoa – Tested to 16,000 lbs. Passed

**Computing Scales** – 3 new POS System scales at Weedsport Supermarket passed test.

Grisamore Farms, Locke – Purchased new scale, all scales tested and passed.

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

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

1. We received the draft report from Barton & Loguidice (B&L) 6/6/22.
2. On June 15<sup>th</sup> Don Carr issued ITB2022-16 for cleaning of the COB, Hardenberg Building, Mental Health and Old Jail. Mandatory site visit was June 29<sup>th</sup> only two companies showed up both are our current vendors GDI and American Commercial Cleaning. Bid opening is July 19<sup>th</sup>. Will have a resolution for August to approve.
3. We are working with the County Attorney's Office to get an agreement to modernize the HPO elevator authorized by Resolution 222-22. The vendor proposed some changes to the agreement we proposed.
4. We are working with the County Attorney's Office to get an agreement to extend the cleaning agreement with GDI authorized by Resolution 241-22. The vendor has signed the agreement.
5. We are working with HR/Civil Service to fill the vacant Mobile Work Crew Supervisor position authorized by Resolution 242-22.
6. We are working with HR/Civil Service to fill the two (2) vacant Laborer position authorized by Resolution 243-22. One was filled on 6/27/22.
7. We are still looking for people interested in the two (2) Building Maintenance Mechanic PT positions we have available per Resolutions 74-22 and 161-22.
8. Building and Grounds project updates are on the attached sheet.

**DOWNTOWN: Crew Ed Eberhardt, Al Raymond, Paul France, Brian Henyan, Vince Catalone:**

1. In addition to routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, the day to day efforts for grounds maintenance Ed and his team responded to over 120 maintenance requests so far in June.
2. As stated above Ed's crew continues to be short staffed. We are not getting applications for our PT Building Maintenance Mechanic positions. We were able to fill one of the laborer positions.
3. Ed has requested some summer help from Employment and Training.
4. 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.
5. Replace Courthouse Heat Pumps, Res. 96-22, \$200,000 – Ed is working on this.
6. HPO HVAC Res. 96-22, \$400,000 Ed is working on some components of this project.
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.

**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 grounds maintenance Mitch and his team responded to over 206 maintenance requests so far in June.
2. They continue to perform extra sanitizing efforts due to COVID.
3. Mitch's crew continued to be short staffed in June.
4. Completed converting the PSB back to NYSEG on June 8<sup>th</sup>. (Resolution 197-21) The process went as planned.
5. Mitch completed the work needed to finalize the \$90,000 NYSERDA Grant for Exterior LED Lighting upgrades. Information provided to Planning so they can close out the paperwork.

**New Business?**

**Any Questions?**

**Doug Dello Stritto (Parks) –**

**Parks Department Updates:**

1. 80% of our seasonal positions are filled.

**Area Updates:**

**Emerson Park:**

2. Deauville Island Redevelopment:
  1. Phasing documentation is being updated to seek private and public funding opportunities.
  2. Dredging permit for the Deauville Island Channel has been received. Dredging will take place during low water (Dec – Feb). Dockage will be moved to the north side of the channel following dredging to prepare for further Deauville Island development.
3. Friends of Emerson Park:
  1. Are providing volunteer staff and logistics support for the EPIC summer movies and music series.
4. Summer Programming: The Parks & Trails Department with the support of the Friends of Emerson Park will be presenting the following summer events on Deauville Island:

EPIC Summer Series

Every Wednesday beginning July 6th : Outdoor Movie Nights

Every Thursday beginning June 30th: Live Music | 6p-9p

Our first concert held on June 30 had an estimated 600 guests in attendance.
5. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Celebration: the Parks & Trails Department would like to thank all of the county personnel who assisted in the planning and production of this event. A record estimated attendance of 12,000 – 15,000 enjoyed the Symphoria concert as well as the fireworks display. We would also like to thank the Fred L. Emerson Foundation for their continued support of this important community celebration.
6. Replacement of the Deauville Island street lighting is contracted. Contractor is awaiting fixtures to install.
7. Removal of the Island shelter is planned pending contractor availability.
8. The Department beach sand to replenish our swimming area and water access at Owasco Paddles has been ordered.
9. Renewal of the Rev Theatre contract: due 1/1/23. Draft revisions will be reviewed at July Parks Commission.

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

1. Old Ways Day was held on Saturday June 4, 2022. Attendance and feedback were excellent.
2. Work is continuing on finishing garage exhibit. One Plexiglas door fronts is installed. Working on second.
3. The Museum Board working on rental schedule and plan for museum pavilions, Ed Center and Classroom.
4. Working on upgrading several museum exhibits.
  - Log Cabin exhibits-rearranging exhibits and space
  - Wagon Exhibit under new pavilion
5. Starting in July for the months of July and August the museum will be open daily from 9 A. M. till 5 P.M.
6. Museum Ag Board unanimously approved participating in the Parks Department new logo program.
7. School groups visiting museum (School group booking still slow due to Covid related issues)
  - McGraw Grade 6 June 16, 2022
8. 2023 budget preparation has begun.

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

1. REDI:
  - a. Waiting on temporary electricity hookup,
  - b. Parking lot work is progressing, getting ready to set curbing
  - c. Large stone for retaining walls delivered
  - d. Sewage pump station installed
  - e. Slab is scheduled to be poured in near future
2. Social Media
  - a. Facebook: 6,976 up50
  - b. Instagram: 114 up12
3. Naturalist
  - a. There are 12 active great blue heron nest this year, they should be fledging soon
  - b. Beaver is causing issues with its culvert dam but giving the public a lot of viewing opportunities
  - c. New dragonfly species was discovered at Dragonfly Pond, the comet darner
4. Recent and upcoming programs & meetings (Construction is affecting visitation):

Celebrating Friends, Old & New, June 4 (33)

Inspiration 2022, June 5 (100)

Evening Beaver Walk, June 10 & 18 (10, 21)

Onondaga Audubon Field Trip, June 19 8am (3)

Day at the Rookery, June 11 & 17 (36, 14)

Herpetology, June 24 & 25 (16, 18)  
Folks March, July 9 & 10 Rescheduled for next year due to construction  
All About Bats, July 15 & 16, 7:30pm  
Sunday Wandering Naturalist, Sunday July 17, 10am  
Chasing Butterflies, July 22 & 23 at 1pm  
Dragonflies, Jewels of the Pond, July 29 & 30 at 1pm  
Water Chestnut Pull—TBD  
Sunset-Moonrise walk; Friday August 12, 8pm  
Wandering Naturalist; Sunday August 14, 10am  
Friends Annual Pork Roast; Sunday August 21 Noon to 4pm or ‘til-gone ???  
Owl Prowl; August 26 & 27, 7pm

**Trail Update:**

1. The Auburn Fleming Trail: regular maintenance performed
2. The Cato-Brutus Trail: Bids for Bridge “A” site preparations plans for installation are complete with Cayuga County Soil & Water and adjacent land owners.
3. Hojack Trail decking- timber has been secured by the Sterling snowmobile club through the trail grant and Parks & Trails staff will install the decking with assistance from the club.
4. Cato - Fair Haven trail: mowing and trail maintenance are being performed
5. Cayuga County Highway trail maintenance calls:
  1. Culvert Cleanout – 1
  2. Tree overhanging/blocking - 2

**Owasco Flats:**

No report

**Brian Soper (Highway) – No updates**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BUILDINGS:**

- 7-22-PW-1 Authorizing an agreement with Cayuga Community College Culinary Institute for Use of County Owned Parking Spots for a determined timeframe. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-22-PW-2 Authorization to enter into a Service Agreement with LINSTAR for Security Equipment including printers, cameras, controllers, card readers and other related equipment. **Motion by Kerr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-22-PW-7 Authorizing an agreement with the City of Auburn for Use of County Owned Parking Spots for a Determined Timeframe. **Motion by Pecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**

**HIGHWAY:**

- 7-22-PW-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to sign Executive Order 14 and 16 Certification. **Motion by Calarco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Basile, all in favor.**

**PARKS & TRAILS:**

- 7-22-PW-4 Authorizing a 5-year agreement with the Friends of Emerson Park. **Motion by Kerr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Calarco, all in favor.**
- 7-22-PW-5 Authorizing a 5-year agreement with the Friends of the Sterling Nature Center. **Motion by Basile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**
- 7-22-PW-6 Authorizing an agreement with the Friends of Emerson Park as promoter of the 2022 EPIC Concert series. **Motion by Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muldrow, all in favor.**

**Motion by Didio to adjourn at 5:57 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, all in favor.**