

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 6, 2020

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

Others present: Dick Harper, Bonnie Percy, Joe Reed, Craig Prior, Tim Groth, Carlie Chilson, Ed Bronson, Connie Hayes, Tim Cutler, Nonie Flynn, Bill Holgate, Doug Paddock.

Dan and Terry will do the audit this month

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented.

Highway – Craig Prior

Craig reported 3 Central Garage surplus vehicles were sold through auction bringing in a revenue of \$29,300, \$13,200 of this value will be revenue in the highway budget. The suspension on use of the vehicles is continuing until further notice.

Craig reported the striping will be scheduled as soon as the shoulder placement and surface treating is completed on the capital projects.

Craig reported training for the Senior Account Clerk is going well. The revised Capital Improvement schedule was sent to the Planner and he is working on the 2021 budget.

Craig reported he would like to renew the NYSDOT shared services agreement. The Committee approved. Craig will prepare a resolution for Monday's meeting.

Craig reported he did call four of the people that were on layoff back and will be calling the rest back at the end of month.

Craig reported crews have been working on ditching of various roads and mowing roadsides.

Craig reported the contractor has completed placement of the hot mix asphalt on Friend and Italy Valley Roads and a 450' section on Plum Point Road at Rte.14. The savings from project asphalt is \$106,829.77.

Craig reported crews have begun placing asphalt milling shoulders on Friend Road.

Craig reported the NYSCHSA lobbyist is indicating that 20% of the reimbursement could be held. If it is held for the rest of the year, it does appear as though it will be carried over to next year's dollar amount.

Craig reported the foundation piles are being driven for the west side abutment on William Street. The final design is taking place for E. Sherman Hollow, pot holes on Pre-Emption Road bridge deck have been repaired.

Craig reported 6 road machinery surplus vehicles were sold at auction bringing in a revenue of \$83,260.00. The previous sign maintenance vehicle was repurposed to the shop maintenance truck, and there are still two trucks and one excavator to be auctioned/sold at a later date.

Craig reported the septic tank has been set at the East Sherman Hollow tower site. Deep hole test was done and Soil & Water was on site for verification.

Buildings & Grounds – Joe Reed

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measurers report.

Terry questioned if a device has an incorrect +/- from year to year should they be tested more frequently. Joe followed up with Cliff.

Cliff explained, the present requirement from NYS W&M is to test devices annually. I do track scale failures. Most of the smaller individual scales (50 pounds and under) have a random sequence of pass/fail with no statistical result based on elapsed time between tests. The large capacity (truck) scales however follow a different pattern. They have a test rate of around 55%-60% passing which falls far below the norm (92-95%). Currently I have no recourse to require repeat tests except a random drive across the scale with the W&M truck. Unfortunately most errors in these types of scales initially appear above the weight of the truck (7900 pounds). These tests always include a scale company which adds a cost for 2nd-3rd tests per year. NYS W&M has been reviewing statistical data from every county to establish a POF (probability of failure) for certain W&M devices. Their thought was that devices that statistically pass our tests could be tested less frequently thereby allowing additional time to departments that struggle to test every device each year. My suggestion to NYS W&M has been to also require additional tests on devices that routinely fail.....until such time that device shows improvement in routine testing. The problem also exists that that each county department is not consistent on their reporting of failures which further alters the state data. After 5-6 years of discussion there has been no regulation change to support either situation.

Joe reviewed the Safety Committee minutes from the June meeting. Doug thanked Joe and his crew for rearranging the chambers for safety and Tim Groth for setting up the Zoom meetings.

Joe reported BQ Energy has submitted their application to NYSEG for the interconnect capacities for the Solar Farm.

Joe reported Building & Grounds assisted Public Health and Elections with events and has moved Veterans Services to the second floor and has done work for Personnel and the Administrator.

Joe reviewed the Charging Station usage.

County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed the project status report as it relates to Public Works.

Earle moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons with the committee members, legislators and county administrator present, seconded by Pat.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm