

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, James M. Kulisek,
Joseph J. Minuta, Michael D. Paduch, Peter V. Tuohy

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harry Porr, III, Acting County Executive
Wayne C. Booth, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis B. Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Engineering Division
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works
Scott Razzano, Director of Professional Services, Buildings and Grounds
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Ruskiewicz who was absent.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with the first agenda item which was an update on the Government Center. He stated that the signage for the building is in the process of going up, the lobby floor was coated over the weekend and one more coat will be done over Presidents' weekend. He added that the ditch outside between parking lots has been cleared and trimmed down.

Mr. Benton commented that he never knew there was a pipe near the bridge and asked what it was for.

Mr. Titsworth replied that the village thinks it is an old sewer lateral from the jail that they intend to cut out.

Mr. Paduch asked how long it will take for the signage to be complete.

Mr. Titsworth replied it should be complete by the end of this week.

Mr. Minuta pointed out that the ceiling in the Legislative Chamber has not been repaired and there are a few holes on the walls.

Mr. Titsworth stated that he will get it looked at.

Mr. Kulisek asked whether there have been any heat issues or complaints since there was a "cold snap".

Mr. Titsworth replied that complaints are constant whether there is a "cold snap" or not because everyone has a different opinion of whose cold or warm. There have been no issues with the boilers.

The next agenda item was a brief discussion regarding the Government Center landscaping and employee amenities.

Mr. Denega explained that the area beyond the second parking lot where the jail used to be was questioned and they are going to look into it, so it can be considered for county employee use.

Chairman Brescia suggested that a tall fence be put up so employees can walk and enjoy it.

Mr. Denega stated that they were thinking of creating a passive area where people can walk during lunchtime along with some benches. It is in the discussion phases now and then they will draw up some plans as well as survey the area.

Mr. Benton suggested that if a fence is going to be put up, that the residents on that street should be asked whether they like the fence or they would consider it ugly and take it down.

Mr. Denega stated that he will keep the committee informed as plans progress.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request to enter into Supplemental Agreement #3 with the New York State Department of Transportation to increase funding for Capital Project No. 725. The said agreement will increase funding for construction costs along the Heritage Trail, Segment #2 – D033884 by \$89,990.00. Supplemental appropriation of \$89,990.00 required (\$71,992.00 federal funds and \$17,998.00 to be borrowed by County. Once approved, funds to be added to existing Capital project No. 725 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Amodio stated that they received notice in December from the New York State Department of Transportation stating that they were repurposing the \$89,990.00 from another project, not from a county project. The monies will be added to the Heritage Trail construction Segment No. 2 because it is a high priority project and will be going to bid.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request for supplemental appropriation for proposed Capital Project No. 104 in the 2019 approved Capital Plan for the purchase of Parks facility equipment and turf equipment to further enhance Parks operations, \$200,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio explained they received a request from the Parks maintenance supervisor for two pieces of equipment which has been approved to be purchased in the amount of \$195,000.00. One is a pick-up truck with a plow which will replace a 2003 truck with over 138,000 miles on it, and the second piece of equipment is a utility vehicle for the Heritage Trail maintenance purposes.

Mrs. Bonelli thanked Mr. Amodio for the supportive documentation that was attached to the legislative request because it was helpful.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton asked Mr. Amodio if he will come back to the committee for approval of the \$140,000.00 for the equipment when the list gets itemized. He stated that even though the monies are in the capital plan, the committee would like to know what is being purchased.

Mr. Amodio replied no, they are still looking at other facilities where there may be concerns where monies are needed; therefore, they may split it between equipment and facility equipment.

Mr. Benton clarified that they will be coming back to the committee throughout the year in order to use those monies.

Mr. Amodio stated that he does not think so.

Mr. Benton pointed out that just because the monies are in the capital plan does not mean it is 100% authorized to use at any time.

Mr. Kulisek stated that the resolution is for \$200,000.00.

Mr. Benton stated that is why he is wondering whether they should amend the resolution to \$60,921.24 because that is the exact amount needed for the two pieces of equipment being requested.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to rescind the original motion, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to amend the original request to read \$61,000.00 instead of \$200,000.00, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Motion carried. All in favor of the request as amended.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation for improvements to various County Park facilities. This is project No. 106 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$355,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio reviewed the list of improvements (see original minutes) that was emailed last Friday and stated that he will have a more detailed list for the Ways and Means Committee meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Kulisek requested a more detailed list of equipment.

Mr. Brooks stated that he can get the numbers for the committee meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Paduch mentioned that he is going to wait to approve this request until he sees the numbers.

Motion carried 4-3-1 with Legislators Bonelli, Tuohy, Minuta, and Cheney voting in favor of, Legislators Benton, Kulisek, Paduch voting against and Legislator Ruskiewicz was absent.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation for the purchase of various golf course equipment at the Hickory Hill Golf Course to further enhance operations. This is Project No. 108 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Amodio stated that this request is for various equipment at the Hickory Hill Golf Course and reviewed the list with the committee (see original minutes). He pointed out that the mower parts are hard to get and the average life of them is about 3,800 hours.

Mr. Kulisek moved to amend the request to \$140,000.00 instead of \$150,000.00, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor of the request as amended.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation for irrigation system improvements at the Hickory Hill Golf Course. This is Project No. 109 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$90,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Amodio explained that the existing irrigation operating system is currently 27 years old and no longer operates the way it should. It requires a lot of manual operation for the system. In 2016, they purchased some satellite radio heads and upgraded the pump system control panel, but the actual operating system will cost approximately \$90,000.00 which will be going out for an RFB.

Mr. Minuta asked what is wrong with the system.

Mr. Amodio replied that it does not operate the way it is supposed to.

Mr. Brooks stated that the infrastructure no longer works properly and needs to be turned on and off individually. These monies will allow the system to run properly with new software.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Kulisek who voted against.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation for the purchase of various golf course equipment at the Stony Ford Golf Course to further enhance operations. This is Project No. 111 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$115,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio stated this request is similar to the Hickory Hill request and reviewed the equipment list (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation for irrigation system improvements at the Stony Ford Golf Course. This is Project No. 112 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio explained this request is also similar to Hickory Hill except this system is 20 years old and no longer operates the way it should. This is more expensive because more satellite radios' and a pump station needs to be purchased.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request for supplemental appropriation for deck replacement at the Hickory Hill Golf Lodge. This is Project No. 114 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$90,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio stated that this deck is original to the building, so it is 27 years old.

Mr. Brooks added that it was his idea to have the deck replaced with a concrete surface rather than wood since the surface is flat as well as a smaller retaining wall. This will last much longer than the wood that is maintained every year.

Mr. Tuohy asked if it is the same size as the current one.

Mr. Brooks replied it will be a little bigger than it is now.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the 2018 Parks budget as a result of a litigation settlement. Funds will be used for playground improvements at Harriet E. Space Park in the Town of Deerpark, \$40,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Brooks stated that this relates back to the millennium pipeline, so the money was earmarked for Deerpark. The county has received the monies which will be expended to Deerpark for the purchase of playground equipment.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega addressed the committee with the next agenda item regarding an update on Solid Waste and Recycling. He stated that as of last Friday, Mr. Hammond is no longer employed by the county and they are interviewing for his position.

Mr. Minuta moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Benton.
All in favor.

Committee entered into executive session at 4:29 p.m.

Mr. Paduch moved to leave executive session, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Committee left executive session at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Cheney stated that relative to the update on solid waste and recycling, he thinks one of the biggest things that needs to get done is the recycling contract.

Mr. Denega explained that they went into an interim contract for four months for recycling after receiving the notice from the contractor stating that there will be an increase in tipping fees. They then put it out to bid and did not receive any for recycling, so they now have Mr. Siljkovic interviewing each one of the potential contractors on the list to find out how this can strike their interest. He added that they are thinking it may be a one-year contract with extensions.

Mr. Cheney asked what kind of investment the contractor must make.

Mr. Denega replied normal rolling stock and hauling. He stated that they want to continue to do this process at the lowest prices possible.

Mr. Cheney asked when the proposals will be sent out.

Mr. Denega replied some time in February.

Discussion continued regarding different options for lowering the hauling costs.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 for computer hardware, plotters and software to support DPW services. This is a new capital project and will be offset by reducing the Logtown Bridge Replacement capital project by \$300,000.00 which was approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as proposed Project No. 41. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

(WITHDRAWN AT 12/17/18 PHYSICAL SERVICES & 12/18/18 WAYS AND MEANS FOR 1 MONTH)

Mr. Denega stated that this request was withdrawn last month because more information was requested. He met with the IT Department and they reviewed as well as discussed, the five different software programs being used on the list (see original minutes) which he then reviewed with the committee. Furthermore, he is not looking to duplicate any services of any other software programs that the county is looking to bring into anywhere else. It was agreed upon to move forward on all five programs and confirm the costs with the IT Department. The cost of the computers needed was decreased from \$3,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and the one thing added was dedicated servers for more space.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request to authorize the the County Executive to enter into Supplemental Agreement #3 with the New York State Department of Transportation to amend the existing Agreement for Engineering, ROW and the Construction and Inspection of Grove Drive Bridge, Town of Tuxedo. Supplemental Agreement #3 includes additional Marchiselli funds, reduction the overall County Share for Capital Project No. 486. State share from \$490,650.00 to \$649,924.00 for an increase of \$159,274.00; County share from \$375,915.00 to \$216, 641.00 for a decrease of \$159,274.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega stated that he will let Mr. Ewald handle this request, but first he would like to point out that this agenda item and agenda item G are for the same project and suggested that they do them one after another.

Mr. Ewald explained that this request is to accept additional state revenue and decrease the county share for a bridge project in Tuxedo. The project is federally funded; 80% grant federal and the Marchiselli funds are an additional 15%, so currently the county share is 5% of the total project cost.

Mr. Benton asked if this is the little bridge over the river.

Mr. Ewald replied yes, it is over the Ramapo directly across from the Tuxedo Park entrance. He stated that it is a complicated bridge.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for the replacement of Grove Drive Bridge located in the Town of Tuxedo. This funding was not approved under the 2019 Capital Plan but will take the place of proposed Project No. 53, Maple Glen Bridge. Upon approval the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 486. County share increases to \$735,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Mr. Denega stated that they just received the bids which came in a little higher than anticipated so in order to move forward with the project, they need to make sure they have the funds approved. He sees no reason to re-bid this as they had a good showing for the bids. There were two bidders who were within 2% of each other and then there were two bidders that were higher. They were all well-known contractors.

Mr. Kulisek asked the total of the project.

Mr. Ewald replied that legislative request states that the "county share is increased by \$735,000.00" and that would increase the total project cost to \$5,067,825.00. He stated that he met with the State at the Transportation Council meeting last Friday and they have money they need to obligate for this construction season, so they were excited to find a home for it. At this time, he is seeking to have the \$735,000.00 be approved for local funding, so they can award the contract and start construction. It is anticipated that he and Mr. Denega will come back to committee to decrease the local share and increase the federal share.

Mr. Tuohy moved to amend the resolution to read, "county share increased by" instead of "county shared increased to," seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Motion carried. All in favor of resolution as amended.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Building Capital Improvements at various Orange County locations. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 34. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$350,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Titsworth reviewed the list of projects (see original minutes) for which the funds will be used for in the amount of \$350,000.00.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Building Equipment Replacement at various Orange County locations. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 33. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega pointed out that the list attached (see original minutes) are the items they would like to purchase.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Asbestos and Lead Removal. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 32. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated that this is a yearly capital project for asbestos and lead removal and there are funds leftover from last year which will go toward the Seward Avenue building.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Strength Paving. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 65. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$1,300,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

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.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved the request to accept State Funds Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) for the replacement of Denton Bridge. Upon approval State award will be established and County share will decrease for Capital Project No. 457. State share increases to \$267,316.00; County share decreased from \$1,950,000.00 to \$1,682,684.00 for a decrease of \$267,316.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Ewald stated there was leftover CHIPS money that they were unable to capture because it was through the maintenance budget, so they are looking to apply it to the locally funded bonded bridge. It will decrease the bonding amount.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.