

STEUBEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, September 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

**Legislative Committee Conference Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath NY**

MINUTES

Committee: Gary Swackhamer, Chair Gary Roush, Vice Chair John Malter
Aaron Mullen Robert Nichols

Legislators: Kelly Fitzpatrick Hilda Lando Carol Ferratella
Dan Farrand

Staff: Jack Wheeler Mitch Alger Vince Spagnoletti John Emo
Bryce Foster Rich Bills Nancy Smith Andy Morse
Deb Cotter Steve Orcutt Alan Reed Jennifer Prossick

Other: Leonard McConnell, Prattsburgh Town Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Swackhamer at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2016 MEETING MADE BY MR. MALTER, SECONDED BY MR. ROUSH. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. LANDFILLS

A. Prattsburgh-Cohocton Landfill Lease Renewal – Mr. Spagnoletti stated the Prattsburgh-Cohocton Landfill was originally operated by the towns and the county took it over in 1976 and operated it until 1986. We have a lease to make sure we adhere to the DEC covenants to take care of it. The lease expires the 30th of this month and we would like to extend it for another 5 years.

Mr. Swackhamer asked why do we want to keep it? Mr. Spagnoletti stated we were under a DEC consent order to clean it up, so now we need to watch over it. Mrs. Lando asked if we hadn't had taken it over, what would happen to it? Mr. Spagnoletti stated if we don't continue the lease, somebody else would have to take care of it. Mr. Farrand noted that the county would still be legally liable for anything occurring with that location. Discussion followed.

Mr. McConnell stated there is some timber on the back side of it and also we've had somebody look at the solar prospects of it, so the County might want to look into these items. Mr. Spagnoletti stated we have looked at the timber already and Mr. Wheeler is working on the solar part of it. Discussion followed.

MOTION: EXTENDING THE LEASE FOR THE PRATTSBURGH-COHOCTON LANDFILL FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

IV. HIGHWAYS

A. Transfer Surplus Funds – Mr. Spagnoletti stated we had \$6 million budgeted for road projects. Due to the lower asphalt costs, we spent \$5.5 million. He proposed they use the excess funds to complete additional projects.

Initially they looked at the five year plan to see if there were any projects they could move up in the plan. County Route 41 in Hornby only requires paving, so he recommends they complete 1.7 miles. There were no other projects on the five year plan that simply required overlays, so they looked at the poor roads that could be helped with only an overlay. He recommends they complete 1.2 miles of CR83 in Troupsburg and 2.2 miles of CR89 in Urbana.

B. Surplus Machinery Fund – Mr. Spagnoletti stated we also had additional funds in the machinery and diesel fuel line items of approximately \$406,000. There is a portion of CR74 that children walk or ride their bikes on to get to the soccer field. We have received complaints and petitions about the speed limit on that road and the safety concerns for the children. He recommended they add 4 foot shoulders so the children can ride or walk on that road more safely.

C. Flood Funding – Mr. Spagnoletti stated we received \$93,193 in state funds for the 2004 flood. He recommended they us that to do an overlay on 1 mile of CR10 in Bath, as it is rutted.

Mr. Swackhamer asked will there still be funds remaining in the diesel account? Mr. Spagnoletti stated we should have another \$200,000 left over at the end of the year.

Mr. Mullen asked why aren't we moving up a bigger project instead of doing these small ones? Mr. Spagnoletti stated because the other projects are recycle projects, which require bidding. By the time they bid the project, then recycle the road for blacktop, the blacktop won't have enough time to cure before winter. That is why we chose roads where the money will be well spent.

Mr. Malter asked how much is going to cost to do a mile in shoulders on CR74? Mr. Spagnoletti stated we are going to put in four foot shoulders and then do an overlay over both lanes and the shoulders. Mr. Malter asked what about the speed limit? Mr. Spagnoletti stated he cannot adjust the speed limit. The Town would have to request a speed limit change through the Traffic Safety Board and the Department of Transportation. However, we can at least get the kids off of the road. Mr. Farrand noted we could also request increased enforcement from the Sheriff.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM D.511200 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, PAVING PROJECTS TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: CR41, HORNBY (\$153,000), CR83, TROUPSBURG (\$111,000), AND CR89, URBANA (\$202,000); APPROPRIATING \$185,000 FROM DM 513000, MACHINERY FUND, DIESEL FUEL TO D.511200 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CR74, PRATTSBURGH PROJECT; AND ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$93,193 IN 2004 FLOOD FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO D.511200 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CR10, BATH PROJECT MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. ROUSH. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

D. Reclassification – Mrs. Smith stated we'd like to reclassify a Heavy MEO position, Grade X, to a Junior Bridge Worker position, Grade IX. This is a vacant position, but it is funded.

Mr. Malter asked you aren't going to need this position? Mr. Spagnoletti stated a case could be made that we need it, especially in the winter for snowplowing. But right now, this position is needed more because signs and traffic control are more important for safety reasons. Discussion followed.

MOTION: RECLASSIFYING A GRADE X HEAVY MEO POSITION TO A GRADE IX JUNIOR BRIDGE WORKER POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAYS MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

V. **BIDS**

- A. Sale of Scrap Steel – Mr. Spagnoletti stated this is highway division steel we've let build up. The prices are very low as compared to 2013. They will pay \$124.50 per ton resulting in net proceeds of \$59,760.
- B. Ice Control Sand – Mr. Spagnoletti recommended awarding to all bidders for FOB plant; and awarding on a line item basis delivered to county shops and delivered to the town shops.
- C. Portland Cement Concrete, Heated – Mr. Spagnoletti recommended awarding to the lowest bidder, Wades Concrete.
- D. Industrial Mechanical Services – Mr. Spagnoletti recommended awarding the bid to John Kuhn Plumbing. He noted that this bid has been extended to include departments in the County Office Building.

MOTION: AWARDING THE SALE OF SCRAP STEEL BID TO SWARTHOUT RECYCLING LLC FOR \$124.50; AWARDING THE ICE CONTROL SAND: FOB PLANT BID TO SYRACUSE SAND & GRAVEL; SPALLINA MATERIALS; KNIGHT SETTLEMENT; NEW ENTERPRISE; DOLOMITE; HAWBAKER; RHINEHART AND DALRYMPLE; AWARDING THE ICE CONTROL SAND DELIVERED TO COUNTY SHOPS TO SPALLINA; KNIGHT SETTLEMENT; NEW ENTERPRISE AND HAWBAKER; AWARDING THE ICE CONTROL SAND DELIVERED TO TOWN SHOPS TO SYRACUSE SAND & GRAVEL; SPALLINA; NEW ENTERPRISE; DOLOMITE; AND HAWBAKER; AWARDING THE PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE, HEATED BID TO WADE CONCRETE FOR \$152/cy WITH A PRICE REDUCTION OF \$7/cy ON ORDERS FOR UNHEATED PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE; AND AWARDING THE INDUSTRIAL MECHANICAL SERVICES BID TO JOHN KUHN PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING FOR AN INTOTO PRICE OF \$100.00 PER HOUR, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION TO THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

- E. Rubber Tire Excavator – Mr. Spagnoletti stated this is for the Greenwood shop. He stated after they bid it, they learned that if they changed the specifications to allow for rebuilt parts, they would save money on the bid and still get a good product. He recommended they reject and rebid this item.

MOTION: REJECTING THE RUBBER TIRE EXCAVATOR BID AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING AGENT, TO SOLICIT NEW BIDS WITH A MODIFICATION TO THE SPECIFICATIONS ALLOWING FOR REBUILT PARTS MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Household Hazardous Waste Dates – Mr. Spagnoletti mentioned they have one event in Erwin on October 22nd and one in Wayland on October 29th.
- B. Grinder Update – Mr. Foster reported that the Town of Catlin has asked us to send our grinder and an operator down to help them regrind some spots. He noted that we will do that to show them what can and can't be done.
- C. Financial Reports – Mr. Spagnoletti stated he won't be at the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, but he wanted to mention that the report shows that we have a surplus in the Landfill Division of \$480,000. He did an estimated forecast and it is showing a surplus of approximately \$600,000 by the end of the year. This is happening because we brought in sludge. He noted that sludge, when mixed with construction and demolition debris, has a relatively low per ton price. So we decided to try it for 6 months because we were concerned it wouldn't help us and we thought it would take up more space, but the most recent survey shows it doesn't. So, for right now, there appears to be a change in what is happening at the landfill. However, he is very cautiously optimistic. Some

additional good news is that the trucks began coming in this morning from the demo of the former Corning Hospital.

D. Bridges – Mr. Spagnoletti stated he received word that Steuben County is ranked number one in the state for bridge ratings.

E. Shredding – Mr. Malter asked if they have set a date for another classified shredding event and are they going to make this an annual event. Mr. Spagnoletti stated if Swarthout is willing to do it, we can make it annual event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brenda K. Mori
Clerk of the Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Monday, October 3, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

**Please send your agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, September 26, 2016**