

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
THOMAS
MERLINO
BRAYMER

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEAN MOORE, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
BRUNO
ETU

SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
SMITH
STROUGH
WILD

REPRESENTING REVOLUTION RAIL CO:

ROBERT HARTE
MOLLY MCCARTHY
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 21, 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=jFDocuNVRrA>

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:11 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu 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; and DPW 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 Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Parks, Recreation and Railroad agenda which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a new contract with South Warren Snowmobile Club to provide snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment for a lump sum of \$27,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.
2. To authorize a new contract with Hague Sno-Goers to provide snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment in a lump sum of \$9,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.
3. To authorize a new contract with Northern Warren Trailblazers Snowmobile Club to provide snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment in the Town of Warrensburg and Town of Bolton for a lump sum of \$27,000 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating April 31, 2026.
5. To authorize a new contract with Thurman Connection to provide snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment in the lump sum of \$27,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize a new contract with Northern Warren Trailblazers Snowmobile Club to continue use of a trail that

crosses County property in Warrensburg and Bolton.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Merlino 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 (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. To authorize an agreement between Warren County and Charles Albertson of Saratoga Snowmobile Association for snowmobiles for the use of the railroad Right-of-Way between MP 55.89 to MP 58.65 for a term commencing upon execution and terminating April 15, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

7. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$358.42 to reflect receipt of funds from the WCSWCD Community Conservation Fund for Spring Zing 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu 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.*

8. To authorize submission of a grant application to The Glen and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to support Homeschool, School and Public Programs at Up Yonda Farm for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

9. To authorize submission of grant application to the Town of Bolton in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for Hobby and Special Interest Programs at Up Yonda Farm for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *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 items:

1. Trunk or Treat at Up Yonda Farm: Update on community attendance was provided.
2. Revolution Rail - Ridership Report: Robert Harte and Molly McCarthy, *representing Revolution Rail Co.* provided an update on ridership and past events.
3. RFP Railroad: One proposal received.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to award bid and authorize a new contract with Revolution Rail Co. Adirondack, LLC for use of the short line railroad tracks and buildings (stations and out-buildings) owned by Warren County pursuant to the terms and provisions of specifications of (WC 62-23) and proposal for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2028, following discussion Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried for five-year contract with Revolution Rail (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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

1. To authorize a new contract with the lowest responsible bidder for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications of (WC 72 - 23) and proposal for a term commencing upon execution and terminating December 31, 2024, with two additional one-year extensions.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To increase Capital Project No. H410, *Peaceful Valley Road Culvert Replacement Project*, in the Town of Johnsbury, in the amount of \$145,769.60.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu 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.*

3. To increase Capital Project No. H421, *Call Street (CR 32) & Corinth Road Rehabilitation Project (CR 28)*, in the Towns of Lake Luzerne and Queensbury, in the amount of \$55,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu 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.*

4. To increase Capital Project No. H376, *Hudson Street over Mill Creek Bridge Replacement Project*, in the Town of Johnsbury, in the amount of \$16,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu 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.*

5. To authorize a new contract with Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) for the use of the County fuel system for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating upon mutual agreement, contingent upon CDTA being determined to be a tax exempt entity.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Merlino 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 (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is 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 was called for, but there was no one was wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Bruno and Etu absent*), Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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