



TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:30 AM

IN ATTENDANCE (Public Works Committee)

Gary Hammond, Commissioner
Richard Perkins, Deputy Commissioner
Ellen Pratt, Sustainability Manager
Barbara Cushman, Secretary to the Commissioner
Mike Roberts, Public Works Committee Chairman
William Standinger, Public Works Committee
Cliff Balliet, Public Works Committee
Dale Weston, Public Works Committee
Marté Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes for the March 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Mr. Weston made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Balliet seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written.

SOLID WASTE

1. Ms. Pratt stated that revenue was increased based on a higher percentage of her position being focused on recycling.
2. An informational article is currently in process to educate people on recycling.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Mr. Hammond stated that lawns around the county office buildings that were damaged over the winter were repaired.
2. Mulching was done at the various County Buildings.
3. Plows and salters were removed and stored for the summer.
4. The mowers were serviced and readied for use.
5. The handicap rest room on the 1st floor of the County Office Building was painted.
6. Floor tiles that had been water damaged were replaced at the HHS Building.
7. The sign at the DPW facilities is being repaired.
8. A topsoil shaker was fabricated in house.
9. One work station for the Owego Town Hall was built and installed.



HIGHWAY

1. The acrow bridge and detour were removed on West River Road.
2. Some cold patching operations were completed. The asphalt plants are now open so we will be switching to hot mix for patching.
3. Tree trimming operations were completed on Oak Hill Road.
4. Ditching operations were done on Glenmary Drive and Stanton Hill, East River, Wilson Creek Roads.
5. A culvert on Michigan Hollow Road was indefinitely closed due to failing beams. The acrow bridge will be installed next week. This culvert has been submitted to the Bridge NY program.
6. Park Settlement Bridge was evaluated and a failing pier was discovered. It is anticipated that this will be repaired sometime this summer.
7. We are donating some unused 10' pipes to the Town of Owego to enable them to reopen Lisle Road.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Mr. Perkins stated that construction on West Creek Road over W Branch Owego Creek Bridge will begin in July.
2. Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project Phase VII is under design phase in our office.
3. We are currently waiting for an analysis of core samples taken from Talcott Street Bridge piers.
4. We have submitted 3 culverts and 3 bridges to the Bridge NY program.
5. Our road program for 2021 includes a portion of East River Road, a portion of Oak Hill Road, and a portion of Corporate Drive from the railroad tracks to the V&S sign. An increase in CHIPS funding is anticipated.
6. The Cooler/Freezer replacement at the Public Safety Building was rebid. One bid was received and a resolution is included to award the project to Tri County Refrigeration.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Mr. Hammond stated that the north face stairs of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building have deteriorated to the extent that something has to be done. After some discussion, the committee agreed that removal of the stairs would be the best option.
2. Mr. Hammond stated that a wash bay is needed. An area in front of the Public Safety Building would be an ideal location with municipal sewer and water. This area would also be large enough for a new Buildings and Grounds facility including an area for climate controlled records storage. After some discussion, the committee expressed an interest in seeing a preliminary design.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension has purchased a farm in Spencer and will be vacating their space within the County Office Building.

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4. Grant funds are available for low income municipalities. A street sweeper/catch basin cleaner could be used by multiple municipalities for minimal investment as a shared service. After some discussion the committee agreed that this was a good idea and committed to the Tioga County portion of this piece of equipment.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amend Capital Budget and Transfer Funds and Award Cooler/Freezer Replacement

Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Hammond", is written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works