

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: DPW

DATE: MAY 1, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BELDEN
HASKELL
MASON
GERAGHTY

OTHERS PRESENT:

WILLIAM LAMY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT
BRIAN LAFLURE, SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HAL PAYNE, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE &
FISCAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY
STEC
MERLINO

JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

SUPERVISORS CAIMANO
CHAMPAGNE
GABRIELS
F. THOMAS
VANNESS

FRED AUSTIN, BUILDING PROJECT COORDINATOR
TODD LUNT, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
PHIL TUCKER, GREATER CAPITAL REGION BUILDING
TRADES COUNCIL
MAURY THOMPSON, THE POST STAR
AMANDA ALLEN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Belden called the meeting of the DPW Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2007 and March 30, 2007 meetings, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Lamy, DPW Superintendent, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy noted that Brian LaFlure, Systems Maintenance Coordinator, was in attendance to give a brief update on the status of radio coverage within the County, as requested by the Committee in their prior meeting. Mr. Laflure addressed the Committee, stating that although he had no major update, there had been an issue with the main local government DPW radio and a piece of equipment that had failed. He said that during this malfunction they had switched to the use of the backup radio system while awaiting the delivery of the new unit, which had since been installed and was working well. Mr. LaFlure pointed out that because the unit was used frequently they had replaced it with a heavier duty unit that was intended for extensive use.

Mr. LaFlure stated that during a recent storm they had lost the use of the Hague radio site due to an electrical fire that had occurred between Pottersville and Schroon Lake which had severed the

fiberoptic cable. He said that during this incident they had instituted the use of high powered radios from Prospect Mountain as a backup system to cover the Hague Site. Mr. LaFlure noted that it had taken approximately four days to rectify the damage; however, all of the equipment was back in working order.

Mr. Lamy reminded Mr. LaFlure that some time ago the Committee had asked for an inventory of the radio service throughout the County to determine areas not receiving radio transmission, and he asked for the status of this request. Mr. LaFlure replied that the area Fire Chiefs and EMS (Emergency Medical Squad) technicians had been contacted to determine those areas lacking radio service; however, no response had been received. He said that the appropriate parties could certainly be contacted once again and in the meantime they were researching the possibility of installing vehicle repeaters which, Mr. LaFlure explained, were devices placed in a first line vehicle that would allow other vehicles to transmit frequency through it, resulting in better radio coverage. Mr. LaFlure stated that vehicle repeaters had already been installed in certain key County vehicles which allowed for better use in the outlying areas of the County where the coverage might not be as good.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Mr. LaFlure should contact Marvin Lemery, Administrator of Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement, to request his assistance in reaching out to the County's Fire Chiefs and EMS staff to determine the areas lacking radio coverage one final time.

Mr. Belden asked if it had ever been discovered which County vehicle had caused the problem with an open radio line during the prior year and Mr. LaFlure replied in the negative. However, he added, once they installed the automatic identifier equipment, the problem had stopped and had not reoccurred. Mr. Belden commended Mr. LaFlure for the services he had provided in connection with the County radio issues and he thanked him for his efforts.

Commencing with agenda review, Mr. Lamy apprised that the first item pertained to a review of the Budget. He noted that a copy of the Expense Budget Performance Report was included in the agenda and he asked the Committee to keep in mind that the salaries listed in the Report reflected only those salaries paid through March 4th. Mr. Lamy noted that these figures did not include either the March 18th or April 1st payrolls, the significance of which was that during these payroll periods two considerable snow storms as well as the Municipal Center fire had occurred, leading to increased overtime during these periods. He said that updated information would be available prior to the next Committee meeting and he would provide complete payroll figures to the Committee at that time. Mr. Lamy pointed out that his Department would likely be over budget in payroll costs due to these occurrences.

Referring to the amounts listed under Department 1620, Code 210 on the first page of the Expense Budget Performance Report, Mr. Geraghty asked why the Report reflected that 95% of the Budget had been used for this Code when it appeared that only approximately 50% had been spent. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, replied that because the chart listed encumbered funds in this code they

were accounted for in the percentage used.

