

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 5, 2020

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

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

Dan and Rick will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

### Public Comment

Valerie Brechko – Spoke in favor of the recycling resolution.

Craig reported on the speed issue in Jerusalem. Craig explained that speed bumps or humps are not the way to go. Sheriff Spike stated the average speed from the radar trailer was 37. There were also speeds registering in the 60's. Sheriff Spike will look at the data and times of the excess speeds and assess when the best time is to have deputies there. Sheriff Spike said that he would be in favor of having the speed set at 30 mph. However, the Department of Transportation (DOT) in Hornell has to agree with a speed change. The County can ask Hornell to do a study and they will look at it. There is a lot of concern regarding the speed. Sheriff Spike stated that the Town of Jerusalem, the County Highway and the County Legislature should urge the DOT to look into the matter to the lower the speed to 30 mph and also the section to the north should be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph. Craig will look into various options and report back. Ron will ask the DOT for a traffic safety study.

Afra Nahmmacher, Mary Stine, Penny Hayes and Bill Pinckney, spoke to the Committee regarding the speeding in Branchport and questioned if the speed was checked going north out of Branchport. The Sheriff stated that he did not check speeds there but he will put the trailer there.

Ms. Stine would like to see more patrols in Branchport as speeds are all over the place.

### Recycling – Connie Hayes

Connie reviewed the following resolution. The Committee approved.

- Resolution Urging The New York State Legislature To Increase Recycling And Reduce Municipal Waste Management Costs By Expanding The New York State Returnable Container Act

### Highway – Craig Prior

Craig reported the use of the Central Garage vehicles is increasing, but he does not expect to meet the projected revenue for the year.

Craig reported he is performing reflectability tests on signs.

Craig reviewed the 2021 budget summaries.

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

- Resolution Urging Full Funding For Local Road, Bridge and Culvert Programs and Assurances for Timely Reimbursement of Qualified Transportation Expenditures

Craig reviewed the vacancy review forms for Deputy Highway Superintendent and Sign Maintenance Worker. The consensus of the Committee was to hold off on the Deputy Highway Superintendent until after budget workshops.

Craig reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The consensus of the Committee was to go forward with the Sign Maintenance Worker and hold off on the Deputy Superintendent until budget workshop.

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- Resolution to fill Vacancy of Sign Maintenance Worker

Craig reported crews have been doing tree trimming on various roads and ditch maintenance.

Craig reported crews will start prepping for next year's capital project.

Craig reported the concrete deck for the William St. Bridge was placed on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Crews have been prepping the roadway for asphalt, drainage and sidewalk work.

Craig reported West Lake Road reopened on September 24<sup>th</sup> after a culvert replacement.

Craig reported Silane concrete sealer has been ordered and he has 6 bridge decks planned to seal before the end of October.

Craig reported E. Sherman Hollow is in the final design stage.

Craig reported the rubber tired excavator sold for \$41,100. Also, the last two trucks have been ordered and should be here in a couple of weeks.

Craig reported Tony Hurd, Town of Jerusalem would like to have Cardinal Disposal setup in the lower lot of the Guyanoga facility during winter months. This is not an issue for the County Highway Department and Jerusalem will be responsible for plowing. The Town of Jerusalem and Cardinal Disposal will be working with the County Attorney on the necessary paperwork. The Committee approved.

Craig reported he has started placing "No Trespassing" signs on county land. Sheriff Spike reported on various issues with signage on the recreation fence and would prefer not to have signage on that fence. The consensus of the Committee was to put the signs up on the fence and if there is a problem the signs can be taken down.

Doug reported that while the highway crew is putting up signs at the airport they are also going to do some brush removal.

### **Buildings & Grounds – Joe Reed**

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report.

Joe reviewed his 2021 Budget Summary reports.

Joe reviewed the Safety Committee minutes.

Joe reviewed a position review form for a Building Maintenance Mechanic position that has become vacant due to a resignation. The consensus of the Committee was to hold off refilling this position until after budget workshop.

Joe reported the Buildings & Grounds truck is a 2017 and money was put in the 2020 budget for replacement. Joe would like permission to go forward with the replacement. The Committee agreed.

Joe reported the inspections were completed on the Public Safety Building cooling tower, the UPS at the Public Safety Building and the fire extinguishers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm