

Public Works Committee Minutes
June 9, 2020 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Dick Lucia, Darren O'Connor, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith, Kevin Tollisen; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Bill Peck, Jonathan Schopf, Benny Zlotnick and Chairman of the Board Preston Allen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Keith Manz, Public Works Commissioner; Tom Speziale, Public Works Deputy Commissioner.

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

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Manz indicated the first three items on the agenda are for two bridges in the Town of Moreau that the State combined as one project. The requests are for the construction and the construction inspection services. These are federally funded and the County's share is 5% of the cost. There is also a request to amend the contract with Creighton Manning for \$20,000 each for construction inspection services. The two bridges are near each other and go over the Snook Kill. One project is on Clark Road and the other is on West River Road (County Road 29). Mr. Manz said each part of this will need separate resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating construction and construction inspection funds (Supplemental Agreement # 1) for the preservation projects, BIN 3304130, PIN 1760.02, Clark Road over Snook Kill and BIN 3304140, PIN 1762.04, CR 29 (West River Road) over Snook Kill, Town of Moreau. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize an amendment to the consultant agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to include construction inspection for the Clark Road Bridge over Snook Kill, BIN 3304130, PIN 1761.02, in the Town of Moreau for the amount of \$20,000. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize an amendment to the consultant agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to include construction inspection for the CR 29 (West River Road) Bridge over Snook Kill, BIN 3304140, PIN 1761.04, in the Town of Moreau for the amount of \$20,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said the Paul Creek Bridge in the Town of Day was a bridge that was damaged as the result of a storm on Halloween. There is a temporary bridge there now. ING Civil was the low bid to put that temporary bridge in. Bids were received and ING Civil was the low bid for the replacement. The County will be responsible for 25% of the cost, which is \$233,350 and is in the budget. The State's contribution would be 12.5%; but due to the current fiscal situation the State is in, there is no guarantee that portion would be coming.

Mrs. Raymond asked if there was a completion date for this project. Mr. Speziale said by the end of the year. Mrs. Raymond said it would be nice if the temporary bridge did not have to be plowed. Mr. Smith asked if the contractor would be taking out the temporary bridge to build the new bridge. Mr. Speziale said the bridge would remain open; but would be reduced to one lane. Mrs. Raymond asked if the bridge would be one lane for the entire construction. Mr. Speziale said he would have to check on that.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize a construction contract with ING Civil, Inc. for the replacement of the CR 4 Bridge (North Shore Road) over Paul Creek in the Town of Day for \$933,400. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz was asked to give an update on the CHIPs, EWR and PAVENY funding. He said there is good news. Emails have been received stating the “runs” that contain funding amounts have been sent to municipalities. If there are projects that have been held off because of the uncertainty of this funding, those projects can begin. He said 80% of the funding will be coming and said the most that may be cut is 20%.

Mr. Manz said Chairman Grattidge asked him to go look at the projects in Supervisor’s Barrett’s town. The paving of a stretch of Main Street was a 2020 project and traffic signal was to be installed. He said they did an estimate on what the cost of a roundabout would be instead of installing the traffic signal. The estimate for a roundabout would be \$2.1M, which would be from start to end. Mr. Manz said \$30,000 for the design was taken out of this year’s budget. The design could be designed by the spring and then be constructed in the summer. Mr. Manz said the project could be funded by TIP funds. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Barrett if he had a preference between the signal and a roundabout. Mr. Barrett said Mr. Grattidge had asked about a roundabout. He questioned whether there would even be enough room for a roundabout as there are structures pretty close to the right of way. He said to try to be included on the list for TIP could be years and a lot of money. Mr. Barrett said the signal is needed and we know that can be done. He said roundabouts are a lot of money. A signal has been needed there for a long time and should not be delayed. That is why the Town agreed to loan the County the funding. He would like to see this be done sooner rather than later. He sees no reason to put off a \$30,000 study and there is no reason to put the study off as the town has agreed to loan the County the money. Mr. Dorsey said the County and the town would enter into an Intermunicipal agreement for the loan of the money. There will need to be discussions on interest and specific details would need to be worked out. Mr. Barrett suggested the County pay back the Town next year.

Mr. Manz said, with existing maintenance funds, he proposed butting a shim coat on parts Main Street to fix it and satisfy the residents for this year. He said it is not a long-term fix but it would last at least a year. Mr. Barrett asked how much that would cost. Mr. Manz thought it would be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Mr. Barrett said you are spending money and prolonging the project. The road really needs this work done.

Mr. O’Connor said the crews have the time as this was in the schedule this year. Mr. Manz said it depends on the weather, as that is a big factor. Mr. O’Connor said this project should not require extra time or over time as it was already in the schedule for this year. Mr. Manz said that was

correct. Mr. O'Connor said it makes logical sense for Main Street to be done this year. It does not make any sense to do this shim coat this year, undo it next year to then re do it. He said the County should take the loan to get the project done this year and then pay the town back next year. The only thing the County would lose would be a small amount of interest on the money. Mr. Barrett said the town would waive the interest for cash flow purposes. Mr. Grattidge asked if this road would fit into the CHIPs projects for next year. Mr. Manz said that it would. Main Street would be one of the priority roads for next year, as it did not qualify this year for CHIPs. Mr. Grattidge said his concern was with borrowing money this year that had to be paid back next year. The revenues for the County budget this year as well as next year remain uncertain. Mrs. Raymond asked if anyone had heard any update on the Federal Infrastructure Bill. Mr. Manz said he has heard this Bill is moving forward and funding numbers should be coming. Mrs. Raymond said wouldn't it make sense to wait a month before a decision is made to see if any federal funding is received, and to see what will happen with the CHIPs funding and even with the sales tax revenues. She said the County might be in a position to do these projects without the loan from Clifton Park. Mr. Smith asked if the cost to the County is just the paving. Mr. Manz said it was. Mr. Barrett said he understands Mr. Grattidge's concerns about the funding and added that Mr. Manz just said Main Street will be a priority road next year and will be done no matter what. So he doesn't see what difference it makes whether it's this year or next year. Mrs. Raymond said she would like to see all the projects that were taken out put back in. She added between the fuel savings, hiring freezes and other places funding was saved, in a month we should know better where we stand. Mr. Smith said he agrees with Mrs. Raymond. Mr. Manz said in a month or so he would have a better idea of the savings. Mr. Grattidge said he would like to see County Road 42 project handled the same. Mr. Manz said all the roads would be handled the same. They will all be prepped. Mr. Grattidge said the traffic signal would be done in 2021. Mr. Barrett said \$30,000 to start the design now on a very important, much needed light on two very busy County roads. Mrs. Raymond said the design work for the traffic light should start now and the \$30,000 can be found some place to pay for it. The Committee agreed to spend the \$30,000 to do the design work for the traffic light.

Mr. Lucia asked Mr. Manz what percentage of DPW employees are back at work. Mr. Manz said 100% of the DPW staff are back physically on the job working.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board