

Public Works Committee Minutes
February 11, 2020 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Dick Lucia, Darren O'Connor, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith, Kevin Tollisen; Supervisor Ed Kinowski and Chairman of the Board Preston Allen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Manz referred to a County map of roads and bridges and gave an overview of the 2020 Capital Projects. There are two county funded bridges. The majority of federally funded bridges are normally 95% funded, 80% Federal, 15% Marchiselli and 5% County. Culverts are funded 100% through Bridge NY but it is capped.

There are 10 roads scheduled for this year. Approximately 2 miles each. 20 miles of roadway ensures that they get to every road in 18 years as there is 365 miles of centerline. There is one from AGFTC in the Town of Moreau, the rest of the funding comes from CDTC.

For bridges they usually do 4 per year however this year they are doing 8 bridges. This is due to the fact that DOT kept pushing out the projects. The majority of the bridges will have closed sections of road and will have detours. Two will not have detours, one the Town of Day and the one in Spier Falls Road which will have a temporary signal to avoid a 20 mile detour.

Mr. Speziale said that the Ashdown Road project will be going out to bid within the next month or so. Mr. Manz said that road crew usually hit the north country area in July or August. Mrs. Raymond requested that this be done either earlier or later to avoid tourist season.

Mr. Manz said that \$1.8M is set aside for equipment and trucks. They received 2 SAM grants through Assemblywoman Woerner which will purchase a portable asphalt reclaimer and an asphalt roller. This will give them the ability to fill potholes in winter. At this point they are ahead of the salt budget by 5,000 tonnes.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize inter-municipal agreements for the period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 with the Towns of Clifton Park, Corinth, Moreau and the City of Saratoga Springs for the purpose of managing the collection of recyclables at the county recycling centers located in their respective municipalities for the amount of \$35,000 per municipality. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said that this is the last single year of a 1-year extension.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize a purchase agreement for the acquisition of a temporary construction easement from Stanley E. Brizzie, Tax Parcel 215.-1-29, 510+/- sf, needed for the replacement of the CR 59 (Middleline Road) culvert over a Tributary of the Gordon Creek in the Town of Milton for the amount of \$100. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said that this is a small piece of property that is necessary to occupy to put in the headwall on the downstream end of the culvert pipe.

A discussion took place regarding the ice storm on Friday. Mr. Grattidge said that a layer of ice was on the roads for 24 hours that did not break up until mid-day on Saturday. Mr. Manz said that the crew went out early and were out continuously, no one was sent home. It is possible that the pretreatment was washed off with the rain, snow provided a heavy layer and it can take time for the salt to penetrate that layer.

Mr. Barrett said that at the Legislative & Research committee held earlier, they were reminded that the County is a Purple Heart county. He had mentioned that signage at strategic areas around the county would be a good idea. He requested that Mr. Manz look into the cost of signage for gateway areas of the county. Malta and Halfmoon have sign templates they can provide.

Mr. Kinowski said that the Saratoga Lake Association are pushing an initiative for clean water and they have requested that Stillwater be part of their committee. One item that has come up is the application of salt in the wintertime and the effect on water. Mr. Kinowski asked if this issue has ever come up to this committee in the past and what else can be used as an alternative. Mr. Barrett has heard that sand has been suggested to cut the amount of salt used however this is not as effective and the sand also clogs up the storm water systems. Mrs. Raymond suggested Mr. Kinowski contact the Adirondack Action Group as they have done a lot of research regarding salt use in the Adirondack Park.

Mrs. Raymond said that a few weeks ago 4 DPW workers bravely saved the life of a person that went through the ice, and questioned if they were going to be recognized for their bravery. Mr. Cooke said that it was happening at the upcoming Board Meeting. Mr. Manz said that Elise Stefanik called each of the workers individually and also Keith Manz to thank them. Mr. Grattidge requested that a proclamation be prepared for them.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board