Mr. Lamy directed the Committee to page 9 of the Expense Report where Codes 110 and 120, listed under Department 5110, showed that 14% of the Budget had been spent on regular salaries, and 14% had also been spent on overtime salaries for maintenance of roads and these costs were reasonable. He then referred the Committee to page 23 of the Report, where Codes 110 and 120 under Department 5142, snow removal, reflected that 58% of the Budget had been used for regular salaries and that 79% of the Budget had been spent for overtime salaries. Mr. Lamy reiterated that these figures represented salaries paid only through March 4th and he said he would suspect that once the report had been updated to account for the March 18th and April 1st pay periods they would exceed the funds budgeted in both areas. He stated that regardless of costs, the DPW Department had responded to every storm event in a safe and efficient manner.

Mr. Caimano noted that the overages anticipated were for snow removal codes and he asked if it was very likely that there would be any need for these services for the remainder of 2007. Mr. Lamy replied that they had yet to account for any storms that might occur in November and December of 2007 and Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative and Fiscal Services added that once the salary costs for the remainder of March and April were accumulated the Budgets would most likely already be exceeded. Mr. Lamy stated that at the next Committee meeting he would have the ability to refer the exact costs through the month of April and they would be able to determine what action needed to be taken.

Mr. Haskell stated that because of the recent storms the individual Town Budgets had also suffered as the storms seemed to occur during the weekends, which automatically created overtime pay, and had statistically lasted for 48 hours each, further compounding overtime costs. In addition, he noted, the Town of Thurman's salt budget had been expended and he was hoping for mild weather for the remaining winter months of 2007 to avoid issues with a shortfall in the salary budget and materials needed to maintain the Town's highways.

Mr. Lamy pointed out that page 25 of the Expense Report reflected that under Department 5130, machinery, the regular and overtime salaries had consumed 19% and 58% of the Budget respectively. He noted that this Department included shop staff which were necessary during snow and ice control in the event of a breakdown of equipment. Mr. Lamy advised that these figures would also rise when the remainder of salaries paid for the months of March and April were updated.

Mr. Belden stated that they needed to consider the replacement of the older dump trucks used for snow removal and road construction, as most of them were older and not worthy of extensive repairs. Mr. Haskell agreed and he noted that every year when the Budget was negotiated funds were removed from this portion the DPW Budget. Mr. Belden advised that he would assist Mr. Lamy in Budget negotiations to fund the replacement of the older trucks used year-round.

Mr. Caimano apprised that expenses, such as the purchase of new trucks, were currently being

discussed in order to derive a budgeting plan for three and four years into the future. He noted that when the Budget was produced it was based on both expenses and revenues and he asked Mr. Lamy if revenues were being received as they had been anticipated during the development of the Budget. Mr. Lamy replied that he could provide a detailed accounting of the CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funding received, which was directly turned over for the paving projects; however, he said, he was not prepared to provide that information today, but would be sure to address the issue at the next DPW Committee meeting. Mr. Caimano apprised that one of the failings in the Budget system was that it was derived using both expenses and estimated income and there was the suspicion that the appropriate revenues were not being received, not specifically in the DPW Department, and this situation would be addressed at the upcoming Department Head meeting. Mr. Caimano said that the lack of anticipated revenues had led to the need to transfer funds from Surplus and that was why it was at such a low level currently.

Mr. Lamy noted that if prior years Budget's were reviewed it appeared that the overtime costs for 2007 fell somewhere in the middle, with some years having less and others having more. He suggested that a more conservative approach be taken for 2008 to include increased funding for overtime costs in the Budget. Mr. Caimano stated that because the DPW Budget was already at a maximum, adding more funds for salaries would mean removing it from another area.

Discussion ensued.

Moving to the second agenda item, Paving Charges, Mr. Lamy apprised that in the agenda he had included a two-page handout which reflected that \$80,000 had been included as both a revenue and an expense for Services to Other Governments. He added that these services included costs for paving town roads in the County. Mr. Lamy stated that his Highway Manager had calculated the costs of the personal services provided to the Towns and the related costs of providing paving services to the Towns. He said that these figures had been included on page one of the agenda and reflected both the hourly and overtime rates for these services.

Mr. Lamy apprised that they would average 10 hours of paving per day and the hourly labor rates and fringe benefits had already been subtracted from the DPW Budget. He said that charges for the rental of rollers, which were not owned by the County, were included in the pricing, as well as the fuel costs used during the paving operation. These costs combined to a total of \$3,288.64 per 10 hour day for the paving operation, Mr. Lamy advised. He said that the document also reflected the costs for rental of County owned equipment which totaled \$2,242.56 per 8-hour day; however, he noted, in speaking with Chairman Thomas he had been advised that in past years they had not charged the Towns for the rental of County-owned equipment.

Mr. Lamy stated that he was requesting a way to recover the \$80,000 removed from his Budget as an expense and he asked if the Committee preferred to institute an hourly, daily or other paving rate to meet this end. He said that he had also spoken with some of the Supervisors who had advised that in the past a tradeoff had been worked out so that the Town's Highway Departments could perform work for the County to compensate for paving costs. Mr. Lamy stated that although he was a strong believer in inter-municipal operations, trading services would not return funding to his Budget. He

advised that if there was not some kind of charge for the paving of Town roads, his Department would be faced with an \$80,000 deficit.

Mr. Belden asked for an estimate of revenues received in the prior year from the Towns for paving costs and Mr. Lamy apprised that approximately \$50,000 had been received. Mr. Lamy projected that if the paving project was completed based on the reimbursement schedule included in the agenda, revenues in the area of \$70,000 would be realized. He added that this figure could fluctuate depending upon how quickly the paving jobs could be completed.

Mr. VanNess stated that this issue had been caused by not presenting realistic figures during Budget negotiations. He said that it was very frustrating to him that they were already searching for funds this early in the year because a realistic budget had not been achieved.

Mr. Haskell voiced his opinion that Warren County Taxpayers should not have to pay rental charges for equipment their tax dollars had been used to purchase, nor should they be responsible for paying labor charges that were already paid through County taxes. Mr. Lamy replied that he did not think that it was a matter of duplicating charges, rather it was determining where the funds would come from to pay for the projects. He said that it was irrelevant to him who funded the paving projects, he was simply looking for revenues to account for the \$80,000 removed from his Budget. Mr. Lamy stated that he wanted to be sure that this information was on the record so that in the event he was over budget at the close of 2007 he could advise the Committee that they had been warned of the matter earlier in the year.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the individual Towns should be charged for labor and fuel costs when paving services were provided for them by the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to charge the various Towns for labor, including fringe benefits, and fuel costs when providing paving services for them.

Mr. Haskell asked if a trade of services would be allotted to cover the costs of paving for the Towns and Mr. Lamy replied that they could; however, he said that the DPW should have the final say on the services provided in lieu of payment. Mr. F. Thomas stated that in the past the Town of Stony Creek had traded brush cutting services for paving operations and if they were now going to be charged for paving costs the County would need to budget for services previously provided by the towns in trade.

Returning to agenda review, Mr. Lamy apprised that the next new business item referred to an update on CHIPS funding. He said that included in the agenda was a copy of the letter received from NYSDOT (New York State Department of Transportation) which indicated a \$10,452.45 increase in the anticipated County share of the CHIPS funding.

Mr. Lamy stated that the fourth agenda item pertained to the DPW summer work schedule and his decision for the entire Department to remain on the eight hour work schedule rather than move to the four ten hour day work schedule. He said that a copy of the letter distributed to staff regarding this matter was included in the agenda for the Committee's review. Mr. Lamy advised that despite his decision, he expected the paving crews to be in a constant state of overtime which would be dealt with accordingly.

Included on page four of the agenda, Mr. Lamy apprised, was a request to authorize him to purchase supplies for meals for Public Works employees at all sites when appropriate. He reminded the Committee that this request had been approved by the Committee in a prior meeting but the resolution had been tabled at the March 16, 2007 Board meeting as it required further modification. Mr. Lamy advised that a copy of tabled Resolution No. 170 of 2007, was included in the agenda with corrections as noted, as well as a copy of the current DPW Meal Payment Plan. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, noted that the official resolution should clarify that either the DPW Superintendent or his designated representative had the authority to purchase supplies for meals when appropriate.

Mr. Geraghty asked why the DPW Meal Payment Plan limited Public Works staff to the use of one diner in the Town of Warrensburg when there were four diners and Mr. Lamy replied that he would follow up on this and advise Mr. Geraghty of the reasoning.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works, or his designated representative, to purchase supplies for meals for Public Works employees at all sites when appropriate and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Haskell asked if the amounts designated in the DPW Meal Payment Plan were higher than they had been previously and Mr. Lamy replied that they were not and were based on Union settlements. Mr. Haskell said that this was unfortunate because he did not feel that the amounts were sufficient for the purchase of meals in either the Towns of Warrensburg or Johnsburg.

Mr. Lamy advised that the next agenda item pertained to a letter of resignation from William Remington, Deputy Superintendent of Engineering, effective May 11, 2007. He stated that he accepted Mr. Remington's resignation with regret and he noted that in the time he had worked with Mr. Remington he had been afforded the freedom to proceed with the Capital and Sewer Projects in the best interests of the County. Mr. Lamy expounded that Mr. Remington should be recognized for his efforts during the extensive flood damage occurring a couple of years ago as well as his instrumental involvement in changing the ways in which County roads were maintained during winter months and his efforts to institute emergency power for various County facilities. He said that he had also seen Mr. Remington at his most humble point, during the tragic loss of fellow employee Linda Curtis`. Mr. Lamy stated that Mr. Remington was moving to Maryland as he had accepted a consulting position there.

In light of Mr. Remington's resignation, Mr. Lamy noted that the agenda included a notice of intent

to fill the vacant position of Deputy Superintendent of Environmental Engineering Services and he requested permission to advertise the position. He apprised that included with the request to fill the vacant position was a listing of the Capital Projects, County funded projects and other responsibilities that would be expected of the individual chosen to fill this position.

Mr. Belden noted that the starting salary for the position was listed as \$75,000 and he asked if the salary might be lowered. Mr. Lamy responded that in light of the extensive responsibilities required of the position and in order to attract a competent person able to perform those responsibilities, the salary was appropriate.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the position of Deputy Superintendent of Environmental Engineering Services and refer same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*)

Mr. Lamy advised that due to the extensive workload imposed upon the Deputy Superintendent of Environmental Engineering Services position, he was requesting the creation of a new position to be entitled Assistant Engineer with a starting salary of \$39,420. Mr. Lamy explained that during the prior year he had decided that the workload supported by the vacant position of the Working Supervisor #1 title could be facilitated in another way and therefore the position was not filled. He proposed that the salary from that unfilled position and the remainder of the salary from the vacated Deputy Superintendent position be combined to fund the new Assistant Engineer position. Mr. Lamy stated that the addition of this position would have no impact on either the DPW or County Budget. He noted that prior to advertising the new position he intended to fill the Deputy Superintendent position and evaluate that persons abilities and then supplement them with the talents of a person eligible for the Assistant Engineer position. Mr. Lamy apprised that he hoped to attract a graduate in engineering with a technical background, who possessed a low level of experience and a lot of drive. He said that this was not a position that he intended to fill in the immediate future; however, he was looking for the Committee's endorsement.

Mr. Belden stated that he had reviewed the issue with Mr. Lamy and he clarified that the addition of the Assistant Engineer position would be budget neutral. He added that the Department had lost the majority of its engineering staff, and they needed to add younger members to replenish the knowledge that would be lost when the current staff retired.

Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative and Fiscal Services, noted that the Committee should keep in mind the resolution adopted by the Board, which stated that no new positions would be created or reclassified during the year.

Mr. Haskell asked what Brian Humphrey's job title was and Mr. Lamy replied that he was the Deputy Superintendent of the Department and was also in charge of the highways. He advised that Mr. Humphrey would remain as such, being the second in command of the DPW Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the

request to create the new position of Assistant Engineer and refer same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy apprised that a resolution request was included in the agenda to authorize the Town of Warrensburg to erect flashing lights on Elm Street, (County Route 9), and Horicon Avenue, (County Route 10), to designate school zone speed limits. He explained that the Town was assisting the Warrensburg School District with a grant application to fund the flashing lights and the School District would be responsible for the costs of electricity and any maintenance costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to authorize the Town of Warrensburg to erect flashing lights as referenced above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the review of the agenda, Mr. Lamy stated that a request for a new contract with Gorman Brothers Inc. was included for paverlaid chip seal/ultra thin hot mix asphalt with costs as outlined in the bid tabulation sheet which was also included in the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Gorman Brothers, Inc. for paverlaid chip seal/ultra thin hot mix asphalt for the term commencing May 18, 2007 and terminating December 31, 2007 and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy advised that the agenda included another request for new contract with Wallace Supply for the purchase of a tandem vibratory roller at a cost of \$12,094.69.

Mr. Geraghty asked if this roller would replace one of the ones the County was renting for highway paving and Mr. Belden replied that it would not as it was much smaller than the ones used for paving roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Wallace Supply for the purchase of a tandem vibratory roller at a cost of \$12,094.69 and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

The next agenda item listed, Mr. Lamy apprised, was a request for new contract with Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a 26' rollback body at a cost of \$29,470.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a 26' rollback body at a cost of \$29,470, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy advised that the next two requests for new contracts both pertained to the purchase of

new trash containers. He explained that the first request was for a new contract with United Services Group for the purchase of eight trash containers with prices as noted in the bid tabulation sheet included in the agenda. Mr. Lamy explained that there was \$60,000 available in the Budget for these purchases; he added that the necessities of the County had been addressed and the containers would be ordered accordingly. Mr. Belden advised Mr. Lamy to be sure that the purchases remained under the amount budgeted, reducing the number of units ordered, if necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with United Services Group for the purchase of trash containers and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy stated that the second request for new contract was with Binner-Peters Equipment Corp. for the purchase of one trash container, with costs as noted in the bid tabulation sheet included in the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with Binner-Peters Equipment Corp. for the purchase of one trash container and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy advised that a request to authorize Chairman Thomas to sign an easement for drainage improvements along Diamond Point Road, (County Road 35) was included in the agenda. He explained that currently, stormwater runoff was not well contained in this area and the improvements planned to rectify the situation were to be completed as part of a related paving project. Mr. Lamy stated that the project included a pipe with a discharge to Smith Brook which must be installed on private property to properly direct the stormwater. He said that Mr. Eaglestone, the property owner, was willing to have the pipe placed on his property (Tax Map #225.08-1-7) and Michael Swan, Director of Real Property Tax Services, would appraise the site to determine a value for the easement. Mr. Lamy apprised that any costs associated with the procurement of the easement would be charged to that particular highway project, (D5112-9025).

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to authorize Chairman Thomas to sign an easement agreement for drainage improvements along Diamond Point Road as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy noted that the County maps had been received and supplied to the various Towns leaving an allotment of 10,000 maps to the County. He said that the Tourism Department had requested as many maps as the County was willing to furnish them and he advised that if another batch of maps were needed they could certainly be ordered. Mr. Belden stated that if the Tourism Department desired a quantity of the maps they should be ordered and paid from by the Occupancy Tax budget. Mr. Gabriels asked what the costs of the printing of these maps was and Mr. Lamy approximated the cost at \$7,000 for 10,000 maps. Mr. Belden stated that he would address this matter at the Tourism

Committee meeting scheduled for the following day.

As the County Auction was coming up, Mr. Lamy stated that it was time to either extend the contract with the current auctioneer or move in a different direction. He said he had spoken with Mr. Belden about this matter and they decided that it might be appropriate to prepare an RFP (Request for Proposal) for auctioneer services to bring the auction back under County control. In addition, he noted, they had decided that a better return would be realized if the auction were held on County property.

Mr. Payne asked if they had considered holding the auction at the County fairgrounds and Mr. Belden advised that if this site were used additional time and manpower would be needed to move all of the equipment and items for auction to that site. Mr. Lamy added that the new DPW shop boasted a very nice paved section where the auction could be appropriately held and controlled by County staff.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Lamy to prepare an RFP for auctioneer services for the County auction.

Mr. Lamy apprised that he had been advised by NYSDOT that they intended to perform road work on Route 149 from Martindale Road to the Warren County line. He said that for a period of that construction they would like to detour traffic over County roads and they were requesting permission to do so. Mr. Lamy referred the Committee to a copy of a map detailing the detour route, which was included on page 26 of the agenda. He advised that the construction was scheduled for 2009 and the Committee was under no obligation to make an immediate decision. Mr. Lamy advised that he was presenting the information so that the Committee would be aware of the circumstances ahead of time.

The next agenda item, Mr. Lamy advised, was a request to rescind Resolution Nos. 416 and 417 of 2006 with respect to the Chester Creek and Starbuckville Bridges. Mr. Lamy explained that the engineering and construction bills had been itemized for payment according to the original resolutions and in order to process payment on these projects the funding must be restored to the previously adopted resolutions.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to rescind Resolution Nos. 416 and 417 of 2006 as referenced above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy stated that he was requesting an extension of the existing contract with Foit-Albert Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$46,000 to cover the costs of extra work provided in connection with right-of-way incidentals and acquisitions and associated engineering on the Grist Mill Road Bridge project. He explained that this information had been forwarded to NYSDOT for modification of their master agreement; however, he had yet to receive a response from them, but hoped to have one before the May 18th Board meeting.

Mr. Belden asked if this would be an added cost to the County and Mr. Lamy noted that the County would be responsible for no more than 20% of these additional costs. He added that if the Marchiselli funding was approved the County would be responsible for only 5%.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the request to extend the existing contract with Foit-Albert Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$46,000 as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy noted that a similar request for extension of another existing contract with Foit-Albert Associates, P.C. was also included in the agenda. He explained that the request would extend the contract in the amount of \$43,000 to cover right-of-way incidentals, acquisitions and associated engineering costs for the Tannery Bridge over Stony Creek. Mr. Lamy advised that as with the previous request, notification of the increase had been forwarded to NYSDOT for amendment of the master agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to extend the existing contract with Foit-Albert Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$43,000 as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy advised that Paul Dusek, County Attorney had intended to update the Committee on the status of the Rudnick/Hill Property; however, as Mr. Dusek was not in attendance Mr. Lamy said that he would continue with the three requests to increase capital projects included in the agenda. The first request, he apprised, was to increase Capital Project H259.9550 280, Grist Mill Road Bridge over Stony Creek, in the amount of \$46,000 with the source of funding to be from Code A9950-910 (Transfers-Capital Projects) and the NYSDOT master agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to increase Capital Project H259.9550 280, Grist Mill Road Bridge over Stony Creek, as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Moving to the second request, Mr. Lamy advised, was to increase Capital Project H258.9550 280, Tannery Bridge over Stony Creek, in the amount of \$43,000 with the source of funding to be from Code A9550-910 (Transfers-Capital Projects) and the NYSDOT Master Agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request to increase Capital Project H258.9550 280, Tannery Bridge over Stony Creek, as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

The final request was to increase Capital Project H.199.9550-280, Corinth Road Reconstruction, in the amount of \$370,000 with the source of funding to be from Code A9550-910 (Transfers-

Capital Projects) and the NYSDOT Master Agreement, Mr. Lamy apprised. He said that the Committee had previously approved an amendment to the Clough Harbour Associates, Inc. contract; however, the Capital Project had not been increased at that time.

Mr. Belden noted that the Corinth Road Reconstruction project had been in the works for the past five years and he asked if all of the State and Federal funding promised was still in place and Mr. Lamy replied that he had been advised that it was.

Mr. VanNess asked if a start date for the project had been estimated and Mr. Lamy replied that there had not because of the ongoing disagreement between the Town of Queensbury and National Grid, which was delaying the start of the project. Mr. Lamy said that a meeting with both parties had been planned for later in the week and he would know more for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the request to increase Capital Project H.199.9550-280, Corinth Road Reconstruction, in the amount of \$370,000 as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy apprised that amendments to the master agreements for all three Capital Projects had been requested from NYSDOT, which would outline the amount of federal and state funding for each of the projects, reducing the amount of the transfer requests. He reiterated that he hoped they would be received prior to the May 18th Board meeting.

Mr. Lamy apprised that in the interest of time he would prefer to postpone review of the pending items portion of the agenda until the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Gabriels stated that during the prior week there had been an issue in the Town of Bolton which he had initially thought would require DPW assistance. He said that he wanted to express his appreciation to Mr. Lamy who, regardless of the fact that he was not working that day, came to the Town of Bolton to see if he could assist in any way. Mr. Gabriels stated that although the assistance of the DPW was not needed he wanted to thank Mr. Lamy and the DPW staff for their willingness to assist in any way possible.

Mr. Belden noted that Mr. Merlino had experienced a similar situation in the Town of Lake Luzerne during which Public Works staff had promptly responded and he had asked Mr. Belden to express his appreciation in his absence.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Belden commended Mr. Lamy for addressing and eliminating some unfavorable staff issues at the DPW shop. Mr. Haskell agreed and apprised that he had visited the DPW shop and noticed a favorable change in the performance and attitude of the County employees working there and he stated that he felt Mr. Lamy was directly responsible for these changes. Mr. Lamy thanked Mr. Belden and Mr. Haskell for their favorable comments and he noted that he had a wonderful group

of employees to work with.

Mr. Dusek entered the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Returning to the issue of the Rudnick/Hill Property, Mr. Dusek advised that they were still waiting for a value of the property which could not be assessed until the survey line required to delineate the property desired by the County was installed. Mr. Dusek said that he would not have anything further to report until the survey line had been instituted and the property reevaluated. He advised that he would be sure to keep the Committee updated on the status of the issue.

As there was no further business to come before the DPW Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraghty and seconded by Mr. Haskell, Mr. Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist