

Public Works Committee Minutes  
December 11, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Grattidge, A. Johnson, Hargrave, Jenkins, Peck, Southworth, and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Tom Speziale, Keith Manz, Public Works; League of Women Voters.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Ms. Raymond requested a resolution that will be forwarded to the Law and Finance Committee to hire Attorney, Mark Schachner of Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC for legal counsel for the landfill privatization and to also extend the contract with consultant, Hans Arnold for an additional \$8,000 to move forward on the same process.

Ms. Raymond said there were quotes from three attorneys with this quote being the most favorable. The consultant began with a \$25,000 contract which has been used up and has continued to do things at his own expense, she said. The next phase is making the recommendation to select, and it is necessary to have Mr. Arnold's expertise to work with the attorney's to make sure the terms and conditions are put into the contract correctly.

Mr. Grattidge said this process is very involved and we want to make sure that as we go into this process that it is done right. The consultant that we have hired has a vast amount of experience and has helped the county greatly when going through the proposals.

Mr. Grattidge said as part of the process there will be a contract attached to the recommendation that will need to be worked on as we move forward. This is a long term arrangement that will be made, and we want to make sure that it is done right.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Peck to enter into an agreement with Mark Schachner to provide legal services related to the privatization of the County landfill at a cost not to exceed \$9,500, and to amend the consulting contract with Gerhardt, LLC for additional consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Manz said there is an additional right of way needed on the bridge on Central Avenue over the Anthony Kill in the City of Mechanicville. The total amount is \$43,340 to include the additional right of way including both the soft and hard costs and engineering. The county's share will be \$2,167 and is available in the 2012 Highway budget, so there is no budget impact, he said.

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute a supplemental agreement with NYSDOT for an HBRR grant for the purchase of a Right-of-Way necessary for the replacement of US 4(Central Avenue) over the Anthony Kill in the City of Mechanicville for a total cost of \$43,340. Unanimous.**

Mr. Manz said everything was completed as planned for 2012 and within budget. There were five road projects with the reconstruction of 14.08 miles of county roadways, which included County Rt. 4, Northville Road; County Rt. 8, Conklinville/Lynwood Road; County Road 14, Fish house/Sagamore Mills Road; County Road 25, Spier Falls and North Greenville Road; and the western part of County Road 71, Cedar Buff Road. He said there were five federally funded projects at a cost of \$7.9 million with a county share of 5% which include the City of Mechanicville, Anthony Kill, County Road 45, Northline Road over the Kaydeross Creek in the Town of Malta; Clarks Mills Road over the Hudson River, Dix Bridge; Stratford Bridge Road over Fish Creek in the Town of Saratoga; and Mott Bridge going over the Snook kill in the Town of Moreau. He said Saratoga County recycling is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation and in 2010 there was a major change to single stream recycling. The revenue from the five recycling centers reimburses over 50% of the entire recycling budget, he said.

Ms. Raymond said the county replaced the retiring DPW Commissioner with Mr. Manz who is very well qualified. She also said that the Batchellerville Bridge being replaced by the State of New York and then to be given to the county has been completed and opened for traffic.

Mr. Grattidge welcomed Mr. Manz and said he was looking forward to working with him in the upcoming year.

Mr. Peck commended Mr. Speziale for his dedication to the Public Works Department and support during the search for a new Commissioner.

Mr. Hargrave thanked Ms. Raymond for her leadership as Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Ms. Raymond thanked the committee, staff and subcommittee for all their support and work throughout the year.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom