

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, WILBER, FARWELL, LAPIN
May 16, 2019

TREASUER-ANDREW CRISMAN

Andrew Crisman discussed the Rose Avenue property in Oneonta and how to proceed. The committee discussed putting it back out without setting a minimum bid noting that any bid can be refused. Representative Farwell moved for approval to put the Rose Avenue property back out to bid until the middle of July, with no minimum bid set. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,899; Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin entered the meeting.

Andrew Crisman discussed the Clifton Street property in Unadilla noting that the bidding closed last week with Absolute Auctions and there were no bids. Andrew Crisman stated that there were 4 people registered for the auction but they stated the minimum bid was too high. The committee discussed the Bassett lease being up in 2020. Representative McCarty stated that the County should not be in the leasing business. After discussions, Representative Wilber moved for approval to lower the minimum bid to \$190,000 for the Clifton Street property and put it out to bid for 6 weeks and if there are no bids, put it out as a general real estate listing with a Real Estate Agent. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Andrew Crisman discussed the Roses Hill property noting that both times the bid has been denied due to tax exempt status. Representative Farwell motioned to table any further discussion/motion on the Roses Hill property until after the June 5th, 2019 Board meeting. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,872; Noes: 375- McCarty. Motion carried.

Andrew Crisman stated that 683 County Highway 18 was sold in the 2018 tax auction but the bidder backed out. Andrew Crisman stated that the neighbors are concerned with the property being unsecured and dirty. The committee discussed area dumpster services and getting the property cleaned and boarded up. Representative McCarty moved for approval to accept the bid from Galsters Cleaning, not to exceed \$2900 to clean up the property at 683 County Highway 18 in Morris, NY and have the Treasurer's Office find the cheapest dumpster service. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER/JAMES DENEKAMP

Representative McCarty and the committee discussed the idea of having a tax, a restricted fund, or an impact fee set up strictly for the Highway. The

committee discussed the following including but not limited to: should it be put on the ballot for November? Should the bed tax be raised? Representative McCarty stated that he does not agree with the Capital Improvement Plan as 3 years is too long. The committee asked that Andrew Crisman ask the external auditors about setting up a fund.

Rich Brimmer introduced James Denekamp, the new Deputy Superintendent of Highways noting he came from Delaware Engineering and is doing a great job.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance of the State-aid program eligible costs, of a capital project, and appropriating the funds therefore for the County Highway 54 safety improvements, P.I.N. 9754.98, not to exceed \$1,625,000. Rich Brimmer and the committee discussed the following including but not limited to: this funding is reimbursable just like CHIPS, it's a safety improvement project to help improve the site distance concerns, paving and guide rail work will be done, and the Initial Project proposal (IPP) was \$5 million.

After discussions, Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 1,760; Abstained: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer distributed and discussed an equipment replacement plan/schedule to the committee discussing whether to follow a 3, 5, or 10 year plan.

Rich Brimmer discussed the purchase of a new plow truck that it will be around \$220,000 to purchase outright and \$20,000 in interest if the County were to finance over 5 years. Rich Brimmer and the committee discussed the following: buy 3 trucks a year every year or buy 13 trucks every 5 years, sell them after 5 years- better resale value, leasing increases the health of the fleet, CHIPS money for trucks requires that the County keep it for 10 years, and the idea of getting 2 new trucks and putting funding in the 2020 budget.

Rich Brimmer gave an update on the Purchasing Clerk job description from Personnel noting that the title did not fit the department's needs and they are looking instead at the title of Mechanics Helper.

Rich Brimmer gave an update on the Gilbertsville Salt Shed noting that the footers are poured, the posts for the main structure are set, and the wall panels are set.

Rich Brimmer gave an update on the CR 54 project noting that the planning phase is proceeding.

Rich Brimmer gave an update on the CR 16 Bridge NY culvert replacement project noting that all landowners have signed off and they are waiting on the final legal parts to be completed (1.5 months), then to DOT for 2-

3 weeks, and then the authorization to move to construction. Rich Brimmer stated that the deadline for completion is March 2020.

Jordan Clements from Otsego County Soil and Water discussed replanting trees at Dozen Dads as some were taken down by the weather, noting the lowest quote came in at \$4650 which includes trucking. Jordan Clements stated that the District planted some smaller trees there already (about \$600 worth).

The committee discussed the following:

- Will there be enough revenue for the year to cover the Forester's salary?
- Currently there is \$25,000-\$26,000 in revenue
- Jordan Clements stated they are working on management plans and getting out into the forests now to see what is there (3600 acres total)
- Working on the \$60,000 grant for trails that was received for this year
- Moving forward with carbon credits- could be \$40,000 in revenue
- April Forestry Report was distributed

Jordan Clements stated that he will use district funds to buy the trees for replanting at Dozen Dads at a cost of \$4650. After discussion, Representative Wilber moved for approval to readdress and reconsider fully or partially reimbursing the Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the purchase of the trees at Dozen Dads in the fall depending on the budget at that time. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer gave department updates including but not limited to the following:

- 3 Gradall crews are out installing culverts and cleaning ditches when weather permits
- 2 Backhoe crews are replacing cross culverts, fixing headwalls, and cleaning ditches on County Highway 11, 16, and 35
- 5 brooms are 2/3 of the way done with spring clean up
- Crews have been cutting shoulders, cleaning ditches, changing culverts, and cutting trees on CR 11 (Oneonta & Laurens), CR 18 (Morris & Pittsfield), and CR 35 (Middlefield) in preparation for paving
- Micro milling has been completed on CR 51 (Morris), CR 16 (Burlington & New Lisbon), CR 18 (Morris & Pittsfield), CR 11 (Laurens & Oneonta), CR 35 (Middlefield)
- Hanson is expected to start paving in June
- CR 4 (Gilbertsville) Bridge repair/maintenance- 2 floor beams have been repaired, 2 left to be plated
- New Gradall ditching excavator was delivered 4/30
- New Loader is at the dealer getting final PDI- scheduled for delivery soon
- New water main installation proceeding on CR 4 and CR 8 (Gilbertsville)- pavement temporarily narrowed on CR 4, from NYS

Rt. 51, north; communicating with the contractor to maintain traffic safety

E911- ROB O'BRIEN

Rob O'Brien discussed the Diamond Tower contract noting that it has been revised a number of times. After discussions, Representative Wilber moved for approval to rescind the contract with Diamond Towers with the approval of the County Attorney and re-issue an RFP for tower management services. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

The committee asked that Rob O'Brien work with Onondaga County on sending the RFP back out.

TRANSPORTATION- TAMMIE HARRIS

Tammie Harris requested approval to declare a 2014 Ford 4DC Bus VIN #9018 as surplus as it has met the Minimum Useful Life Standards as set by the FTA and will be replaced with new FTA-funded vehicles. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

OCCA- LESLIE ORZETTI

Leslie Orzetti, OCCA discussed the Otsego County Trails grant and what needs to be done to include Bilderbeck County forest in this project noting that there needs to be a Public Access Covenant which states that the property will stay open to the public for at least 25 years. Leslie Orzetti stated that they are working with Soil and Water on a contiguous trail with the Arnold Lake State Forest and widening the path. Representative Wilber moved for approval for the Public Access Covenant and Restriction and Resolution for trail building and maintenance of the Harry Bilderbeck County Forest. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

BUILDING SERVICES- DOUG CZERKIES

County Office Building:

Doug Czerkies requested approval to fill a soon to be vacant, funded Maintenance position, Grade 08D. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

Doug Czerkies stated that the 3rd Floor DSS renovations have started.

Public Safety Building:

- Dorm Renovations: project to start in July- may have to Board out a few inmates

- Dismantling Jail Kitchen is in progress-sending some equipment to auction

Meadows:

- Prepping for Meadows DSS flooring project
- Tiny Homes Community Building- most of the foundation forms are in place, installing water/sewer lines, and electric conduits, should be pouring concrete in a few weeks (weather has stalled the project- 2 weeks behind)

242 Main St:

Doug Czerkies stated that Building Services will be acting as the point person for the 242 renovations; they are setting up meetings with departments to configure their space needs and expect to start the work by October.

Doug Czerkies and Mike Trossett, Public Defender discussed 242 Main Street and expanding office space there. Michael Trossett stated that he has State money in the budget to help with renovations to help his office enhance and improve their services. The committee discussed holding a stakeholders meeting at 242 Main Street Oneonta for all Departments that are interested in space at 242.

Highway:

Doug Czerkies requested approval to hire out the labor to install the steel roof at the Gilbertsville Patrol at a cost not to exceed \$16,800. Doug Czerkies stated that he has gotten 3 quotes and will be working with Purchasing. Representative Wilber moved for approval to hire out the labor to install the steel roof at the Gilbertsville Patrol after going through Purchasing. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247; Ayes: 2,247. Motion carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES- EVE BOUBOULIS

The committee and Eve Bouboulis discussed security at 242 Main Street including but not limited to:

- The current contract for security at the Meadows ends in July
- Should there be armed or unarmed security at 242?
- Who will pay for the security at 242?
- Only 1 security person at the Meadows- is that enough?
- Establish a group/pool of retired NY state certified Police or Peace Officers-could be PT workers
- RFP was done for security-costs were high
- There is potential for reimbursement for security costs

Representative Oberacker asked that the RFP responses be sent to him for review.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned until Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the County Office Building.