

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: MARCH 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SIMPSON
MACDONALD
DICKINSON
SOKOL
HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TIM BENWAY, RECREATION FACILITIES MANAGER
JUSTIN GONYO, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, SARATOGA & NORTH CREEK RAILWAY
RONALD CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
BROCK
LEGETT
MONTESI
SEEBER
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
MERLINO
VANSELOW
GIRARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 27, 2017 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/works/>

Mr. Simpson called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 11:28 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad and DPW Agendas were distributed to the Committee members, copies of same are on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Justin Gonyo, *Saratoga & North Creek Railway (SNCR) General Superintendent*, to provide an update on SNCR operations. Mr. Gonyo apprised some employees had returned to work already but the bulk of them would be returning on April 10th. He mentioned the first train of the year was scheduled on April 29-30, 2017 for the Hadley Maple in April Festival. He apprised their contract with the Revolution Rail Riders was proceeding and consisted of the operation of a rail bike business on the northern portion of the tracks north of the North Creek Station. He said the goal was to have the contract finalized by mid April. He advised they would be receiving a new locomotive which had a class designation of a GP40FH and would benefit the railroad not only because it had a head end power unit which provided the locomotive with the ability to provide power to the passenger train as opposed to the generator car that they had used previously, but also because of its ability to operate in compliance with the new Positive Train Control regulations that were being set forth by the Federal Rail Administration in 2018. He explained Positive Train Control was developed by the Federal Rail Administration as a means of remotely taking control of a locomotive to prevent accidents such as the one that occurred with a commuter train in California as a result of an employee using a cell phone rather than paying attention to the operation of a train resulting in the train going through a signal and colliding with another passenger train.

Proceeding with the agenda review, Kevin Hajos, *Deputy Superintendent of Public Works*, reviewed a cost analysis of the annual operating expenses associated with the Warren County Fairgrounds in detail; *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.*

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the request to authorize a new contract with the Edward Zibrod/b/a Warrensburg Bike Rally for use of the Warren County Fairgrounds property for their annual event to include automatic renewal terms for up to five consecutive years. A motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried by majority vote, with Mr. Dickinson voting in opposition, to approve the request at a rate of \$200 per day to include a 5% annual escalator clause, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the agenda review Mr. Hajos presented a request to amend the 2017 County Budget in the amount of \$5,000 to reflect the receipt of funds donated by the Lewis Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Sokol to approve the request to amend the County Budget as outlined above.

Mr. Dickinson questioned why the Lewis Trust donated the funds on an annual basis and Tim Benway, *Recreation Facilities Manager*, responded that the purpose of the donation was to provide financial support to the Up Yonda Environmental Center. Ms. Braymer suggested that a letter of gratitude be sent to the Lewis Foundation for their continued support of Up Yonda Environmental Center.

Mr. Dickinson amended his motion and Mr. Sokol amended his second to include authorizing a resolution of gratitude to the Lewis Foundation for their annual donation of \$5,000 to Up Yonda Environmental Center. Mr. Simpson called the question and the motion was carried unanimously and forward the request to amend the County Budget to the Finance Committee and the resolution of gratitude was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hajos stated that Page 4 of the agenda consisted of a request to amend the Fee Schedule for Up Yonda Environmental Center to become a Blue Star Museum and offer free admission to active duty military and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the review of the DPW Agenda Mr. Hajos presented the following items:

- Page 1- Request to authorize a new contract with Kubricky Construction Corp. (Primary Contractor) for heavy highway construction services (WC 1-17) for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017 with the option for two possible one-year extensions.
- Page 2- Request to authorize a new contract with Peckham Road Corporation for heavy highway construction services (WC 1-17) for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017 with the option for two possible one-year extensions.
- Page 3- Request to authorize a new contract with Reale Construction Company Inc. for heavy highway construction services (WC 1-17) for a term commencing upon

execution by both parties and terminating December 31, 2017 with the option for two possible one-year extensions.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned requests and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Simpson inquired about the status of the bid specifications to increase the number of paving jobs that were completed by contractors and Mr. Hajos replied that he was awaiting the return of Jeffery Tennyson, *Superintendent of Public Works*, to determine which projects would be completed by contractors rather than in-house. He said they had not determined yet what whether overlay, mill and fill or reconstruction projects would benefit the most from completion by a contractor. Mr. Dickinson suggested they have a contractor complete one of each type of project. Mr. Hajos apprised he had compiled bid specifications for each type of project and would be discussing which ones to use with Mr. Tennyson upon his return.

A discussion ensued.

Page 8- Request for an Intermunicipal agreement with Village of Lake George for continued operation of County-owned Beach Road Parking Lot.

Mr. Simpson advised that he, Mr. Thomas, the County Attorney, Mr. Geraghty, Chairman Conover and representatives of the DPW had met with representatives of the Village of Lake George to discuss the agreement following which it was determined that the percentages would remain the same as the previous agreements for the Beach Road and West Brook Parking Lots. He said under the agreements the Village would continue to offer the services they had been and in return would receive 75% of the revenue collected from the Beach Road Parking Lot and 10% from the West Brook Parking Lot.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the Agenda, Mr. Hajos stated that due to the success of the two household hazardous waste collection events last year, one had been scheduled at the DPW Facility in the Town of Warrensburg on May 20th and another was scheduled at the Town of Queensbury DPW facility on June 17th. He stated the same materials collected last year would be accepted.

Mr. Hajos apprised the public information meeting concerning the Palisades Road Bridge over Brant Lake Inlet Project was scheduled and construction would commence in the Spring of 2018. He stated the contract had been awarded for the bid concerning the West Brook Road Sidewalk Project and the work would commence next month with an estimated completion date of before May. He said both the Town and Village of Lake George would be completing some work before the contractor commenced working on the Project. He informed construction work would commence on the County Route 44 Bridge Painting Project, which was jointly owned with Saratoga County, in mid April. He stated all traffic would be maintained on site for the Project. He estimated the completion date to be July of this year. He announced a few smaller bridge painting projects with some minor steel work would begin in June and be completed by mid September. He advised that there were two Pavement Preservation Projects taking place in the Town of Queensbury, one of which was West Mountain Road, with work starting in May to include some minor reconstruction work, but the majority of the Project consisted of an overlay. He stated the other Road Project in the Town of Queensbury was Bay Road which consisted of some minor reconstruction with the remainder requiring an overlay.

In regards to the retainage on County Construction Projects, Mr. Hajos advised that the issue had been brought forward by the County Treasurer but he was unsure of the specifics which were discussed at the March 22nd meeting of the Support Services Committee. Mr. Simpson stated that some Counties held back retainage on some projects and others did not which was why it was left for further discussion at a later date. Chairman Conover informed the issue concerned progress payments versus retainage.

A lengthy discussion ensued following which it was determined that representatives of the DPW would meet with the County Treasurer to work on putting together the framework to address the issue and present it at a future Committee meeting.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Hajos pointed out the DPW Overtime Report included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Thomas requested that the employees of the DPW work with the owners of the Stony Creek Ranch Resort property on the agreement for the construction of a cross walk on the portion of County Route 3 in the Town of Stony Creek that bordered the Ranch, as he wanted to ensure no issues arose that prevented the agreement from being put in place like what occurred last year. Mr. Hajos informed the agreement had been signed by the County and they were awaiting receipt of the signature by the owners of the Ranch. He stated the purpose of the agreement was to allow the County to cut the brush on the Ranch property to provide better site distance along the road, as well as to permit the Ranch owners to construct a cross walk and flashing signal there upon the approval of plans being submitted to the DPW to review under the Highway Permit process. Mr. Thomas pointed out the Ranch owners had invested a significant amount of money into the property which was why it was imperative for the County to work with them to ensure this agreement was enacted.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Sokol, Mr. Simpson adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board