

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, MCCARTY, FARWELL, WILBER, OLIVER
January 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Frazier- present, via zoom
Representative McCarty- present, via zoom
Representative Farwell- present via zoom
Representative Wilber- absent
Representative Oliver- present, via zoom

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER and JAMES DENEKAMP via zoom

Rich Brimmer requested approval of the following:

1. Approval of Snow and Ice contract with the Town of Oneonta for 2020-2023
2. Renew resolution 163-2020 with Hanson, for in-place paving in connection with this year's paving projects, not to exceed \$2,700,000 from D5113.522500-CHIPS capital maintenance
3. Renew resolution 164-2020 to purchase road salt from American Rock Salt and Apalachee LLC, from bid OTGOV-010-20 for the term 4/1/21-3/31/22, not to exceed the budgeted amounts in D5142.545550-salt and sand
4. Renew resolution 147-2020 with Hanson Aggregates, Cobleskill Stone Products, Suite Kote, Tri City Highway and Barrett Paving, from bid OTGOV-09-20 for the term 4/1/201-3/31/22, not to exceed the budgeted amounts in D5110.545700-asphalt/stone/gravel and D5110.522500- CHIPS capital maintenance and amend the language to also include being able to purchase related materials and services as per the bid specifications
5. Re-bid transit mix concrete products as the current contract does not have any extensions left
6. Renew resolution 123-2020 to purchase materials related to the CR 38 bridge project, not to exceed \$30,000, from D5110.522500-CHIPS capital maintenance
7. Declare a Highlander 12 foot hopper style spreader/sander body surplus

Representative McCarty moved for approval of No. 1 thru 7 above. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,665; Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

In connection with the Town of Butternuts building, Mr. Brimmer mentioned the uncertainty of whether a NYSEG pole is in the right of way or will there be a cost to move the pole. Representative Farwell added that she will reach out to the Town Supervisor.

Rich Brimmer sent department updates to the committee via email that were not discussed during the meeting.

Personnel Officer Penney Gentile joined the meeting via zoom.

Representative McCarty asked Mr. Brimmer if he had received the Town of Springfield contract back yet, asked him to look into a possible tree issue on CR 31 in East Springfield and is the surplus sander being sold or given to the Town of Springfield.

After further discussion, Representative Oliver moved to sell the declared surplus Highlander 12 foot hopper style spreader/sander body to the Town of Springfield at scrap price. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,665; Absent: 487-Wilber. Motion carried.

BUILDING SERVICES- GARTH BROWN in Board Chambers

Garth Brown explained that he has only been in the Director position for approximately a week and a half now and is still gathering information, has spoken to a lot of people and that everyone has been great to work with. Mr. Brown explained that he needs to get a clearer picture before addressing and creating a good comprehensive plan.

Garth Brown requested approval to purchase a new Kubota tractor with accessories as approved in the budget, noting that the old tractor will be traded in. Representative Frazier explained that due to the uncertainty of cash flow, that is has been requested that departments try and hold off on spending for a couple of months. No action was taken. The committee asked that specifics related to the purchase of the tractor be forwarded to them.

Representative McCarty asked if the fire alarm system issue at 242 Main Street, Oneonta building had been resolved. Mr. Brown stated that it was resolved by replacing the backup batteries but noted that the system is old, antiquated, and is hard to obtain parts for. Mr. Brown added that they are also having some emergency lighting issues at that building as well.

Mr. Brown updated the committee that he assisted the DOH at the Meadows building yesterday with trying to control and restrict access points in the building during the vaccinations, adding that signage will be put up today.

PERSONNEL/BUILDING SERVICES- PENNEY GENTILE via zoom

Penney Gentile requested approval to unfund the Assistant Director of Building Services position effective 3/6/21 and to fund and fill the Business Office Manager position in Building Services effective 3/7/21. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,665; Absent: 487-Wilber. Motion carried.

OTHER

Representative Frazier informed the committee that he received an email reminder from the Fly Creek Volunteer Fire Company with a request made last year to obtain a surplus County Tahoe when one becomes available.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Oliver motioned to adjourn. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,665; Absent: 487-Wilber. Motion carried.