

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, James M. Kulisek, Michael D. Paduch,
Paul Ruskiewicz, Peter V. Tuohy, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Thomas J. Faggione, Legislator
Kathy A. Stegenga, Legislator
Janet Sutherland, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Wayne Booth, Deputy County Executive
Harry Porr, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney
Steve Gross, Commissioner, Human Resources
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis B. Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Engineering Division
James S. Brooks, Deputy Commissioner, Infrastructure Services
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:36p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution confirming appointment, by the County Executive of James S. Brooks as Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Porr stated that the former Parks Commissioner left the county over a year ago and at that time Mr. Viebrock, Commissioner of Public Works was appointed to run the parks. They then advertised for a new Parks Commissioner, received about 60 resumes, reviewed them several times but no candidate was outstanding. Mr. Viebrock then remained Acting Commissioner of Parks until he resigned in September. Mr. Brooks, the Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services became a temporary fill-in who has handled the position with excellence which gave everyone an opportunity to see the high quality of his work. Mr. Porr added that Mr. Brooks stepped up with the building project as well as the parks; therefore, they feel he would be an excellent Parks Commissioner. Furthermore, the Personnel and Compensation Committee voted unanimously to support this.

Mr. Paduch stated that he made several comments about this at the Personnel and Compensation Committee meeting and it is nothing personal against Mr. Brooks, but there is no mention about parks in his resume; therefore, he does not see a connection with this position.

Mrs. Bonelli commented that she supports Mr. Brooks appointment and thinks he has tremendous expertise in management and what needs to be accomplished.

Mr. Paduch stated that if Mr. Brooks gets appointed he will need assistance in parks programs so that the parks will always be up and running at 100%.

Mr. Porr agreed.

Mr. Cheney reiterated that there is a masterplan which was written in 2000 and he would hope that when it comes to budget time, they see money for the parks so that they can update the masterplan for the future of the county and to support the needs of the residents.

Mr. Brooks agreed with Mr. Cheney and stated that one of his first initiatives would be to update the masterplan.

Mr. Kulisek referred to the Administrative Code and clarified that Mr. Brooks would oversee not only the county park but parks in other municipalities.

Mr. Brooks stated that is correct and it is something he enjoys doing.

Mr. Kulisek stated that he is hesitant to support this because there is nothing in Mr. Brook's resume that includes parks.

Mr. Porr pointed out that Mr. Brooks would serve under the County Executive; therefore, if he does not get the job done, he will back with another candidate.

Mr. Vero commented that at the Personnel and Compensation Committee meeting, it became evident that Mr. Brooks' background in construction is going to be a plus since there are upcoming projects at the parks.

Mr. Booth stated that Mr. Brooks has a lot of training which has previously lacked in the parks department and understands the importance of it.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature requesting the New York State Department of Transportation install a traffic control device on State Route 17K in the Town of Montgomery, New York at the Valley Central High School entrance, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Chairman Brescia stated that he presented this last Friday at the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting with the superintendent of schools. There is a dangerous situation at the Valley Central High School near the exit so this resolution asks that the State move forward with installing a traffic control device on State Route 17K in the Town of Montgomery. He added that the resolution was amended last Friday so that a few senators and assemblymen were added. He asks that everyone support this because it is a dangerous situation.

Mr. Denega commented that he and Mr. Ewald support the resolution.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution authorizing Right-of-Way dedication of a parcel, as described on maps, "Orange County Dedication, CR 11 – Town of Wallkill, Orange County, New York", totaling 0.455+/- acres (tax map 69-1-64.322) a parcel of Real Property situated in the Town of Wallkill, in connection with a Stewart's Shop, for the required design criteria (road width) along CR 11 (Mount Hope Road), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this request is straightforward and there are no fees associated.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for Strength Paving, \$1,300,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Denega explained this is an annual paving request for strength paving in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 to maintain the county roads.

Mr. Paduch asked if there is a balance on the account.

Mr. Ewald replied there is \$6,700.00 left from last year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for Contaminated Soil Removal at various Orange County locations, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Ewald stated this is an annual request for contaminated soil removal at various Orange County locations but is primarily used for the Department of Public Works location. There was contamination under the oil tanks that occurred in the late 1990's that they have been treating, monitoring and reporting to the DEC.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for Building Equipment Replacement at various Orange County locations, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Brooks explained this year the plans are to provide a new grinder system at the jail because there has been a constant problem with items that the inmates flush down the toilet which ends up causing havoc in the Florida Treatment Center. He is proposing a new grinder system with enclosed shed above the existing pit and the DPW staff will assist in building it. Furthermore, he would like to spend \$15,000.00 to upgrade the control panels at the jail. There is \$6,000.00 left in the account from last year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for Building Capital Improvements, \$500,000.00 (bonding) seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Brooks stated there are a few improvements that need to be done. Some of the larger ones would be to move out of Fulton Plaza as well as 18 Seward Ave so space can be renovated and the HVAC system which needs to be upgraded. The other items that need to be replaced are the RTU's at the Surrogate Court because they are 25 years old and breaking down and the cooling tower at the court house. He pointed out that the cooling tower is deteriorated and the metal is rusting. Currently, there is \$270,000.00 left in this account.

Mr. Kulisek asked what type of water treatment is used for the cooling towers.

Mr. Brooks replied treatment is mandated by New York State and there is a vendor that comes once a month to treat the water.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for Asbestos and Lead Removal, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Brooks stated the county has been funding this request every year and most of the expenditures have been at Emergency Housing or 18 Seward Avenue. There is \$2,300.00 left in the account from last year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Brooks addressed the last agenda item, an update on the Government Center. He explained that Mr. Titsworth and Mr. Razzano are great assets to the move and without them it would not be as smooth as it is. They are reaching the end of the process, this week the Budget Department, Ethics and Human Rights will be moving in followed by the Finance Department, Real Property and then to move in last will be the County Clerk. He added everything is on time and on budget.

Mr. Kulisek asked if a warranty period has begun.

Mr. Brooks replied the warranty period will begin at substantial completion which is at the end of September.

Mr. Ruszkiewicz asked if there is a time frame for when the County Clerk and the DMV will move in.

Mr. Denega replied they will be moving the first or second week in March.

Mr. Paduch asked if the window in the Chamber that broke was covered under insurance.

Mr. Brooks replied the window cost \$9,500.00 and much of the cost was the lift which was not covered.

Mr. Denega stated it was an act of vandalism.

Mr. Paduch commented that he heard it was a stress fracture.

Mr. Brooks stated there was no indication of a stress fracture, someone threw or shot something at the window.

Mr. Paduch asked who determined that.

Mr. Brooks replied the Sheriff's Department looked at it and noticed an impact point.

Mr. Cheney asked if it was turned into the insurance company.

Mr. Brooks replied the county is self-insured.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the records from the County Clerk's Office will stay in storage or move into the new building.

Mr. Brooks replied all the records will be moved to the Government Center.

Mr. Kulisek confirmed that the parking lot is complete and asked what the status is on the overflow parking.

Mr. Denega replied that they are looking at getting the expansion parking permitted and the County Executive is making that a priority. He stated it is a separate project from the building.

Mr. Kulisek then asked when all the contractors will be done.

Mr. Brooks replied there are a few working at the courthouse but for the most part, everyone is done.

Mr. Denega mentioned that he will return to the committee to request funding for the paving of the overflow parking lot.

Mr. Cheney asked what was included in the site plan for that area.

Mr. Denega replied that it is considered a separate project, that is why they did not pave it.

Mr. Cheney clarified that since it is unpaved they will not change the porosity of the surface; therefore, no retention is needed.

Mr. Denega stated once it is paved, that will change and the permit will come into play. He added that once the weather clears they can open the lot as it is now, but for safety purposes it is currently closed off.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.