

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 8, 2015

Present: Dan Banach, Sarah Purdy, Doug Paddock, Gary Montgomery, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Tim Dennis, Lee Sacket, Jim Smith, Joe Reed, Dave Hartman, Craig Prior, Mark Morris, Leslie Church

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

Dan Banach and Margaret Dunn will sign the audit

SOLID WASTE – Connie Hayes

Connie reminded everyone that the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be September 19th in Schuyler County. Registration ends September 15th.

Connie reported the NYSDEC is looking for an Annual Planning Unit Recycling Report which is a copulation of the different items that the haulers pick up. The DEC has not received these reports since 2011 because Connie didn't know they had to be done. Connie explained she has reached out to the haulers to obtain the information in order to do the report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Joe Reed

Joe reviewed his 2016 proposed budget. Joe explained he could possible purchase the new lawn tractor from this year's funds. The Committee authorized Joe to purchase the tractor this year from State Bid.

Joe was asked to look into whether we need to have a resolution/agreement authorizing the purchase for gas storage with Stand Energy.

Joe reviewed the Weights & Measures report. Joe also reviewed the proposed 2016 Weights & Measurers budget.

Joe reported the work on the Highway roofs will start on September 21st.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Dave Hartman

Dave reviewed a position review form for a Working Supervisor due to a retirement. The consensus of the Committee was to refill the position and also to refill an HEO or MEO position that might become vacant if someone moves up.

Dave reviewed his proposed 2016 budget.

Dave was asked to look at what it would cost to have the towns mow the roadsides in their townships, what it would cost the County to mow the roadsides and what the cost would be if two more summer help were hired to do the mowing.

Dave reported the bids for the North Vine Valley Federal Aid Bridge will be submitted on October 1st. This will be for next year's construction.

Dave reported a red flag has been received on the Valley View Bridge. It's posted for 5 tons and will be inspected again next year. If the rating goes below 5 ton a decision will have to be made as to replacing the superstructure or close the bridge. Dave was asked to get quotes from engineering firms to see what they would charge to do a study and bring this back next month.

Dave reported the 2006 Volvo track hoe broke down. The right side drive motor failed and metal shavings contaminated the system requiring major repairs. The parts alone cost \$6,600. Dave explained the failure occurred when a 25 foot deep hole was dug across Italy Hill Road while replacing a culvert and repairing storm damage. Dave was able to use Schuyler County's machine for several days to finish the project. However, this type of major breakdown on key equipment is a problem that will become more and more likely to happen in the future if our current fleet replacement practices are not altered.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55p.m.