

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Chatfield, Kolczynski, Verno, Mettler, Brady and Eygnor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Wayne County Soil and Water District Director Lindsey Gerstenslager, Public Works Superintendent Kevin Rooney and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Scott Kolczynski.

Minutes from the June 6th Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for Weights and Measures was reviewed. Mr. Dyment visited 57 establishments during June, recalibrated two milk tanks, responded to two complaints, and issued five penalties totaling \$4,500. During the month over 390 devices and 20 miscellaneous packages were inspected and 23 gasoline and four diesel fuel samples collected.

Ms. Gerstenslager stated Agency programs are going well, many projects are under construction. She gave a power point presentation on REDI Projects her Agency is overseeing for the County:

- Blind Sodus Bay Western Bluff: 90% of the project's technical review was approved by the REDI Commission. Permits for materials have been submitted and the District Board performed specification package review and approved the process. The project's specification package was submitted to the Public Works Department, County Attorney, and County's Purchasing Agent for review and input. Bid notices are being managed by project consultant contractor, MRB Group. Ms. Gerstenslager noted a redesign of the project slope was completed, with the redesign the project is back on budget.
- Blind Sodus Bay Eastern Barrier Bar: The Agency is waiting for review approval through the REDI Commission for 90% of technical aspects of the project. A better access opportunity was offered by a private resident in the Town of Wolcott; this will save the project funds. The Notice of Incomplete Application will be returned shortly from DEC. Once their questions have all been answered they will send the Soil and Water Office a Notice of Complete Application. Financial estimates reflecting new access opportunities are being put together.
- Port Bay Western Bar: Site review was completed in mid-May by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Ash trees on the site will be removed; this expense was included in the project budget. Driving access to the barrier bar will be reduced through the project; however walking access will still be available. 65% of submissions have gone to the REDI Commission, with comments due back later this week. After the Commission's comments are received permitting for the project will be submitted. A Consolidated Funding Application has been submitted for shoreline management for the Western Bar Bay side to mitigate the budget deflect.

Ms. Gerstenslager asked if the Board of Supervisors would write a letter of support for the Nature Based Shoreline and Fishing Access Bump Outs for shoreline stabilization. She questioned the

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process for this request. Mr. House said, if the Chairman approves, a letter can be written in support of the project and a Consolidated Funding Application for the Port Bay Western Barrier Bar. Mr. Eynor said this would be done. Ms. Gerstenslager said she would discuss the project in more detail with Mr. Rooney prior to submitting the application. State grant disbursements for REDI projects cannot be submitted until after bids are completed for hard figures on cost and an implementation schedule approved.

Mr. Mettler made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 9:17 a.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation with Mr. House, Mr. Sams and County Attorney Dan Connors in attendance, Mr. Verno second. The meeting resumed at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Rooney reviewed with Supervisors current pricing of highly used highway construction materials; all have increased greatly. He noted the increase in materials will also be reflected in town highway budgets. Supervisor Kolczynski questioned if materials would be available for the 2022 construction season.

The following transmittals were presented for the Public Works Department:

--Authorization to declare three vehicles surplus and sell through auction or municipal sale. The condition of surplus vehicles and the use of vehicles currently in the fleet was discussed. Mr. House said he will be requesting the County Auditor perform a County-owned vehicle audit that would show the location of each vehicle, along with a brief vehicle description. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to amend the Highway budget and purchase vehicle inspection equipment costing \$2,324. The purchase was not included in the Department's 2022 budget; however, State law is requiring this equipment. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to sell surplus County property to an adjacent landowner in the Town of Arcadia. This land adjacent to the Minstead Road realignment project has a value of \$1,000 an acre, only one-tenth of an acre is being sold. It was questioned if the value of County land should be re-evaluated. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to abolish the position of Account Clerk, create and fill the position of Senior Account Clerk. There are funds within the budget for this personnel upgrade. Mr. House noted other request to upgrade positions have been denied; however this is a unique situation. The individual was told when hired in the Account Clerk position they would be moved into the Senior position once Civil Service requirements were met. Mr. Rooney noted the position still exist in his Department's 2022 budget, as it was not filled. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a three-year contract with TK Elevator for elevator maintenance, inspection and repair service for a price not to exceed \$15,912. Approved 5-0.

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--Authorization to make a determination under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Wayne County Museum Roof Replacement Project. It was determined the project will have no significant impact on the environment and requires no further review. The building is in a historic district. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to amend the budget and for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with Bellows Construction Specialties LLC for the provision of repairs to the plaster in the Wayne County Court House Board of Supervisors Chambers for a cost of \$363,780. The amount is substantially over the projected \$50,000 budget. The unbudgeted cost of the project will come from County fund balance. Scott Kolczynski noted this is a specialized project and only one contractor could meet the specifications put forth in the bid. Approved 5-0.

In other business, Mr. Rooney reviewed a Town of Ontario homeowner's concern that the County Highway Department caused damage to her pond when they placed a culvert under Furnace Road in the vicinity of her home. A map of the area was shown to members. Mr. Rooney acknowledged, prior to the road project starting, County crews removed all growth from both sides of the road; the area being cutback was all within the County's right-of-way. The homeowner sent an e-mail to County Administration objecting to this action and stating her pond was depleted of water because of the County's actions. Mr. Rooney discussed the issues with the homeowner stating work done by the County could not have affected the water level in her pond, he also noted it has been a very dry summer. Mr. Rooney suggested a meeting between himself and Town of Ontario staff to discuss the residents' concerns.

Scott Kolczynski informed Supervisors the Village of Sodus Point sent an e-mail to him regarding possibly improvements to the exterior grounds of the Sodus Point Lighthouse for an August 6th event that would include bands playing during the daytime in that area. He requested the Town put this request in writing and provide the necessary paperwork for utilizing County property for a public event; however, has yet to hear back from them. (After the meeting, Mr. Kolczynski did hear back from the Village of Sodus Point and receive requested documents. He will submit a transmittal to the Government Operations Committee requesting authorization for this group to utilize County property.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 12 noon.