

Public Works Committee Minutes
May 5, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members Dick Lucia, Darren O'Connor, Dan Pemrick, Jean Raymond, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisor Bill Peck; Steve Bulger, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

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 project for the construction and construction inspection services for the rehabilitation of the Hans Creek Road Bridge over Hans Creek in the Town of Providence in the amount of \$554,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that this is a Federally funded project. 95% Federally funded, 5% County Funds. The County's 5% share is already included in the 2021 budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, to authorize the Consultant agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to include construction support and inspection services for the rehabilitation of the Hans Creek Road Bridge over Hans Creek in the Town of Providence in the amount of \$116,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that no budget amendment is required, this is already included in the 2021 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to introduce a Local Law authorizing the conveyance of the Roberts Lane Bridge to Synergy Park, LLC and setting a date for a public hearing. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that he submitted a separate memo for distribution with the agenda for this item. The bridge is a 30 ft. span aluminum arch bridge in the Town of Halfmoon. It has only ever served one property. Last year the Town of Halfmoon abandoned its interest in Roberts Lane which was previously a Town roadway. In Mr. Cooke's opinion the bridge no longer serves public interest. There are two options in a situation such as this. One is abandonment of the bridge and one is to sell the bridge. Abandonment of the bridge would require barricades be erected on either end of the bridge to prevent its use. In this case, the bridge is not unsafe, just no longer needed for County purposes. The bridge is utilized by the property owner Synergy Park for access in and out of the parcel. Mr. Cooke has estimated the current scrap value of the aluminum at approximately \$4K

however the cost of removing the bridge to scrap it would far exceed that value. Mr. O'Connor confirmed with Mr. Cooke that Synergy would accept the conveyance. Mr. Zlotnick questioned what the nominal value would be. Mr. Cooke suggested \$500 or something along those lines would be his definition of nominal.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board