

Public Works Committee Minutes
July 10, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Grattidge, A. Johnson, Hargrave, Jenkins, Southworth, and Wood; Ryan Moore, Public Works; Hans Arnold, Gerhardt; Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandra LeBaron, Finch Pryne; Keith Manz, Town of Wilton; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Arnold said the step that will be taken today will be a request for approval of the issuance of a final RFP for the potential privatization of the county landfill. This follows the issuance of the Draft RFP on April 17th. Section 120W of General Municipal law requires that there be a sixty day public comment period on the draft RFP, which ran through July 2nd. There were four comments received and prepared responses to those comments, where they were reviewed by the Landfill Subcommittee on July 6th and forwarded to the Public Works Committee for their review and approval.

Mr. Arnold said the only change between the draft RFP and the Final RFP is Appendix "B", which are four sets of comments and the responses to those comments. There have been some additions to the RFP, but they are mainly additions to add more information to the public document list. The same approach has been kept, which is a very open process, one in which the county is positioning itself to consider a wide range of different proposals for privatization, i.e, sale, lease, hybrid. We are really looking to measure what the private sector says about the worth of the landfill and then to exploit the private sector in terms of their ideas that would be beneficial to Saratoga County, he said.

Mr. Arnold said if the Final RFP is approved by the Law and Finance Committee and the full Board, then we would go through another round of public notices required by the law that would mandatorily require a pre-bid meeting, to be held in August for all prospective bidders to come up to the landfill so that we are absolutely certain that they have been there and they know what it is about. Proposals would be due October 8th and there would be approximately a two month negotiation window to then make a recommendation for consideration to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Arnold said this is not locking into anything and there are no prior commitments being made. Every option that was open continues to remain open.

Mr. Grattidge said Mr. Peck, Supervisor from the Town of Northumberland, was involved in reviewing the comments, and the process as a member of the subcommittee.

Mr. Jenkins said he has been to the landfill building several times and noticed that there were three stainless tankers, three tractor trucks, and on the current equipment list it has two tankers and two trucks. He asked where the missing trucks were.

Mr. Arnold said that some of the equipment over the ten or twelve year period, since the initial completion of construction of the landfill, has been borrowed by other divisions of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Speziale said Public Works does use tanker trucks and tractors to transport rainwater from the North Garage to be transported to the waste treatment facility.

Ms. Raymond asked that Mr. Speziale research and send a memo to all Supervisors stating what equipment was originally at the landfill and how it became used for an alternative purpose. She said she wanted to make sure that there wasn't any missing equipment.

Mr. Grattidge said it was his understanding that the tractors were used in a recycling program for hauling the recycle bins to the different markets.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve moving the Final RFP on to the Law and Finance Committee for their consideration. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom