

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Chatfield, Kolczynski, Verno, Mettler, Brady, Groat and Miller, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistants Ken Blake and Brian Sams, Weights and Measures Director Ted Dymant, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Rooney and Deputy Superintendent Scott Kolczynski.

Minutes from the December Committee meeting were approved as written. Introductions were made.

The monthly activities report for the Weights and Measures Department was distributed with the agenda. During December 32 establishments were visited, 280 devices tested, 10 gasoline and three diesel fuel samples collected and 94 lots were package checked. Last month five civil penalties were issued for a total of \$700 in fines.

Mr. Dymant stated documents and forms through the County's Weights and Measures Department are now completely electronic.

Included with the agenda was the Annual Plan of Operations for the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Plan included a list of 2022 projects for the following programs: Agricultural Environmental Management, Water Resource Management, District operations and education, training, public relations and promotions. The Agency will continue to provide guidance and support for daily operations while complying with all laws and regulations. They will provide strategic planning for longevity of projects, work to broaden opportunities for partnership and funding through regional activities and organization. The District Office will integrate water quality/quality management into all initiatives, provide watershed assessment and data review, and provide technical assistance as needed to municipalities. They will work to reduce and mitigate agricultural pollution through protective proactive whole farm planning and integrate agricultural environmental management with all interested farms in the County.

A transmittal was presented on behalf of the Soil and Water Conservation District Office requesting authorization to appoint/re-appoint members to the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Rooney reviewed work done by the Public Works Department. An organizational chart was distributed. The Department oversees all County highways, vehicles (central garage), buildings, and parks. The Department is responsible for 10 County parks, 10 major buildings and 75 other properties. During the winter, the Department has a dispatcher on 24/7 weekdays. Municipalities contract with the County to plow their roads. Mr. Rooney said the Department works with other municipal highway departments through in-kind services. Beside the

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Department overseeing approximately 200 pieces of equipment in the County's fleet, they also maintain 45 WATS buses. The Highway Shop maintains all highway equipment. In recent years the Department has offered loaner vehicles to County employees as a way to lessen the amount paid in mileage for their occasional County travel needs.

Mr. Miller made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 9:15 a.m. with Mr. House, Mr. Rooney, and Scott Kolczynski in attendance to address contract negotiations, Supervisor Kolczynski second. The regular meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Rooney informed Supervisors highway crews would be performing tree removal and trimming work during winter months; there are many Ash trees that need to be taken down before they fall down along the Route 31 corridor and in County parks. County workers will assist towns with tree removal, as requested. Crews are working on the final restoration of Old County House Road; they are also working with the Village of Clyde to extend the Erie Canal Trail. Crews will be performing ditching as long as weather conditions allow.

Scott Kolczynski updated members on the 9 Pearl Street Building Renovation Project. Contractors are now reviewing items on their 'punch' list. It is not anticipated furnishing for the building will be received until the end of January. The front door to the building should be re-opened next week. Any Supervisors interested in touring the project should contact Scott.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Works Department:

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an indemnification agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for special hauling permits, divisible load overweight permits, and/or registered vehicle permits during 2022. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to establish building maintenance charges for 2022. This is the amount charged back if County maintenance workers are assigned a special project that is charged-back for. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to establish hourly wages for seasonal positions for 2022. Mr. Rooney noted the difficulty in filling seasonal positions this past year. Approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m.