

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**February 1, 2021**

Committee members: Dan Banach, Jim Multer, Terry Button, Earle Gleason, Pat Killen, Rick Willson

Others present: Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Craig Prior, Doug Rapalee, Carlie Chilson, Leslie Church, Tim Cutler, Joe Reed, Tim Groth, Earl Gleason, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson.

Dan and Terry will do the audit this month

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

**Highway – Craig Prior**

Craig reported the sign maintenance worker started on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the Deputy Superintendent started on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Craig reported he promoted an individual to a working supervisor which became effective January 12<sup>th</sup> and he has made three MEO employment offers. One to begin on February 8<sup>th</sup> and two on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Craig reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed the Committee approved.

- Award Bid for Abrasive Sand
- Award Bid for Crushed Stone
- Award Bid for Gravel
- Award Bid for Cold Patch

Craig reported discussions continue on possible further reimbursement for the 2020-2021 State Fiscal year for CHIPS, Pave NY and EWR funding.

Craig reported on the comparison that he was asked to do regarding the County owning their own propane tanks vs. leasing them which showed that the savings that would be seen by owning them would be offset by the insurance costs. The consensus of the Committee was not own our own tanks. The Committee thank Craig for doing the research.

Craig reported the engineer hopes to go out for bids early this month on the E. Sherman Hollow project.

Craig reported the new employees are getting seat time plowing and learning plow routes.

Craig reported the new 6 wheel stake body truck is in service and he will be posting the 6 wheel stake body truck on the auction site.

Craig reported he will be submitting Haley Road for the Bridge New York Program.

**Buildings & Grounds – Joe Reed**

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report.

Joe reviewed the summary of use for the EV Charger, explaining that it has increased in use throughout 2020. Discussion took place on revenues and it was determined that the Treasurer would set up a reserve account for revenues that are left after expenses.

Joe reviewed the utility usage 2020 summary that will be entered into the Energy Star Portfolio Manager website. The summary showed the total spent on utilities was \$186,934.26.

Joe reported he received a quote to put a film on the Deed Room Windows. The film will block 99% of UV rays and is clear in appearance. The cost will be \$475.00. The Committee approved.

Joe reported BQ Energy has started the needed steps in preparing the NYS ISO interconnect applications with the assistance of a specialist in that filed for the Solar Farm. BQ has also started preparing the Pilot application to submit to the FLEDC.

Joe reviewed his memo regarding Buildings & Grounds doing work at the Airport. The memo basically states that the FBO has to contact Buildings & Grounds for any maintenance or repairs that are above and beyond what is in the FBO agreement. Also, if Buildings & Grounds is unable to respond to the request or declines the request, then the FBO can contact a subcontractor to perform the work. It is also understood that Buildings & Grounds expenses for materials and or equipment shall be charged back to the appropriate Airport budget line item but the labor cost will be covered under the Buildings & Grounds budget.

Joe reported on the quarterly inspections that were done.

#### **Solid Waste – Connie Hayes**

Connie reported she needs to send out the RFP for the Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHHWD) that will be held sometime in the September. Connie questioned if the Committee wants to do the same as 2 years ago with hazardous wastes and electronics or just have hazardous waste? The consensus of the committee was to do both.

Connie reported that the County still has not received the \$15,000 grant reimbursement for the last HHHWD that was held in 2019. Connie has checked with the DEC numerous times as to where the funding stands but now receives no answers. The grant applications for events that were held last year are out and due at the end of February.

Connie reported that in a recent NYSAC newsletter it was stated that Senator Todd Kaminsky and Assemblyman Steve Englebright have drafted a recycling bill that if enacted would get the product manufactures to pick up the recycling tab. The article went on to say that the bill has reasonable odds of passing in Albany and it has a good chance of earning support from some companies and their lobbyists.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.