

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 9, 2020

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

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

Dan and Pat will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

Highway – Craig Prior

Craig reported Central Garage resumed operation on August 17th. Disinfectant wipes have been placed in the vehicles with instructions for cleaning.

Craig reported the striping of roadways was completed on August 11th.

Craig reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairman to Sign 2020-2021 Snow and Ice Contracts

Craig reported there is a possibility that the CHIPS funding may be reduced by 20%, but he has not heard anything official.

Craig reported his 2021 budget was submitted to the Budget Officer and he continues to monitor the 2020 Budget.

Craig reviewed the CLR report on CR#2 curve.

Craig reported shoulder work continues on various roads. The mowers are on their third round of mowing roadsides.

Craig reported the 2020 Capital Projects are now complete.

Craig reported the concrete beams have been set on the William Street Bridge and the deck will be done Friday. The project is still on time for an October opening.

Craig reported final design is taking place for E. Sherman Hollow.

Craig explained he will be purchasing a Silane concrete sealer and hopes to seal 3 or 4 bridge decks before the end of October. Craig is work on putting a program in place to seal bridge decks every 5 years.

Craig reported on August 10th a 72” culvert was replaced on the Italy Valley Road and a culvert on West Lake Road is scheduled to be replaced on September 14th.

Craig reported the rubber tire excavator is on Auctions International for sale.

Craig reported the 2020, 6 wheel dump truck and a 2020, 6 wheel flatbed should be delivered by the end of the month. That is the last of the new equipment for 2020.

Craig reported the Fuelmaster program has been upgraded, and is working smoothly. Craig thanked Buildings & Grounds and IT for their help.

Craig reported one of the older sterling trucks has to have a fender rebuilt as it is new parts cannot be obtained. Craig commented that this is one of four Sterling truck left.

Rick stated he would like to have a discussion on the Deputy Highway Superintendent position. The Committee was split on filling the position now, or holding off until the 2021 figures are known. It was ultimately decided to hold off until the 2021 budget figures are known.

Buildings & Grounds – Joe Reed

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report.

Joe reported he received the following update from BQ Energy on Solar.

“NYSEG Interconnection – we have worked with NYSEG many times, and although their response time has improved, we normally expect this to take nine months or more. There is an eleven step Public service Commission Interconnect Process that all must follow to obtain the Interconnection Service Agreement(s). We had a positive discussion with NYSEG (this is ***“STEP 1: Initial Communication”***) regarding the six 5MW_{ac} interconnections (four at Torrey and two at Potter), and they cautioned us that we would be limited on the Potter interconnection due to line capacity. We have prepared a Pre-Application Report for each of the six interconnects (***“STEP 2 - The Inquiry is Reviewed by the Utility to Determine the Nature of the Project”***), and expect to submit in the next few days. This formally starts their review process.”

Joe reviewed the EV charging report. Joe explained that the State will be installing a sign on Liberty Street at some point directing drivers into the south entrance. Joe is working with Highway for additional signs to go on Main Street. Joe will run a report by zip code to see if it is local users or tourist using the system. Joe was advised to keep the signs to the minimum.

Earle stated that it would be a good idea to have an automatic door opener on the door to the Veteran’s Service Agency. Earle explained that the VFW would be willing to contribute to the cost. Earle will be talking with the American Legion tonight to see if they would also be willing to contribute. Joe explained the cost would be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000. Currently, the doors are ADA compliant. The consensus of the committee was to have Joe, Phil Rouin and Earle check with other agencies to see if they would be willing to contribute to the cost.

Joe reported the elevators were all serviced and had preventive maintenance checks. The Public Safety Building cooling tower had the monthly check and a 90 day legionella bacteria test taken which came back negative.

Tim reported there was a meeting with Bergman on Public Safety Building study. A tour was done of the facility and Tim thanked Buildings & Grounds for their work dealing with all the struggles that they have to deal with within the building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm