

PUBLIC WORKS
JULY 6, 2016
NOT APPROVED

Members present: D. Fanton, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Graves, J. Hopkins, A. McGraw, C. Crandall

Others Present: T. Boyde, K. Francisco, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, J. Hopkins, Charles Jessup, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, B. Rigby-Riehle, T. Ross

Media Present: Brian Quinn-Wellsville Daily Reporter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Legislator Fanton at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 1, 2016 were approved by a motion from Legislator Fanton and seconded by Legislator Decker and carried.

Road Project Updates

Superintendent Guy James reported his road project updates to the Committee. Mr. James reported all surface treating (oil & stone) is completed on County Roads 8, 12, 23, & 34 and was done by Suit Kote and covered approximately 27 miles of road. There were six County roads paved by A. L. Blades which were 5B, 7, 25, 27, 44 & 50. There are four more roads scheduled to be paved in July by A. L. Blades. Mr. James reported there will be a kick off meeting for the additional monies received, being held tomorrow, and the work will be done by D& H Contracting around the August 1, 2016.

Bridge Project Updates

Mr. James noted the Birdsall Bridge opened today. It has binder only at this time and they will come back and top it at a later date. The crew will be removing the detour sign. Then three bridges will be topped at the same time in the Birdsall area. Mr. James indicated they hope to be working on the Cuba Cheese Bridge by July 18, 2016.

Fuel Tank Upgrade Transfer

Mr. James requested a transfer of funds for a Fuel Tank upgrade for District #2 Shop located in Birdsall. Mr. James is requesting to transfer \$20,000 from DM5130.210 (Other, Fuel Tank Upgrade to H1641.200 Fuel Tank Upgrade DPW. A motion was made by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Engineering Position

Mr. James reported to the Committee an engineer left the County and took a job with DOT (Department of Transportation). Ads have been placed in the newspapers for the position of Engineer. Mr. James indicated no applications have been received to date. Mr. James indicated they have reached out to Elmira, Ithaca, monster.com., Job Finder Weekly, Alfred University, University of Buffalo and Clarkson. The feedback he is receiving is the salary we are offering is too low for this position. This is a PEF position and \$72 is the top end of the hourly wage scale. Entry level comes in at about \$50 per hour. Guy wants to wait and see what happens with recent ads that were placed. The hourly wage scale is based on 2012 wage. If the PEF Contract is approved it will increase four years. Mr. James indicated the salary is around \$100,000 for other surrounding counties for an Engineering position and some counties

employ two engineers. Mr. James indicated he will report back next month on the status of applications for this position.

Discussion on Solid Waste Fee Increases

Mr. James had been working on the Public Works budget for Solid Waste. These are a couple of things to consider. The tags for waste disposal could be increased along with the scale tipping fee. The current tag fee is \$150 and the current scale tipping fee is \$40. The revenues from recycling and white goods are not huge numbers. These fees do not completely cover the cost. Mr. James disseminated a suggested rate sheet for tag fees and scale tipping fees for the Committee to review. Mr. James would like feedback on ideas of suggested user fees to help him prepare his 2017 budget.

Request to permanently fill Groundskeeper position

Mr. James noted Eileen Shepard passed away recently and she held the position of groundskeeper. Mr. James requested permission to fill the position of groundskeeper AFSCME Grade _____. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator McGraw, to fill the position of groundskeeper and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Discussion to create capital for boiler and tank(s) replacement at the Jail

Mr. Scholes, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, gave a report to the Committee regarding the boilers and tanks located at the Jail. There are four large water tanks and four boilers located out at the jail. One boiler and one tank need to be replaced soon. One boiler costs about \$16,500 and a tank runs about \$23,000. The removal of these boilers and tanks is very difficult. They are very large and glass lined. Mr. Scholes indicated they are looking at \$50,000 to go to the Capital Account. Stephen Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, is also looking into the purchase of another type of tank and working with another company. The tank is the reservoir for the heating system and a hot water holding tank. The tanks we currently have are only ten years old. The tank is leaking where it enters into the tank. Mr. Brown has talked to the manufacturer and there is no warranty. Steve will continue looking at different options. Mr. Brown will look at composite, size and other options for the tanks and boilers. This information will be brought back to the next meeting in August and at that time a capital fund may be established for the purchase of a boiler and tank and any future needs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Norris, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators