

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**OBERACKER, MCCARTY, WILBER, FARWELL, LAPIN**  
**January 17, 2019**

Also Present: Representatives Frazier and Kennedy

**DIAMOND COMMUNICATIONS –DAN TURNPAUGH and TOM MURPHY**  
**E-911 COMMUNICATIONS –ROB O'BRIEN**

Dan Turnpaugh and Tom Murphy gave a brief overview of the history and background of Diamond Communications and discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- Responded to RFP in July
- Modernizing communication
- Build and manage cell towers mainly in the Northeast
- Manage ongoing wireless leases
- Build out infrastructure
- Revenue share basis
- Development of a wireless master plan

Representative Lapin entered the meeting during the above discussion.

Rob O'Brien distributed copies of the draft contract for the committee members to review. The committee and those present discussed developing on County land, the time line for approving the contract and Diamond Communications' experience working with rural counties. Representative Wilber moved to accept the wireless facilities contract with Diamond Towers V LLC as written. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,744; Abstain: 503-Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative Frazier left the meeting.

**CENTRAL TELEPHONE –CAROL McGOVERN**

Carol McGovern requested approval to contract with RONCO Communications to provide service and maintenance for the county's central telephone system from 2/1/19-1/31/20 at a cost of \$1,509.25/month, \$18,111 annually. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY – RICH BRIMMER**

Allen Ruffles and Andrew Crisman entered the meeting.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to accept the bid from Town & County Bridge & Rail (TCBR) for bridge and culvert repair. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber mentioned an issue involving lawns along Route 23 and Representative McCarty discussed an incident along County Route 16.

Penney Gentile entered the meeting.

Representative Wilber moved to fill the Superintendent of Highways position and appoint the Deputy Superintendent as acting Superintendent until such time as a Superintendent can be hired. Seconded, Oberacker. After further discussion, Representatives Wilber and Oberacker withdrew their motion and second.

Representative Farwell moved that Rich Brimmer, Deputy Superintendent of Highways be appointed to act in the capacity of the Otsego County Superintendent of Highways effective 2/10/19 until no longer needed at a weekly stipend of \$386. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Penney Gentile discussed proposed changes to the job specifications and experience for the Superintendent of Highways position. Representative McCarty moved for approval to advertise the post for Superintendent of Highways for Otsego County. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Allen Ruffles discussed developing long term plans for paving and equipment, stating he will meet with the Highway Dept to work out the details. Representative Farwell suggested including the Planning Dept and their research from the Highway Asset Management Plan.

Allen Ruffles, Andrew Crisman and Penney Gentile left the meeting.

Rich Brimmer continued the discussion on the parts RFP including next steps and gave an update on a mechanic position.

## **BUILDING USE**

Representative Oberacker reviewed a Building Use Application from the Schuyler Lake Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to continue in the mobile Literature Cart Display beginning in the spring of 2019. Representative McCarty moved for approval to extend the agreement with the Schuyler Lake Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses through 2019. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,899; Abstain: 348-Lapin. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

Representative Oberacker asked the committee how it would like to proceed with the Roses Hill property. Representative Wilber moved for approval to put the Roses Hill property out to bid with a reserve set at \$150,000 with the

right to reject any and all bids. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,872; Noes: 375-McCarty. Motion carried.

**TRANE –GREG ROYER  
BUILDING SERVICES –DOUG CZERKIES**

Doug Czerkies stated that the HVAC system needs upgrading and he asked Greg Royer of TRANE to provide a presentation. Greg Royer distributed copies of Energy Performance Program and discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- Background of TRANE-over \$1 billion in active project guarantees, owned by Ingersoll Rand
- Sample project financials
- Explanation of performance contracting and how the project is paid for
- Engineering and implementation
- Capital cost avoidance
- Review of EPC process
- Next steps include signing a letter of commitment, performing an investment grade audit, secure financing, construction

Greg Royer stated he will send a sample letter of commitment for the County Attorney to review and will send the presentation electronically to Doug Czerkies.

Greg Royer, Allen Ruffles and Andrew Crisman left the meeting.

Representative Farwell distributed copies of the December Forestry Report/Reforestation Area #6 Boundary Status.

Doug Czerkies gave the following updates:

County Office Building:

Doug Czerkies requested approval to fill a vacant cleaner position, Grade 05P \$25,830 - \$30,380. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Doug Czerkies requested approval to fund and fill a TE PT cleaner (night) position. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin left the meeting.

Court House:

- Court House carpeting project will be completed by next Tuesday

### Public Safety Building:

- Started renovations in the PSB booking room cabinets, bubble room then moving on to control room
- Dorm renovation project out to bid

### Equipment:

Doug Czerkies requested approval to purchase the following items: (1) a used 30 ft man lift for \$5,400; (2) a Zero-Turn mower with trade-in for \$4,100; (3) a 60 ft articulating boom lift from the NYS Federal Surplus program for \$2,200. Representative McCarty moved for approval of the purchases. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,899; Absent: 348-Lapin. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the County Office Building.