

STEBEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2017

9:45 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Gary D. Roush, Vice Chair Robert V. Nichols	John V. Malter	Aaron I. Mullen
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Eric Rose	Mitchell Alger Tammy Hurd-Harvey	Vince Spagnoletti
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski Carol A. Ferratella Hilda T. Lando Randolph J. Weaver	Eric T. Booth Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Steven Maio	Dan C. Farrand K. Michael Hanna Scott J. Van Etten
ABSENT:	Gary D. Swackhamer, Chair		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Roush called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **Appropriating 2016 Grinder Revenue into Grinder Repair & Replacement Capital Project** – Mr. Spagnoletti informed the committee that they purchased the grinder in 2013. In the four years that they have owned the grinder, they have saved \$379,000 versus had they rented it. In 2016 we received \$150,000 and he requested authorization to transfer that to the Grinder Repair & Replacement Capital Project to pay for current and future bills. We have a current bill of \$21,000 to pay as well as \$10,000 for 2017 for repairs and the purchase of new teeth.

Mr. Farrand asked how many hours are on the machine? Mr. Spagnoletti replied he does not know the number of hours, but the machine was used 51 days last year. Mr. Farrand commented we need to think about the trade-in value for a newer machine. Mr. Spagnoletti stated if we are only using the machine for 50 days per year, he believes this machine will last at least another 15 years. We may not have to replace the machine. Mr. Farrand stated that he finds that hard to believe. Some of that rental revenue should be put aside to replace the current machine. Mr. Spagnoletti replied that is what the capital project is for.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROPRIATE 2016 GRINDER REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,709.85 INTO THE GRINDER REPAIR & REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Mullen stated that he has no problem with using the money for repairs, but he does not want to put money in for the purchase of a new machine. In 2011, we started talking about this and it was said that we would rent the machine to Chemung County which would save money and generate \$105,000 in revenue. He stated he always thought the revenue would be coming back into the General Fund. We bonded \$800,000 - \$900,000 and it's like taking that money and shifting it. He has no problem with setting aside money to maintain the machine.

Mr. Wheeler stated there was a lot of discussion. If we put the money in a capital project, you could always transfer from that project. In a couple of years, if you decide not to let the project build up, you could then appropriate that money to

something else. He stated that he personally likes putting funds into capital projects rather than accumulating it in the General Fund Balance. When it is project specific, it gives you some flexibility. You are not spending, but just accumulating.

Mr. Malter asked this is a capital project for the grinder? Mr. Wheeler replied yes. Mr. Spagnoletti stated he is just letting the committee know that the grinder will last at least twenty years. We will have just about all of the roads in the County ground, and we may not need to purchase another grinder, however, we will need to repair it.

Mr. Nichols commented the grinder has taken us to a whole new level from where we were when he first came on the Board in 2000. Back then, we were just leveling roads. We have been able to cover more roads with less money by grinding.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: MOTION CARRIES 3-1. (MR. MULLEN OPPOSED)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature