

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, MCCARTY, FARWELL, WILBER, OLIVER
February 11, 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- present, via zoom
Representative Oliver- present, via zoom

SOIL AND WATER - JORDAN CLEMENTS via zoom and KIM FIRENZE from Building Services via zoom

Jordan Clements explained that he is in need of generators for back up purposes at the Soil and Water building and the forestry cabin. When asking Building Services for guidance to purchase, Ms. Firenze informed him that the County purchased three generators from the federal surplus that are not currently being used of which possibly could be utilized at those two locations. Mr. Clements noted that Soil and Water would pay for the wiring, hook up and diesel for the generator at the Soil and Water building and the County would be responsible for the same at the forestry cabin. Representative Wilber moved approval to locate two County owned generators at these two locations. Seconded, Oliver. Representative McCarty asked if the County Highway patrol buildings had generators. Rich Brimmer joined the meeting and stated that the Gilbertsville patrol building has a generator although it is not hooked up and the Garrettsville and Monticello patrol buildings do not have generators. After further discussion, Representative Wilber amended his previous motion to provide Soil and Water with one generator and the other two generators used for out buildings whether Highway's or Forestry's to be determined by the Building Services and Highway departments at their discretion. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Jordan Clements informed the committee that the Taylor Hill property does not need to be surveyed because a survey was completed in the 30's. Mr. Clements also added that the Forester was ill during January but he is now back to work, therefore his work has resumed.

BUILDING SERVICES- GARTH BROWN via zoom

Garth Brown informed the committee that he has been focusing his energy on the 242 Main Street, Oneonta building to address safety issues that have been going on for a while. Mr. Brown explained that the fire alarm has been going off frequently due to what is believed to be faulty smoke detector heads. Mr. Brown stated that he obtained a quote in the amount of \$5,183.06 which includes the purchase and installation of 25 new smoke detector heads which will replace the existing detectors without upgrades or modifications to the current zone system. Representative Wilber suggested obtaining quotes from other vendors for the same purchase and install as well as obtain quotes to upgrade the system using the existing wiring. After further discussion, Representative Wilber moved to approve up to \$7,000 to retrofit or upgrade the 242 Main Street, Oneonta building fire detection system adding that Building Services will explore two other purchase options to possibly upgrade the system as well as to just replace the smoke detector heads. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Representative Frazier noted a report that was emailed by the Sheriff concerning building issues at the Jail.

Garth Brown updated the committee that the backflow preventer valves at the PSB were repaired and passed inspection.

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER and JAMES DENEKAMP via zoom

Rich Brimmer requested approval of the following:

1. Approve snow and ice contracts with the Towns of Laurens, Springfield and Otsego for 2020-2023
2. Amend resolution 13-2021 to include #2 fuel oil, ultra-low sulfur diesel and kerosene, as well as, to include all departments to utilize and not just the Highway
3. Approve purchases from the D5110.548000/"other" budget lines per the spending freeze to Haun for welding supplies not to exceed \$3,500, to Emerson testing for drug and alcohol screening not to exceed \$3,000 and to New England Waste-Casella for garbage and recycling removal not to exceed \$3,000

Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer discussed the bridge NY program that assists local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts by providing funding, in which the County can submit up to five culvert and three bridge projects. Mr. Brimmer recommended the following projects:

Bridge projects: CR 59(Hartwick), CR 4(Butternuts) and CR 22(Exeter)
Culvert projects: CR 20 (Edmeston), CR 46(Laurens), CR 15 (New Lisbon),
CR 3 (Unadilla), CR 45 (Hartwick)

USE OF COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES

On behalf of the Otsego County Conservation Association, Jeff O'Handley requested utilization of the Meadows building parking area and the use of the building for bathroom purposes on April 24, 2021 from 10-3 to conduct a non- county related drive thru/drop off recycling collection event. Representative McCarty asked if they needed access to the building besides utilizing the bathrooms. Mr. O'Handley stated no, and explained that they would only need the building to be open to use the bathrooms. Representative McCarty suggested that instead OCCA should get a porta john then building access would not be required. Representative Farwell moved approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative McCarty moved to adjourn. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.