

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
BRUNO
THOMAS
MERLINO
BRAYMER
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OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR LEGGETT
HEATHER BAGSHAW, DIRECTOR, TOURISM
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 24, 2023 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vz3tptS6jUk>

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Merlino absent*) to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Parks, Recreation and Railroad; DPW; and Solid Waste & Recycling agendas were distributed to those in attendance, copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Parks, Recreation and Railroad Action Agenda/New Business portion of the agenda which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,000 between Budget Code A.7110 413, *Parks & Recreation, Repair & Maint - Bldg/Property*, to Budget Code A.7110 120, *Parks & Recreation, Salaries - Overtime*, to cover storm/winter issues beyond September.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Merlino absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Merlino entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

2. To authorize a new agreement with Thurman Connection Snowmobile Club for use of the Railroad Right-of-Way between MP 68.30 (Town of Stony Creek) and MP 95.00 (Town of North Creek) for a term commencing upon execution and terminating April 15, 2024.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 12th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$2,500 to reflect receipt of funds awarded from the Town of Bolton occupancy tax.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda included the following item:

1. Swede Tower Roof Improvements - The last of the roof repairs would commence within the next month.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Thomas to perform the roof repairs. *(It was determined a motion was not necessary to authorize this work)*

There being no further Parks, Recreation and Railroad business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Department of Public Works Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize agreement with NYSDOT for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for PIN 1762.72, *Olmstedville Road (CR 19) over Marshall Brook Culvert*, in the Town of Chester (H427).
2. To establish Capital Project H427, *Olmstedville Road (CR 19) over Marshall Brook Culvert NY (PIN 1762.72)*, in the Town of Chester, in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Dickinson absent)* to approve the requests as outlined above; the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 12th Board meeting for Item #1 and Item #2 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize agreement with NYSDOT for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for PIN 1762.76, *Bay Road (CR 7) over Unnamed Water Course South of Lockhart Mountain Culvert NY*, in the Town of Queensbury (H428).
4. To establish Capital Project H428, *Bay Road (CR 7) over Unnamed Watercourse South of Lockhart Mountain, (PIN 1762.76)*, in the Town of Queensbury, in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Dickinson absent)* to approve the requests as outlined above; the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 12th Board meeting for Item #3 and Item #4 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To amend the existing grant with NYSDOT in an amount not to exceed increase of \$31,750 to add row incidental funding for PIN 1761.49, *Adirondack Bridge and Beaver Pond Bridge Replacements over Mill Brook*, in the Town of Horicon (H425).
6. To increase Capital Project No. H425, *East Shore Drive (aka Adirondack Bridge) and Johnson Road (aka Beaver Pond Bridge) Bridge Replacements over Mill Brook*, in the Town of Horicon, in the amount of \$31,750.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Dickinson absent)* to approve the requests as outlined above; the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 12th Board meeting for Item #5 and Item #6 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items commenced with the following being addressed:

1. Project updates - photos were distributed, copies of which are on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but no one was wishing to speak.

There being no further Department of Public Works business to discuss, Discussion Items section of the Solid Waste & Recycling agenda commenced with the following:

1. Organics Management Plan Final - The plan had been finalized and would be posted on the County website.

The following additional items not on the agenda were addressed:

- Household Hazardous Waste Days: To be held on Saturday August 26, 2023 with full registration.
- New York Focus article "New York Mulls New Trash Fee as Landfills Near Tipping Point": Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) had requested New York to adopt a statewide fee on every ton of trash not recycled or composted.
- Town Transfer Station Hauling Analysis: Consensus of the Committee was to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting service to produce a business plan.
- Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator: Update was provided.

Mr. Conover extended privilege of the floor:

Mr. Leggett expressed his appreciation to the Department of Public Works staff for completing the Olmstedville Road project.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board