

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 4, 2019

Public Works Committee members present: Dan Banach (Chair), Jim Multer (Vice Chair) Terry Button, Earle Gleason, Richard Willson, Jim Multer.

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Tim Dennis, Connie Hayes, Elden Morrison, Joe Reed, Dave Hartman, Craig Prior, Nonie Flynn, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Bill Holgate, Carlie Chilson, Tim Cutler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Valerie Brechko stated that she read in the paper that the County might be looking into a vehicle charging station. Ms. Brechko stated that she attended the Committee meeting where that was discussed and it was voted down. Ms. Brechko asked if this was in deed going to be considered. Chairman Paddock stated that Joe Reed, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor and the County Administrator are looking into this.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

Dan Banach and Earle Gleason will sign the audit.

Richard Lu President & CEO from Abundant Solar, and Rachel Clar, Director of Business Development gave a brief presentation on solar farms on County landfills.

Tim questioned what the next step would be. Nonie explained that we are waiting to hear back from the New York Power Authority. Tim would like a written report as to what to expect in the next few months.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Dave Hartman

Dave reported the US Geologic Survey are going to do some stream flow gages on two of bridges. If you see someone installing them and get questions, it's just a routine stream flow sampling. They will be doing one on Sugar Creek Bridge and Williams Street Bridge.

Dave reviewed the Central Garage Policy and Procedures and the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Adopt Central Garage Policy & Procedures

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Joe Reed

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report. Also, the annual report was submitted to the state on 2-4-19 and is available on the County website.

Joe had an initial call with the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council on how they would be able to assist with Yates County becoming a Clean Energy Community. The plan is to move forward with benchmarking, clean energy upgrades, and code enforcement training as the first three and see if the County can do the clean fleet/charging station or the energize NY finance as the fourth item. Joe explained with the completion of the fourth item the county would receive \$5,000 and the designation. This would put the County in place to pursue other grant opportunities.

Joe explained with regards to a demonstration of sound equipment for the chambers, there is a lot of complexity in connecting and programing the equipment that would require the vendor to come down and set it up. The cost would be approximately \$500.00. Joe will look into a cost of obtaining a sound consultant to access the room and make recommendations.

Joe met with Arlene regarding the metering grant for Cornell. Joe expects to have equipment later this month and have it installed. Joe also stated that Cornell will also be holding an Earth Day on April 23 in the Baptist Church parking lot.

They are also putting together a booklet on walking trails and would like to put in there that during bad weather the County Office Building would be open. The census of the Committee was to not have the building open for walking.

Joe updated the Committee on inspections, the LED lighting Grant and the Jail showers.

Joe reported the Village of Penn Yan has sent out a notice to increase the utility costs.

ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed the County Project Status Report as it related to Public Works.

Nonie was advised to move forward with the Safety Audit.

Rick moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, with Committee members, Legislators, Dave Hartman, Craig Prior and the Acting County Administrator present, Seconded by Terry.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.