

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Oct. 3, 2016

Present: Dan Banach, Bob Lawton, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Tim Dennis, Leslie Church, Earle Gleason, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Joe Reed, Dave Hartman, Craig Prior, Connie Hayes.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

Dan Banach and Jim Multer will sign the audit

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Dave Hartman

Dave reviewed new NYSDEC Underground Storage Tank regulations.

Dave reported tree stands were found on the Potter Landfill property. This was discussed last year and the legislator had agreed that there would be no hunting and/or use of landfill properties. Dave also asked the County Attorney and he agreed that there should be no hunting on landfill property. The consensus of the Committee was to not allow hunting within the fenced in landfill property and no tree stands on county property.

Dave reviewed the status of the Vine Valley, Alexander Rd projects.

Dave reviewed the deficient bridges memo and the proposed recommendations.

- William St. – Bridge is currently posted at 10 tons. There are alternate routes available to users within one block on each side of the bridge so when it gets to the point where the load carrying capacity becomes 3 tons or less the bridge could and should be permanently closed due to the easily accessible alternate routes. The Committee approved.
- Ray Crosby – Bridge is a triple corrugated metal arch pipe and the inspection reports mention that the metal pipe barrels are dented, kinked and distorted in several spots. Dave recommends no action be taken at this time. The Committee approved.
- Loomis Rd. – Bridge has submitted as a BRIDGE NY superstructure replacement candidate and Dave has also submitted it to NYSDOT for inclusion as a Federal Aid Project but there is no indication as yet that it will qualify for either program. If this does by chance make it onto the Federal Aid Program as a rehab project the earliest it would come up is 2018.
- Gibson Rd. – Bridge is an R- posted bridge that has been at the bottom of the ratings chart for years. Dave recommended that based on the easy detour around the bridge for the homeowner, he recommends to permanently close the bridge when the time comes and the bridge can no longer safely carry loads above 3 tons. The Committee approved.
- Valley View – Bridge is currently closed as a result of a recent Red Flag and load rating calculations by NYSDOT. It is blocked off on each side by concrete jersey barriers along with appropriate advance warning signs and reflective barricades. There are two year-round homes and working farmland on the east side of the bridge and closing this bridge will certainly cause them and the person (s) that work the land some hardship. The consensus of the Committee was to authorize Dave to do an engineering study using 2016 funds to investigate what repair options are available and provide some cost estimates for repair/replacement.

Dave reported the snow removal contracts have been sent out to the towns.

Dave reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- A Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to sign Snow & Ice Agreements

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Joe Reed

Joe reported the Velocity server for Court Security has been having issues. There is funding available to upgrade this server this year. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward.

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report, there were no questions.

Joe reported he met with the County Administrator and County Attorney on solar power. The County Attorney will look into how other counties are handling longer than 5 year leases. Joe will report more as information is obtained.

Joe reported the Public Health Clinic is going well and expects that he will be waiting for the DOH to do their inspection before the clinic can be completed all the way.

Joe reported in September the annual fire extinguisher and sprinkler systems inspections were done.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm