

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018  
3:30 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Harry Porr, Director of Operations and Cost Control  
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney  
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works  
Brian Titsworth, Director of Professional Services for Buildings and Grounds/  
Dept. of Public Works  
Michael Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning  
Julie Richmond, Deputy Commissioner of Planning  
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director  
Larry Ronsini, Chairman, Beaver Dam Lake Protection Board

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:32p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Majority Leader Bonelli who was absent.

Mr. Church stated Ms. Richmond will review the topic but for background purposes the Transportation Council and the staffing of it is a significant function of the Planning Department and has been for several decades. Between staff, time, and the budget, it is the most meaningful part of the department. Periodically, he comes to the legislature regarding transportation issues because buses need to be purchased or money needs to be shifted which all comes out of a unit that is chaired by the County Executive and a few members which Ms. Richmond will explain. He added there are several units of the Planning Department and two of them are overseen by Ms. Richmond who is the Deputy Commissioner and they are the Transit Unit and the Transportation Council.

Ms. Richmond addressed the committee with a brief overview of the units by reviewing a fact sheet (see original minutes) which included, What is an MPO, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), **Permanent Voting Members:, Voting Members:, Permanent Non-Voting Members:,** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Working Program (UPWP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), **Understanding the Tip**, and Other Key MPO Products which included, **Public Participation Plan (PPP), Title IV and Air Quality Conformity (AQC) Determination.**

Mr. Kulisek clarified that the MPO encompasses more than the Orange County Transportation Council and asked if Poughkeepsie is involved.

Mr. Church stated that is correct and Dutchess County got their own MPO the same year that Orange County did.

Ms. Richmond added this is population driven.

Mr. Tuohy asked Mr. Church to point out the urbanized areas which are located on the map.

Mr. Cheney asked how much funding is received on an annual basis.

Ms. Richmond replied a five-year allocation of TIP is \$6 million.

Mr. Cheney asked if that includes the bus systems.

Ms. Richmond replied no.

Mr. Cheney asked if any decisions involving the Transportation Council rest with the County Executive.

Mr. Church replied no, it is done by consensus unless it is not unanimous. In the case of it being not unanimous, the County Executive would have the final say.

Mr. Paduch stated that he thought the County Executive was the only one who voted and has the final say.

Mr. Church explained the votes of the council have to be unanimous and if there is a hang-up the County Executive does have some final say.

Mr. Paduch moved to the request for supplemental appropriation to accept insurance proceeds, \$8,204.00, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio stated in November there was a motor vehicle accident that damaged one of the light poles at Thomas Bull Memorial Park. He referred it to Risk Management who went after the insurance company and had a quote submitted of \$8,204.00 which was accepted. He received the check.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with the next agenda regarding an update on the Government Center. He explained that the flood that occurred could have been worse but they had the right people in the right place when it happened so the damage was minimal. A subcontractor hit a sprinkler head but within two hours everything was put into motion immediately.

Mr. Touhy asked if they received any estimates on the work that was performed to fix the damages.

Mr. Titsworth replied, no it is too early to tell.

The County Clerk continues to move in and the deeds and file room opened for business this morning, there is a new package scanner for security in the main lobby and the courts furniture for Division III will start arriving tomorrow.

Mr. Touhy asked if security stays on site after 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, but there were here over the weekend for the flood clean-up.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$900,000 to increase existing Capital Project 852 and for improvements to the Facilities of Beaver Dam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. Funds to come from Beaver Dam Lake fund balance, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated they received bids last week and they came in higher but within reason. Procedurally there are funds but more monies need to be transferred in order to accept the bid. There was a public hearing process with the Comptroller's Office who approved up to \$3.7 million for spending. In discussion with the County Attorney's Office, they would like to try and move forward with this transfer of funds subject to the advice of the Comptroller's Office and potentially schedule a public hearing anticipating that it might be required. He does not want to waste any more time and if a public hearing is not needed, he will cancel it. Furthermore, he is hoping to hear from them within a week so that this can be approved at the next legislative session.

Mrs. Reed pointed out that this is a procedure and they want to make sure everything is set. If all is clear, the monies will be transferred and if not, the public hearing would be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kulisek clarified that the legislature would hold the public hearing.

Mrs. Reed stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to set a public hearing regarding Beaver Dam Lake for supplemental appropriation of \$9,000.00 for improvements on April 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.