

Public Works Committee Minutes

October 5, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; J. Ritchey, Public Works; J. Miranda, Recycling Coordinator; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

Mr. Ritchey said there was 20 ½ miles of highway to construct this year and all have been completed.

There were four bridge construction projects this year with two of them complete; South Shore Road over the Daly Creek in the town of Day, and North Road over the Snookkill in the town of Wilton. A large culvert replacement has just started in the town of Stillwater, and is projected to be complete in a month.

There were engineering projects that were started on some federally funded HBRR projects, one in the town of Malta, Northline Road over the Kaydeross Creek; City of Mechanicville, Central Avenue over the Anthony Kill.

There is one in-house engineering project in the town of Day, North Shore Road over Glasgow Creek with construction taking place in 2010.

Mr. Ritchey said in the Long Range Capital Improvement Plan there was a plan to increase the use of stone and oil as a finished surface treatment. This was done on approximately 14 miles of roadway saving approximately \$22,000 per mile.

Mr. Sausville asked what the life span was using the stone and oil surface for roadways. Mr. Ritchey said between 10 and 15 years on low volume roads.

Mr. Sausville requested support for Town of Malta's Transportation Improvement Project applications on County Highway intersections on Old post Road/North Line Road, East Line Road/Round Lake Road, and Ruhle Road/Raylinski Road. These are all intersections with county and town roads. Malta would like to move forward with getting on the list with the Capital District Regional Transportation Committee to be considered for grant money.

Mr. Grattidge said when towns in the past have asked for improvements in their infrastructure concerning county roads, the county was willing to allow them to improve their roads with permission. Towns would then use mitigation money to move forward with their project.

Mr. Grattidge said following those guidelines, he didn't see a problem with the County supporting Malta to apply for grants.

Mr. Sausville asked if it was the County's policy to not cost share on these kinds of projects? Mr. Ritchey said it has been the practice of the Board of Supervisors to have capacity issues handled by the towns.

Mr. Grattidge said he would work with Mr. Ritchey to draft a letter of support.

Mr. Miranda distributed a copy of the 3rd quarter report from Saratoga County Recycling for all committee members to review and highlighted the following:

- Yield to Date revenues are much better than expected, although down 62% from 2008
- Paper is now at \$46/ton, metal is at \$180
- Tonnage is running 6% behind 2008
- Prices look stable through the remainder of 2009

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom