

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:00 a.m.**  
**Highway Barns, Route 31, Lyons NY**

Present: Supervisors Chatfield, Verno, Mettler, Brady, Lasher and Eygnor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Weights and Measures Director Ted Dymont, Wayne County Soil and Water District Director Lindsey Gerstenslager, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Rooney, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Scott Kolczynski and Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority Representatives Marty Aman and Laverne Bliet. Supervisor Kolczynski was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for Weights and Measures was distributed with the agenda. During May Mr. Dymont visited 54 establishments, inspected over 200 devices, collected 24 gasoline and one diesel fuel sample, and performed 14 lot checks. He noted the State Weights and Measures Laws do not enforce State and County gasoline tax relief that was recently implemented. Weights and Measures Offices only enforce price accuracy and gasoline quality at the pump.

Mr. Dymont informed members he enforced a rather large fine against a gas station in Newark that was selling ethanol-free gasoline, when tested, did not turn out to be ethanol-free. The investigation into this petroleum sample took a month to perform. When the State was made aware of the issue, they requested Mr. Dymont present his investigation at their annual training. He reviewed the power point presentation he prepared for the training with the Committee. Initial testing of fuel tanks at this station were performed in May, following work done to pump lines earlier in the year. The initial sample of the non-ethanol product was found to have an octane below tolerance. Mr. Dymont then ran a full test on the product, the non-ethanol tank was found to have 10% ethanol in it. Following the second test the station was issued a stop use order on all pumps that provide fuel labeled as ethanol-free. The owner of the station said this was due to the ethanol-free tank being utilized during a line replacement project to hold fuel that contained ethanol. Mr. Dymont reviewed fines that could be issued against the station's owner with the County Attorney. It was determined the error was one of neglect and for each of the two citations he issued a \$2,000 fine. Mr. Rooney noted necessary DEC training is needed for staff that oversee fuel stations.

Mr. Aman presented the Committee with a countywide water system map noting steady growth in the system. There are currently water line projects being considered in Sodus, Wolcott, Huron and Arcadia; some are waiting for the State Comptroller's Office to approve. Mr. Aman is concerned the longer project permitting is delayed, the higher material costs will be. Currently United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Programs are paying for the majority of water system growth in the County; however, reliance upon new census data is anticipated to change eligibility for this program which could eliminate or reduce funding to some

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municipalities, including the Town of Huron. The Water Authority is working on a regional water storage project that involves six towns. A new Authority pump station is located at the corner of Joy Road and Route 88 with a new two million gallon storage tank located on Brantling Hill. The increasing amount of water needed by the County's agricultural community along with tangible benefits to the County as a whole were noted.

Mr. Aman then reviewed a map depicting the proposed Regional Wastewater Treatment Project in western Wayne County, noting where key facilities will be constructed as part of the Project. The Towns of Walworth, Macedon, Marion and Palmyra, along with the Village of Palmyra currently are all partners with the Authority on this project. Existing plants in Macedon, Marion and Walworth will be decommissioned and replaced with pumping stations that will pump to a new regional plant on the site of the existing Village of Palmyra Waste Water Treatment Plant. Bids for the Regional Wastewater project will be opened next week; the project is estimated to cost \$53.5 million. Mr. Aman noted the Water Authority's website contains details on both the Regional Water Storage Project and the Western Regional Wastewater Project.

Mr. Chatfield questioned if there has been any interest in the purchase of the former Butler Correctional Facility. Mr. Aman noted recent correspondence he had with County Planning Director Brian Pincelli centering on the anticipation on new opportunities for the sale of the Facility that may emerge. Apparently, there are new initiatives at the State level to close additional prisons and then sell or re-develop those sites. Mr. Aman said the Water Authority continues to own property and equipment at that site and the State Department of Corrections has not been paying on their Authority contract for the Facility. He believes the State may make an increased effort to sell the Facility in the near future.

The Committee was updated on the Crescent Beach REDI Project. Mr. Rooney said permits have yet to be issued on the project by the Army Corps of Engineers. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation said they are prepared to issue project permits. Additional work the Army Corps is requested be done as part of this project would be very expensive; Mr. Rooney is in conversations with them at this time about their recent requests. A monitoring and maintenance plan from Barton & Loguidice was presented to the Committee. It outlined, in detail, the services they would provide in required monitoring and maintenance of the project. The project has a 30-year life cycle; Mr. Kolczynski said there is no way to know the potential cost of monitoring and maintenance during this time frame. This project has yet to be put to bid; however, has already incurred over \$1 million in expenses. The County is financially responsibility for any financial overrun on this \$14 million Project.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Works Department:

--Authorization to declare two vehicles surplus and dispose of according to County policy.  
Approved 4-0.

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--Authorization to amend the County Road budget for receipt of addition CHIPS funding of \$2,193,375. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to commit to future monitoring and maintenance of the Crescent Beach REDI Project. In the original agreement with the State for REDI Projects, it was agreed the County would take over necessary remediation and/or maintenance. The State is requiring this action for these projects designed to benefit communities and improve resiliency in flood prone areas. Additional grant funding will be looked into for these expenses. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to abolish the position of Automotive Mechanic Helper and create and fill the position of Automotive Mechanic in the Highway Department. Although a transfer of funds will be needed in the budget, there will be no additional County cost for the position change. Mr. Rooney reviewed the work done by the employee in the current position and the need to change the title. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to establish a Hall of Justice HVAC System Replacement Project Account and authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a project contract with Trane USA for a cost not to exceed \$1,494,295. This project is included in the County's Capital Plan. American Rescue and Recovery Act funding in the amount of \$900,000 will be used toward this \$1.5 million project. Work in not anticipated to begin until late fall. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to establish a B. Forman Park Roof Replacement Project Account in the amount of \$75,000. Approved 4-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with AAC Contracting for asbestoses abatement for the Court House Elevator Replacement Project for a cost not to exceed \$5,075. Mr. Kolczynski said the elevator in the building will be out of commission for three to four months while the project is underway. Approved 4-0.

In other business, a transmittal was presented requesting authorization to amend Board Resolution #270-22 to set a date for a public hearing to amend Local Law #5-85. After the resolution was passed last month it was found there was an amendment to the original local law in 1988 that needs to be included in this amendment. Approved 4-0.

Ms. Gerstenhaber presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the County to oppose State Legislation regarding the protection of streams, asking the Governor to veto the proposed legislation as it currently stands because of the long-term economic and environmental resource impacts to small communities. Ms. Gerstenslager said the proposed changes would make it more difficult to approve applications in a timely manner on the streams throughout the County, as the Department of Environmental Conservation would have more of an oversight role. A map showing watershed boundaries in the County was displayed. Approved 4-0.

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In other business, Mr. House informed the group the State Assembly passed the County's request for an occupancy tax; however, the Senate companion bill never made it out of committee. He is hopeful the request will be address this fall when the Legislature gathers again in Albany.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. and was followed by a tour of the County Highway Facility. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.