

## Public Works Committee Minutes

October 5, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Sausville; Supervisors Grattidge, Raymond, Richardson, Southworth, Veitch, Wright and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Joe Ritchey, Bill Benosky, Public Works; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Ritchey gave an overview of the status of the 2010 and 2011 Highway and Bridge Capital Plan as follows. Last year under direction from the County Administrator and the Long-Range Capital Planning Committee due to budget constraints they were looking for the Department of Public Works to scale back with a contingency plan on the highway program. The normal two-year plan has been stretched over three years beginning with the worst conditioned roadways. There was approximately 12 miles of roadway done in 2010, which included the following roadways: Cty Rd 10, 3 ½ mile section in the town of Corinth; Cty Rd 13, 3.3 miles in the town of Providence; Cty Rd 32, approximately 5 miles in the town of Wilton/Gansevoort. Half of Cty Road 32 has been completed to the Northway and the other half is scheduled for completion within a couple of weeks; Lake Hill Road, 1/16 of a mile in the Town of Ballston.

Mr. Ritchey said there were six bridge projects that have been worked on, with three of them grouped for rehabilitation. Coons Crossing over the Anthony Kill in the Town of Halfmoon; Fenwick Street over the Gordon Creek, and Bath Street in the Village of Ballston Spa; Geyser Road over the D&H Railroad is an ongoing project that began in 2009. The project was originally scheduled for completion in November and is currently running ahead of schedule.

Mr. Ritchey said there were two engineering projects, one was South Street over Palmer Brook in the town of Hadley. Engineering has been done and it is scheduled for Construction next year. Federal approval has just been received to proceed with the Dix Bridge. The design will begin shortly, with construction in 2011 to 2012.

Mr. Ritchey said the projects for 2011 will be projects in the northern towns including the following: 3.3 miles on City. Rd 1 in the town of Hadley; 1.8 miles on North Shore Road and Allen Road in the town of Hadley; approximately 3 miles on South Shore Rd in the town of Day and Hadley; 2 miles on Cty Rd 27 and West Mountain Road in the town of Moreau; 1.2 miles in the Industrial Park in Saratoga Springs.

Mr. Ritchey said there are two bridges that will be reconstructed in 2011 including the Grooms Road over the Tributary and Mohawk River. This will be rehabilitation and will be done in house. Parker Brook over South Shore will be going out to contract. There will be an engineering project on Malta Avenue over the Kayderossa Creek where engineering will take place in 2011, and the construction will take place in 2012.

Mr. Benosky gave a brief explanation of how county roads are rated. Ratings on the roads are done annually by a two person team during the months of May and June and sometimes as early as April depending on the weather. This is the best time to see the effects of winter on the road. Each person reviews the history of the road, which includes the past history of the road, construction methods and how the rating has progressed. Each section of road is traveled at approximately 20 to 30 mph. As the road is traveled each individual will discuss with each other what they came up with as a recommendation for the road and what problems they see in the future. They compare notes by using photos and charts. The rating system is 1 through 10; with ten being the best rating.

Mr. Sausville asked how it is handled when there is a section of roadway that is rated in two categories. Mr. Ritchey said distances have been preset. If there is an isolated problem it will become a maintenance problem where the entire road doesn't need to be done, but it will be patched in the problem area. Mr. Ritchey said there is a five year maintenance program that is set up looking at each road with regard to the volume that is anticipated on the road, and how long has it been since it was last done.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom