

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

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members John Lant, Darren O'Connor, Benny Zlotnick; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works.

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

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Cooke gave an update on the Hadley Luzerne Bridge fencing project. The bridge is located in the Town of Hadley in Saratoga County and the Town of Luzerne in Warren County. The potential contract with GPI is to possibly install fencing to deter trespassing on County property. Underneath the bridge is relatively easily accessible from the roadway and has been used for jumping from the bottom of the underside of the bridge. In 2012 the Board passed a resolution for no trespassing in the area adjacent to the bridge. Additional signage was installed recently indicating reference to both Saratoga and Warren County resolutions for no trespassing. The proposal from GPI was distributed with the agenda. The proposal is to install fencing on both sides of the bridge. Mr. Cooke said that Saratoga County would take the lead on this joint project with Warren County. An intermunicipal agreement would be entered into with Warren County to share the costs. This project will be held until details such as the intermunicipal agreement, access for DOT and first responders are sorted out. Mr. Cooke said that a few weeks ago they met on site with the Sheriff to look at options to further prohibit parking and access to the bridge, and they have extended the bridge rail in this area.

Mr. Cooke gave a brief update on two projects in the southern portion of the County. One is a signal installation at the intersection of Vischer Ferry and Grooms Road. There is a delay in receiving construction materials, specifically anchor bolts for this project. It is anticipated that the signal will be operational by November 1.

The Ashdown Road Bridge replacement project is also in the Town of Clifton Park and has experienced delays in receiving materials, particularly structural steel and having steel galvanized. In addition to this, the County is also at the mercy of the railroad and their ability to provide staffing so that the contractor can work. At this point the anticipated reopening date is October 4th.

Mr. Cooke said that there are a few paving projects outstanding. They are trying to wrap up most paving before the start of school.

Mr. Barrett thanked the Public Works Department for their expedient response in removing a large tree along Main Street in Jonesville recently.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board