

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
JULY 1, 2015**

**\*\* NOT APPROVED \*\***

**Committee Members Present:** D. Fanton, A. McGraw, D. Decker, K. Graves. T. Hopkins, C. Crandall (Absent: P. Curran)

**Others Present:** M. Alger, H. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Healy, R. Hollis, G. James, C. Jessup, T. Miner, D. Pullen, N.J. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, D. Scholes, N. Ungermann

**Media Present:** No media present

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of June 3, 2015.

**Highway**

**Decision on (T) Burns Bridge Project**

Superintendent of Public Works Guy James wanted to give the Committee an update on the issues surrounding bids on this project. (See below for last month's minutes on this topic.)

**Local Bridge #11-10 Substructure Bid**

*Superintendent of Public Works Guy James told the Committee that this bridge, Narrows Road Bridge, in the Town of Burns is down to one lane, four-ton use at this time. He said that when determining the 2015 Budget, DPW asked for additional money for this project as it was contracting a portion of the work out because of the bedrock visible for concrete abutments. DPW put its project estimate together, using the NYSDOT shoulder break estimate which is used frequently to determine this type of project. We came up with a cost of \$457,000. The bids were opened, and based on the three bids received (Ramsey Constructors: \$377,160; A.L. Blades: \$413,360; L.C. Whitford: \$496,493), we will not be making an award at this time as the project will have a shortfall of over \$100,000, so we need to go back to the drawing board to see what can be done to get Allegany County and the Town of Burns back on budget. Mr. James' budget figures for the project:*

2015 Budgeted Amount	\$457,000
Concrete Superstructure (LCW)	<u>\$108,562</u>
(bid separately)	\$348,538
Substructure Bid (Ramsey)	<u>-\$377,160.</u>
	(\$ 28,622)
Additional Items (Estimated):	
Paving	\$ 30,000
Rip Rap	\$ 6,000
County Costs	\$ 38,100
Engineering	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Project Shortfall	(\$122,722)

*Because this would also mean an increase in the Town of Burns' share of the costs, Mr. James has asked Ramsey (the lowest bidder) to see if they can eliminate some portion of the work that perhaps DPW can do itself.*

Following conversations with County Treasurer Terri Ross and County Administrator Mitch Alger, Mr. James proposes taking the funding in the 2015 Budget which is in a capital account and defer it to the 2016 Budget and have the contractor do the project. The Town's 15 percent share will go up as well. Mr. James has discussed this with the Town of Burns and is waiting for its decision. The project then will be done in 2016. Also by deferring this project, DPW will be able to catch up on this year's projects. Mr. James added that no decision needed to be made by the Committee at this time.

### **Update: Oil & Stone Projects**

Mr. James said that Suit-Kote, which won the 2015 surface treatment bid, had managed to oil and stone 28 miles of County roads despite the rain. He acknowledged the various Towns which helped haul the stone. He added that paving projects will begin in July.

### **Bid Award: Local Bridge #23-08 Concrete Substructure**

Finally, Mr. James distributed the bid tabulation for the precast concrete bridge substructure system for Local Bridge #23-08, B.I.N. 2214960, Barber Road over Rush Creek, Town of Rushford. There were four bidders: Husted Concrete Products, New York Mills, NY, the low bidder at \$145,269; Binghamton Precast & Supply, Binghamton, NY, \$211,400; Kistner Concrete, (near) Batavia, NY, \$212,508.75; and L.C. Whitford, Wellsville, NY, \$230,776. Mr. James recommended awarding the bid to Husted Concrete Products, saying it is a reputable firm which has done this type of work in the past. Approval to award the bid to Husted Concrete Products was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

### **Solid Waste**

Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Dean Scholes told the Committee that Jim Edwards had retired at the end of June. He wanted to thank him for 40 years of service to the County. He also informed the Committee that Keith Witt, Transfer Station Operator, recently retired and wanted to acknowledge Mr. Witt's 30+ years of service. Mr. Scholes informed the Committee that Kurtis George is filling Jim Edwards' position at this time, and that he is happy to have him on board.

### **Good of the Order**

Legislator Graves told the Committee that a Welcome to Allegany County sign on the road from Genesee, PA, has been "demolished" although it is still in its spot. He was wondering if it might be replaced, but in the meantime also wondered if, because it is an eyesore, it might be removed until a replacement can be secured. It was also noted that several of the County's other signs have seen better days. Mr. James said Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle had gotten some quotes for replacement signs, but it was unclear which County agency is the "owner" of the signs. It was thought that the signs at various entries to the County had been secured by Economic Development. There was also some discussion whether there might be some funding available to help with replacements. Mr. James and Ms. Riehle will continue to pursue this issue.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators