

Public Works – DPW
Department of Public Works
AGENDA
October 13, 2017– 10:00 am

Committee Members: *SIMPSON, MacDonald, Dickinson, Frasier, Merlino, Sokol, Vanselo, Girard, Hyde*

- I. Committee Meeting Call to Order.....** Chairman Simpson
- II. Motion to Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meeting.....** Chairman Simpson
- III. Action Agenda/New Business - None**

- IV. Referral/Pending Items –**
 - None

- V. Information for Discussion/Review –**
 - Discussion – Proposal to pave at-grade platform in Stony Creek
 - Discussion – Presentation regarding storage of rail cars.....Ed Ellis, SNCRR

- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee**

- VII. Motion to Adjourn**

Attachments
None

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

MISCELLANEOUS

****Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

DEPARTMENT NAME: DPW

DATE: October 13, 2017

(a) Purpose of Request:

To provide conceptual approval of the proposal from Saratoga North Creek Railway to pave an at-grade platform at the Stony Creek Rail Station at no cost to the County and authorizing the DPW Superintendent to provide approvals for all work related to the paving.

(b) Details:

SNCR to pave at-grade platform at the Stony Creek rail station at their cost - no cost to the County. Superintendent of Public Works is authorized to approve all work related to the platform paving.

(c) Previous Resolution Number:

n/a

(d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount:

n/a

Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract

*** as listed in budget and LOGOS**

Allen, Amanda

Subject: FW: Questions Regarding the Storage of Tank Cars

From: Ed Ellis [<mailto:EllisE@IowaPacific.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Kissane, Mary
Cc: Justin Gonyo; Simpson, Matthew
Subject: RE: Questions Regarding the Storage of Tank Cars

See answers below.

From: Kissane, Mary [<mailto:KissaneM@warrencountyny.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Ed Ellis <EllisE@IowaPacific.com>
Cc: Justin Gonyo <gonyoj@IowaPacific.com>; Simpson, Matthew <supervisor@horiconny.gov>
Subject: Questions Regarding the Storage of Tank Cars

Mr. Ellis:

As I'm sure you know, a Public Works Committee meeting has been scheduled for Friday October 13, 2017 to allow you to address the committee members regarding the storage of tanker cars. Some questions have arisen which the supervisors are hoping you could answer before the meeting. These questions are:

- 1) Will the cars in storage be clean cars or will they contain any residue, including hazardous residue? *They are clean, and do not contain any residue, hazardous or otherwise.*
- 2) Will the cars have hazardous placards or be marked hazardous in some way? *Once cars are cleaned by a qualified cleaning facility, the hazardous placards are removed.*
- 3) Will the cars have shipping papers, and papers that certify they are clean cars (if, in fact, they are) and are you willing to provide a copy of these papers to the County? *We can discuss what documentation is available from the owner, and we will do our best to provide it, but this activity is highly regulated and if the cars have no placards, they are clean.*
- 4) Are there state and federal regulations that need to be followed which address storage of tanker cars? *Other than normal railroad regulations under which SNC operates, there are no specific regulations for storage of non-hazardous cars.*
- 5) Whose responsibility will it be to ensure compliance with any such regulations? *SNC is fully compliant with state and federal regulations, and is regularly inspected by both New York and the FRA to confirm that we are compliant.*
- 6) What will the cars look like on the outside? *They are generally black, with four axles, eight wheels.*
- 7) How long will the cars be stored? *Until they are needed for service or are retired. We hope they are in storage for a long time, as the revenue provides financial support for maintaining the line.*
- 8) How will SNCR ensure that these cars will not be in storage indefinitely? *We hope they are in storage for a long time, as the revenue provides financial support for maintaining the line.*
- 9) How long is the contract with UTLX? *It is an "evergreen" contract meaning it continues until one party requests to terminate.*

UTLX is one of the best companies in the car leasing business, owned by Berkshire Hathaway which is one of the premier public companies in the world. They have their own maintenance and cleaning facilities, they build and rebuild cars and their reputation is impeccable. And they are one of our best customers in several locations.