

Public Works Committee Minutes
June 12, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Grattidge, A. Johnson, Hargrave, Jenkins, Peck, Southworth and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Keith Manz, Town of Wilton; League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Peck the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Speziale requested a resolution authorizing Saratoga County to file an application and execute an agreement for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of the Dix Bridge in the Town of Northumberland. He said funds for this grant will be coming out of the Environmental Protection fund and reduces the county's share on that project from the original \$675,000 to \$369,000.

Ms. Raymond asked if Washington County has been able to step up on this in any way. Mr. Speziale said the other two small contributions that were received were \$4,000 from Hudson Crossing Park, and \$2,000 from the Town of Greenwich.

Mr. Peck commended Ms. Daly and Mr. Wood for their efforts in applying for funding through the Economic Regional Funding Source.

A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve authorizing Saratoga County to file an application and execute an agreement for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of the Dix Bridge in the Town of Northumberland. Unanimous.

Mr. Grattidge gave a brief report from the Landfill Subcommittee stating that the RFP is in the process of receiving Public Comments on the initial draft of the RFP, which will close on July 2nd. The comments will then be reviewed and a final RFP will be written and released by late summer. Mr. Grattidge said with all the years that the landfill has been in place, there has been a monitoring system that monitors the integrity of the liner that is the most expensive part of the landfill. There were some concerns over readings that were taken due to the fact that it was not an active system and were the readings accurate. After a review by the consultants it was determined that there was a possibility that some ground water might be seeping in the monitoring wells and also concerns over how the system could be verified. There was a proposal by the consultants that they might be able to go out there with the assistance of the Public Works Department to do a field test to obtain the accuracy, so when the RFP is formed there is an accurate monitoring system. Another topic of discussion was the status of the

permit. DEC has indicated that they are willing to renew the permit with the understanding that the report that Malcolm Pirnie had issued in 2008 would be one of the conditions of anyone that were to run the landfill. He said the consultants have requested a calibration be done of the monitors at a cost of \$850 to \$1,050. Mr. Grattidge requested authorization to allow Gerhardt, LLC along with Public Works to calibrate the monitors at a cost not to exceed \$1,050.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve authorizing Gerhardt, LLC along with the Public Works Department to calibrate the monitors at a cost not to exceed \$1,050. Unanimous.

Mr. Sausville said County Rt. 80 is the county road from Exit 11 that goes westward through the town of Malta and into the town of Ballston. There has been a significant increase at that location over the last several years, and Chazen Engineers and Creighton Manning were commissioned to put together a management plan for that area. Mr. Sausville said he is working with Mr. Speziale on the design to ensure that it is acceptable by the County.

Mr. Sausville requested support from the County Board of Supervisors to seek grant money.

Mr. Adams from Creighton Manning said in 2005 the town of Malta went through a process of identifying locations throughout the town of Malta that were priority for transportation improvements based on anticipated land use and growth in the area. Both the ramps, Raylinski and Ruhle and East Line were some of the priority intersections identified in the GIS of 2005. Roundabouts and traffic signal improvements have both been a consideration in that corridor as well. When funding is received through the grant, part of the DOT requirement will be to evaluate both alternatives and choose the one that is most appropriate for that location.

Mr. Adams said there was a line item that was put into place by former Congressman Sweeney as Luther Forest was being developed for an Transportation and Access Improvements grant for the Luther Forest Tech Park in the towns of Malta and Stillwater for approximately \$5 million. This is a part of the current funding transportation bill that has already been extended nine times. When that bill expires, it is anticipated that the funding will also expire, he said.

Mr. Sausville said it is his understanding that the funding will expire by the end of the month; therefore, there is urgency on moving forward.

Mr. Sausville said he is not seeking money from the County.

Mrs. Southworth asked if there was any project within the tech park that they would be seeking funding for.

Mr. Adams said these funds will have to go through the National Environmental Protection Act, which is an environmental process associated with federal funding. In order to use this in the

Tech Park you would have to go through the process for the entire Tech Park which becomes very complicated.

Mr. Sausville said it is 80/20 money, so the town's obligation would be 20% of the \$5 million. Mr. Sausville said the Town of Malta would like to partner with the County as it is a county road. The town of Malta is willing to place approximately \$1 million on the line, which is the local match. He said the town of Malta is not asking the County for any money at this time.

Ms. Raymond said if the county is going to come on board to support this, we hope that any issues that are left to be resolved within the Luther Forest Park and the Town of Malta will be rapidly resolved.

Mr. Sausville said the \$1 million that the Town of Malta is willing to put up shows good faith on the part of the Town of Malta.

Ms. Raymond said she wants to make sure that the \$1 million contribution doesn't become the excuse for why the Town of Malta you can't come to terms with other financial issues with Luther Forest.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to support the Town of Malta in moving forward to make improvements to County Rt. 80. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom