

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Acting Chairwoman
Leigh J. Benton, James M. Kulisek, Joseph J. Minuta,
Michael D. Paduch, Paul Ruskiewicz, Peter V. Tuohy

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
John S. Vero, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harry Porr, Deputy County Executive
Stacy Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Kerry Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.
Robert Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/
Environmental Facilities & Services
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning
Julie Richmond, Deputy Commissioner of Planning
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst
Burton Thelander, Orange County Pathways
Andrea Nilon, Orange County Citizens Foundation
John Allegro, Resident of Monroe
Dennis Buckley, Resident of Monroe

Acting Chairwoman Bonelli opened the committee meeting at 3:31 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was excused.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to create capital project to pave the back nine cart path at the Stony Ford Golf Course. Front nine cart path paving completed in 2019. This is Project No. 114 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$125,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Amodio stated this request is for phase II of the project. The front nine was done last year for both golf courses.

Mr. Paduch asked the final cost of the front nine.

Mr. Amodio replied it was around \$120,000.00.

Mr. Paduch asked if the back nine is the same square footage.

Mr. Amodio replied it is very similar.

Mr. Kulisek asked the current condition of the cart path.

Mr. Amodio replied both paths were last paved in the 1990's.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to create capital project to pave the back nine cart path at the Hickory Hill Golf Course. Front nine cart path paving completed in 2019. This is Project No. 113 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$125,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Amodio stated this is the same request as the previous one, just a different golf course.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to approve the request supplemental appropriation to create capital project for improvements to various County Park facilities. This is Project No. 110 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio explained they have identified culvert replacements on the Winding Hills roadway going into the park and reviewed the list of other improvements with the committee (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to create a capital project for parking lot and roadway improvements (micro-surface, paving and striping) to various County Park facilities. Locations for consideration: Plum Point, Winding Hills, Thomas Bull Memorial Park and sections of the Heritage Trail. This is Project No. 109 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Brooks stated that last year 75% of Plum Point was done so this is the second part of the paving plan. The main entrance road to Winding Hills is in bad shape; therefore, the damaged part will be removed and replaced with paving and the micro-surfacing will be from the front entrance down to the lake as well as two other sections subsequent to that next year or the following year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for request supplemental appropriation to create capital project for improvements as required at the Stony Ford Golf Course. This is Project No. 107 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$25,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Brooks explained that they have always fallen short when it comes to improvements for the golf course throughout the year; therefore, they would like to make the commitment to improve the bunkers at both places. There is a new product called capillary concrete that they are going to use. He stated they will eliminate any bunkers that are not essential and turn them into grass bunkers then improve all other existing bunkers by removing the existing sand, installing the drainage, adding capillary concrete and putting back the white limestone. He reiterated this is for both golf courses and will be done over the next three years.

Mr. Paduch asked how many bunkers there are.

Mr. Brooks replied there are 51 bunkers at the Stony Ford Golf Course, and they will only concentrate on the ones that are around the greens.

Mr. Amodio stated there are 26 to 28 critical bunkers around the greens.

Mr. Paduch then asked how many bunkers will be repaired.

Mr. Brooks replied four on each site.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to create capital project for improvements as required at the Hickory Hill Golf Course. This Project No. 106 in the proposed 2020 Capital Plan, \$25,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to enter into Supplemental Agreement #4 – D033884 with the New York State Department of Transportation to increase funding for Capital Project No. 725. The said agreement

will increase funding for Preliminary Engineering, Construction/Construction Inspection along the Heritage Trail, Segment #2 – PIN #8755.98 by \$1,250,000.00 (\$1,000,000 Federal Share and \$250,000 County Share) (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio stated that Chairman Cheney asked for a breakdown of the overall project which has been provided (see original minutes) and includes the amount of \$1,250,000.00. They estimate that federal share of the funding for Segment #2 which is 80% is \$6,764,792.00 and the other county share/outside sources is \$1,691,198.00. The process for the additional \$1,250,000.00 began in August of last year where they appeared before the Orange County Transportation Council and asked for the additional funding because of the IDA. Furthermore, they estimate the project will cost \$8.2 million, but they do have the proper funding if the cost goes over a little.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Thelander addressed the committee with presentation regarding the Orange County Pathways. He explained that the mission statement of the OCCF Pathways Committee promotes non-motorized transportation and pedestrian connections in Orange County, adjacent municipalities and counties through awareness, endorsement, and development of trails and walkways. The committee collaborates actively with elected officials, regulatory bodies, interested individuals and community groups to promote financing of an innovation in establishing these transportation options. He expressed the need for non-motorized trail options even though the sources are limited and showed the committee a map, so they have a better understanding of it.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to capital projects budget for Capital Improvements for the solid waste operations at the Orange County Transfer Stations #1 (Port Jervis) and #3 (New Hampton) (Paving). This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 75. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$550,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated this is a paving project for the two transfer stations: Port Jervis and New Hampton. The paving cost for Port Jervis will be \$173,00.00 and a little over \$200,000.00 in New Hampton and then an additional \$165,000.00 for concrete work at the New Hampton Transfer Station. They have estimates based on their non-highway paving bids from last year, but estimates, for the new bids have not yet been received.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The next agenda item was a brief discussion regarding County Route 44 Safety Concerns.

Acting Chairwoman noted that at the last legislative session, Mr. Allegro from the Town of Monroe addressed the legislature regarding concerns that are on this road. The legislature referred all concerns to the Department of Public Works for comments. She stated that she believes

the note Mr. Allegro submitted was reviewed by Mr. Ewald and pointed out that Mr. John Allegro and Mr. Dennis Buckley are in attendance.

Mr. Denega stated they received the request, had their engineering staff go out and do a preliminary review and they are still drafting a letter back to the concerned resident. He read some of the concerns to the committee (see original minutes).

Mr. Benton moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Building and Grounds Equipment at the Government Center. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 71. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Titsworth stated this request is for three Dodge cargo vans to replace the old vans.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Building Equipment Replacement and Installation at various Orange County locations. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 36. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Titsworth reviewed the Building Equipment Replacement list (see original minutes).

Mr. Paduch asked if the balance is for other items that are not listed.

Mr. Titsworth replied they are not sure what is happening with the Parry Building, so the funds are put aside for when a plan is in place. He stated they also are looking at the courthouse lighting control system that has been failing; therefore, they would like to use some of the funds to upgrade the LED's.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for ADA Improvements at various Orange County locations. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 53. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Denega stated this is another project to assure funds are available when issues arise.

Mr. Titsworth pointed out that there is a lift at the 1887 building that has worked intermittently for years and the company has finally solved the issue, so there is no need for a replacement. There is another lift in the Newburgh Armory building with issues that needs to be fixed.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Asbestos and Lead Removal at various Orange County locations. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 39. Upon approval a new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated this is an annual request to take care of asbestos issues.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to approve 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 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 43. Upon approval a capital project will be created, \$350,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Titsworth reviewed the list of Building Capital Improvements at various Orange County locations (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to approve the request approval of a Right-of-Way acquisition along the southerly side of Brola Road, through the lands of Pierre Ambrosino and Emily Ayoob (Tax Map parcel 13-1-30.12) in the Town of Walkill. Said acquisition was deemed necessary for the replacement of Maple Glen Bridge on said road, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Ewald explained this is a request for a property acquisition to acquire lands to allow for the reconstruction of the Brola Ridge which is also known as the Maple Glen bridge. They are looking to begin this spring. He added they will also realign the roadway to meet the current geometry.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.