

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

*Monday, October 5, 2020*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Legislative Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Annex Building  
Bath, New York*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Robert V. Nichols, Chair Aaron I. Mullen	Frederick G. Potter, Vice Chair Thomas J. Ryan	Jeffrey P. Horton
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jack K. Wheeler Doug Rapalee Lisa Tracy Any Morse	Christopher Brewer Steve Orcutt Jennifer Prossick Yvonne Erway	Vince Spagnoletti Eric Prutsman Tina Goodwin Rob Wolverton
<b>LEGISLATORS:</b>	Scott J. Van Etten K. Michael Hanna Gary B. Roush	Carol A. Ferratella K. Michael Hanna Gary D. Swackhamer	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick John V. Malter
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Mary Perham		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Mullen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, MEETING MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**III. LANDFILLS**

A. *Transfer Major and Minor Equipment to Parts & Repairs* – Mr. Spagnoletti explained the average tonnage at the Landfill is 100,000 tons per year. Now we are up to 150,000 tons per year. This extra tonnage has put more wear and tear on our equipment. He stated he had budgeted \$180,000 for equipment this year. He is requesting authorization to transfer an additional \$104,248.13 from Major and Minor equipment lines to the Parts & Repairs line item.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$104,248.13 FROM VARIOUS MAJOR AND MINOR EQUIPMENT LINES WITHIN THE LANDFILL COST CENTER AND APPROPRIATING TO THE PARTS & REPAIRS LINE ITEM, ACCT. #816062 5 451300 MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. MULLEN FOR DISCUSSION.**

Mr. Horton asked with the extra tonnage that is coming in, is the equipment large enough to handle that, or do we need larger equipment? Mr. Spagnoletti replied the equipment is large enough. We are just getting hit hard with the tonnage.

**VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Mr. Mullen stated with regard to the increased tonnage, I'm just wondering, it seems like the Landfill revenues have increased substantially over the past four years. Are we at a point where we can consider not discounting municipal tonnage from other areas? Mr. Spagnoletti replied Middletown no longer is bringing tonnage to us. The discounted offering to the municipalities is very low tonnage now and we also have a contract with Casella for 20,000 tons. I will take a look at this and come back and let you know the dollar value of those discounted prices.

B. *Transfer from Computer Equipment to Utilities* – Mr. Spagnoletti requested authorization to transfer a total of \$7,000 out of various Computer Equipment line items within the Landfill cost center to the Utilities line item within the Landfill cost center. Mr. Ryan asked you are not draining these accounts are you? Mr. Spagnoletti replied we are draining the Computer Equipment line items.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$7,000 OUT OF VARIOUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE LANDFILL COST CENTER AND TRANSFER TO THE UTILITIES LINE ITEM, ACCT. #816062 5 411000.**

Mr. Malter asked how come there are so many computer accounts? Mr. Spagnoletti replied with the Enterprise Fund it is set up into separate line items for each location.

**VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

C. *Authorization to Bid New Compactor for Hornell Transfer Station* – Mr. Spagnoletti requested authorization to go out to bid for a new compactor for the Hornell Transfer Station. The current compactor is 42 years old and has been repaired many times.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR, TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR A NEW COMPACTOR FOR THE HORNELL TRANSFER STATION MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Mr. Spagnoletti commented we have enough money in an existing capital account to cover this. Mr. Van Etten asked how much will a new compactor cost? Mr. Spagnoletti replied we have \$139,000 in our budget and we think it will be less than that. Mr. Ryan asked what will we do with the old compactor? Mr. Spagnoletti replied it may go to scrap steel or we may use it as a trade-in.

*Secretary's Note: The Hornell Transfer Station compactor is a built in hopper system that the garbage goes into and the packing unit pushes it into a tractor-trailer for transport to the Landfill.*

#### **IV. HIGHWAYS**

A. *Addition to Canisteo Wind Energy Road Use Agreement* – Mr. Spagnoletti stated last month Mr. Mullen had recommended that we be more specific about the wind company using county bridges on town roads and we think it is a good idea to add that clause. Section 4.3 includes the following wording, "...all County-owned culverts and bridges on Designated Haul Routes, including those greater than 25' span found on haul roads that are maintained by other municipalities." This wording is also included under Article V, Section 5.1.

**MOTION: APPROVING THE ADDITION TO THE CANISTEO WIND ENERGY ROAD USE AGREEMENT SPECIFIC TO COUNTY-OWNED CULVERTS AND BRIDGES THAT ARE MAINTAINED BY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, AS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Mr. Mullen stated one of the other things we talked about checking is a one-time provision if they use roads outside of the normal routes they have given us. I would like to look at that as well. Mr. Spagnoletti stated we have a clause for one-time use, but I will check it again.

B. *Change Federal Surplus in Major Equipment from \$20,000 to \$40,000* – Mr. Spagnoletti stated our Major Equipment list includes federal surplus in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Miller has found two maintenance trucks for a total of \$30,000. Our current maintenance trucks are 25 to 30 years old. He requested authorization to spend up to \$40,000 out of the designated federal surplus item under Major Equipment. We do have money in the account. Mr. Mullen asked how much of a savings will you get by getting through Federal Surplus versus the open market? Mr. Spagnoletti replied a new maintenance truck would cost \$130,000.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SPEND UP TO \$40,000 ON FEDERAL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. POTTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

V. **BIDS**

A. *Portland Cement Concrete; Heated*

**MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE; HEATED TO THE LOW BIDDER, CUSTOM MIX CONCRETE AT A RATE OF \$169.00 PER CUBIC YARD MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

B. *Sale of Forest Products* – Mr. Spagnoletti stated last month we had received a bid of \$13,600 and I had recommended the committee reject the bid. Our forester said that amount was well below what the timber is worth. The forester is recommending waiting one or two years and we will sell the Maple. By that time the Ash may be gone. We are talking about the timber up at the Landfill.

Mr. Mullen asked did our forester give you a breakdown of what he expected the timber to sell for? Mr. Spagnoletti replied yes, we have a breakdown as well as a lump sum amount and it was a lot more than the bid of \$13,600 we had received. Mr. Mullen asked are you aware of an issue for why there is no bidding? Mr. Spagnoletti replied we think they are concerned that they will not be able to get rid of the Ash. Mr. Mullen asked is the Ash not marketable. I just sold some off one of my properties. Mr. Spagnoletti stated we wanted to get the Ash before it died. We do know that the timber on that land is worth more than \$13,600. Mr. Mullen suggested going back and marketing the Ash a little less aggressively. Mr. Spagnoletti stated we will make some calls to the bidders to find out why they are not bidding.

Mr. Potter asked is there any possibility of marketing the Ash for firewood? Mr. Spagnoletti stated we have done a firewood bid in the past and we will look into that when we call the bidders. Mr. Mullen commented the Ash is selling as long as the trees are still somewhat alive. At the Landfill, those Ash trees may be worse than what they are in Hartsville. You definitely want to push on getting it done while the Ash can still be marketed.

C. *Rebuild Cummins Engine for Al-Jon Compactor* – Mr. Spagnoletti recommended awarding to the sole bidder, Cummins for a total cost of \$25,294.30. He commented it would cost us \$640,000 to purchase a new compactor. This is the second engine that we have had issues with. Mr. Potter asked have you looked into why the engines are failing so often? Mr. Spagnoletti replied yes. This one had a piston go bad. With the first engine, we don't know why it went bad.

*Secretary's Note: The Al-Jon Compactor is the large machine that is used on the actual Landfill to smash the garbage.*

**MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR REBUILD CUMMINS ENGINE FOR AL-JON COMPACTOR TO THE SOLE BIDDER, CUMMINS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$25,294.30 MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.H. THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SECURITIES, OR SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES HELD BY SUCH PUBLIC BODY, BUT ONLY WHEN PUBLICITY WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECT THE VALUE THEREOF MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. HORTON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HORTON. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR.  
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman  
Deputy Clerk  
Steuben County Legislature

**\*\*NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR\*\***

**Monday, November 2, 2020  
Legislative Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Chambers, Annex Building  
10:00 a.m.**

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