

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, WILBER, FARWELL, LAPIN
JUNE 20, 2019**

Absent: Representative Oberacker

OTHER- PETE ANDREWS, TOWN OF SCHENEVUS

Pete Andrews, Town of Schenevus resident, reported that he is working on a NYS Community Development Block Grant to replace 5,700 ft. of water main on Smokey Hollow Rd. in the Town of Schenevus. Mr. Andrews stated there is a corrosion issue and the water main needs to be replaced. Mr. Andrews requested a letter of support for the project. Representative Wilber inquired further about the scope of the project and recommended seeking a letter of support from the full Board of Representatives instead of only the Public Works Committee. Representative McCarty recommended Mr. Andrews contact the Clerk of the Board to reserve time on the next Board meeting agenda.

PUBLIC DEFENDER- MICHAEL TROSSET

Michael Trosset updated the Committee regarding Year 1 and Year 2 OILS funding: Year 1 funding in the amount of \$168,378.15 will be used to fund additional staff as part of the Court Justice Plan to ensure there is a Public Defender in every court, and Year 2 funding in the same amount will be used to improve office spaces at the Meadows and provide some security at 242 Main Street, Oneonta.

Representative Lapin entered during the above discussion.

BUILDING SERVICES- DOUG CZERKIES

County Office Building:

Doug Czerkies requested permission to extend a temporary maintenance position for 90 days. The position will be funded by transfer from DSS to Building Services Personal Service 1625-1000-A to continue ongoing renovations for DSS at the County Office Building and 242 Main Street. Representative Lapin moved to extend the position. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,713. Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.

Doug Czerkies updated the Committee regarding on-going renovations on the third floor of the County Office Building.

Doug Czerkies requested permission to amend the contract for energy savings study agreement with Trane to conduct a complete environmental asbestos study or AHERA report to determine the extent of any asbestos hazards in the County Office Building. The original contract cost was \$13,750 and the additional AHERA study would increase the cost by \$6,250, up to \$20,000 total. The energy savings study is approximately a quarter complete and will continue over the summer. Representative Lapin moved to amend the contract to include the AHERA study. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,713. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Public Safety Building:

Doug Czerkies updated the Committee regarding the original Jail kitchen, it has been dismantled and the dishwasher has been moved and reinstalled at the Central Kitchen.

The booking room cabinets will be ordered by July 1 from a company in Norwich which had the low bid, there is a 15% discount resulting in a savings of \$3,000, delivery is scheduled in 5-7 weeks.

Meadows:

Doug Czerkies updated the Committee regarding the Tiny Homes Community Building, the footers were poured on June 17, the floor will be poured June 24, the Code department has been inspecting the project, and the geothermal has been put on hold while the electric and sewer installation is completed.

Highway:

Doug Czerkies updated the Committee regarding the installation of steel roofing at the Gilbertsville Patrol building, it is scheduled to be installed this weekend.

242 Main St:

Doug Czerkies reported he is getting quotes for the parking lot improvements, flooring replacements, electronic locking hardware, door keying system, and Main Street front door. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,713. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Doug Czerkies requested approval to allow DSS to occupy the first floor of 242 Main Street. Representative McCarty moved to allow DSS to occupy the first

floor. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,713. Absent: 534- Oberacker.
Motion carried.

Representative McCarty inquired about whether or not County vehicles have decals, they do not. Doug Czerkies said he would inquire with the Highway department to get some or will order them if necessary.

OTHER

Representative Lapin stated that some of his constituents have inquired about the condition of the paving on Roundhouse Rd., Oneonta. The Committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- Otsego Now owns the road and the area
- the scope of the repairs includes filling holes, grader shimming, patching and paving
- local business owners may want to contribute in order to get the work done
- Hanson Aggregates is working in the area and may be able to do the work

Rich Brimmer said he will contact Hanson Aggregates to get a quote.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT- JORDAN CLEMENTS

Jordan Clements, District Manager for Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWD), gave the following program updates from the County Forester, including but not limited to:

- logging is complete at the Forest of a Dozen Dads, the logger has been paid in full and his security bond returned
- marking a stand of mature white ash in Reforestation Area #6 with a goal of a sale at the end of June, although the timber market is down and it may be better to wait
- in the final stages of completing the total inventory of Reforestation Area #6 (largest in the County), which would mean that more acres of land were inventoried this year than all of last year
- working on completing the management plan of Reforestation Area #6 with a goal of publishing in July
- volunteered at the NYS Environthon: networked with district staff from across the state and talked with students about forestry and forestry career paths
- the County Attorney has reviewed the contract and documents for enrollment in The Nature Conservancy Working Woodlands program,

however there is still a legal question about whether or not County reforestation areas can be put into a conservation easement

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER

Rich Brimmer presented a consent agenda as follows:

Increase Insurance Reimbursement	0000-2680-DM	\$17,752.99
Increase Maintenance and Repairs	5130-4562-DM	\$17,752.99

This is the insurance reimbursement for the excavator cab that was replaced and paid for out of 5130-4562.

Motion to approve snow and ice contract with the City of Oneonta.

Motion to approve snow and ice contract with the Town of Bridgewater.

Motion to approve snow and ice contract with the Town of Worcester.

Representative Wilber moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,713. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer and the Committee continued the discussion regarding plow truck replacement plans. The Committee agreed the County needs a replacement plan but there are a lot of options. Representative Lapin requested that the Deputy Treasurer weigh in on which plan would be best. Representative McCarty requested a list of any additional purchases the Highway anticipates needing as the County begins its budget planning.

Rich Brimmer said that Highway crews have been hauling sand when they are rained out or finish a project early. Mr. Brimmer said 3 towns are complete. Mr. Brimmer reiterated there is only \$25,000 remaining in Sand and Salt 5142-4555 and he anticipates needing an additional \$150,000 for sand and an additional \$200,000 for salt to get to January 1, 2020.

Rich Brimmer said that he has been working with Personnel to develop the position of Mechanics Helper and will continue the process to move forward to create, fund and fill the new position for January 1, 2020.

Rich Brimmer said DOT has yellow flagged the County for County Route (CR) 38 High Bridge where an old abutment is leaning 1.5 ft toward the creek. The Highway department has made site visits and contacted engineers to develop a plan that DOT will approve in order to address the issue. Mr. Brimmer noted it is a very difficult site and that it is possible he may have to move funding for this project.

Rich Brimmer gave the following program updates, including but not limited:

- Gilbertsville Salt Shed: building is complete, crews need to finish some lighting, paving inside and around the building
- CR 54: planning phase proceeding, documentation has been sent to DOT
- CR 16 Bridge NY culvert replacement: waiting on final legal parts to be completed (0.5 months), then to DOT (2-3 weeks), then authorization to move to construction
- tree crews, mowing crews, road sweeping, gradall crews and guide rail crews are working on projects throughout the County
- Hanson has begun paving work including County routes: 18, 25 and 25A, 55, 16, 11, 51, 8, and 35
- CR 4 Bridge has been repaired, waiting on DOT to remove weight restriction
- new Hyundai loader and 1 ton crew cab flatbed were delivered May 23, 2019
- staffing updates
- road painting begins next week

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES- EVE BOUBOULIS

Eve Bouboulis and the Committee discussed on-going plans of moving staff to 242 Main Street including but not limited to: contracting with the Sheriff's department or the District Attorney or a private company to provide security, renovations, and the possibility of hiring a consultant to help finalize space concerns.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned until Thursday, July 18 at 1:00pm at the County Office Building.