

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018  
3:30 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman  
Kathy A. Stegenga, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Langdon Chapman, County Attorney  
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney  
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works  
Travis B. Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Division  
Brian Titsworth, Director of Professional Services for Buildings and Grounds/  
Dept. of Public Works  
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Michael Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst  
Mike Ventre, Budget Analyst

Acting Chairman Ruskiewicz opened the committee meeting at 3:32 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 absent.

Mr. Paduch moved the request for supplemental appropriation of \$215,000.00 (\$172,000.00 federal share; \$43,000.00 County share) to be added to existing Capital Project No. 725 (Heritage Trail – Hartley Road to City of Middletown). Funds to come from Federal aid and bonding, \$43,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Amodio stated this is a housekeeping issue. The legislative request came before the Physical Services Committee as well as the Ways and Means Committee in June of 2017 then in July of 2017 it went before the full legislative body and was approved. When the documents were going from department to department, the Schedule "A" was not attached and the capital project was never increased. The error was detected; therefore, it had to be resubmitted since it is a different year.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent.

Mr. Brooks addressed the committee with an overview of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. All committee members were provided with a blue folder that contained handouts and information on all of the parks (see original minutes) which included Algonquin Park, Blackburne Park, Brick House Museum, Cronomer Hill Park, D&H Canal Park, Farmer's Museum, Glenmere Park, Gonzaga Park, Hickory Hill Golf Course, Hill Hold Museum, Kowawese Unique Area at Plum Point, Neversink Valley Museum, Thomas Bull Memorial Park/Stony Ford Golf Course, Orange County Arboretum, Warwick County Park, and Winding Hills Park. The other half of the update included; ADA Compliance, RFP's Submitted, Safety Training, Heritage Trail, Amy Bull Crest Education Center, New Park Programs, Advertising Sponsorships, Museums, Golf League Presidents Meetings, Seasonal Employees and Citi Bike.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request authorizing the filing of an application for State assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program and Supplement Electronic Waste Assistance Grants and the signing of the associated State master grant contracts under the appropriate laws of New York State, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this request is to authorize the application for State assistance and the program is done four times a year.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of State funds for Multi Modal #4 Project IF 8MS519.30A Intersection of Route 94 and CR 69. The project was completed using Capital Project No. 410 Non-Highway Paving. Funding will increase the State share and decrease the County share, \$56,787.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Ewald explained this resolution is to accept State funds to pay back the capital project funds which were used for this project. This took place at the intersection of Route 94 and CR 69, approximately 300 feet to 400 feet was milled out and replaced with asphalt and grid. He added the monies will cover the exact cost for the project.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent.

The next agenda item was an update regarding Algoquin FEMA Dam Rehabilitation.

Mr. Ewald stated that Orange County received a FEMA grant for repairs to be made to the Algonquin dams for the upper and middle dams from damages received from Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. Since then an engineering consultant was procured and they have worked with FEMA in getting plans as well as the review process. His understanding is there was significant hold-up with SHPO because they had certain requirements and FEMA had certain requirements that conflicted. In

December of 2017, a request to FEMA was submitted for a time extension and to change the project to an "improved" project. A follow-up request was then received asking for additional documentation which was provided in March and at this point, he is still hearing to see if the extension was granted.

Legislator Vero left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution directing the Commissioner of Orange County Department of Public Works to prepare an application to the State Comptroller seeking consent for the expenditure of a maximum of \$5,000,000.00 for increase and improvements of the facilities of the Beaver Dam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Rehabilitation of Beaver Dam Lake Dam), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega explained that about a month ago, a public hearing was scheduled based on the fact they had bid results for the project and were going to request additional funds to be transferred so the excess funds from the Beaver Dam Lake could go toward the capital project. They anticipate that there will need to be another public hearing to transfer the funds and have been advised by the Comptroller's Office that the application needs to be resubmitted which requires funds that were not included in the first application that now need to be. The public hearing needs to be re-advertised and held again. Furthermore, he does not want the project to be held up so the proposed date for the hearing is May 22, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. by which would need the committee's approval. After the hearing the application can be submitted to the Comptroller's Office and he believes the delay would be up to eight weeks.

Mr. Ruskiewicz clarified that Mr. Denega can submit the application but not until after the public hearing.

Mr. Denega stated that is correct.

Mrs. Bonelli asked Mr. Denega why he would have to come back to committee after the public hearing.

Mr. Denega replied they would need a resolution from the legislature to authorize the submission of the application.

Mrs. Bonelli clarified that would go to the June 7<sup>th</sup> legislative session.

Mrs. Reed stated that is correct.

Mrs. Bonelli asked if there is a deadline for the \$1 million grant for the project.

Mr. Denega replied the \$1 million grant must be used before the end of the year for construction.

Mrs. Bonelli then asked if there is an opportunity to ask for an extension.

Mr. Denega replied yes, but in their opinion they need to show progress and that there is a contract in place before asking for one.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent and Legislator Vero who left.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for the Rehabilitation of Beaver Dam Lake on May 22, 2018 at 5:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent and Legislator Vero who left.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with the next agenda item which was an update on the Government Center. He stated the move in process for the county departments is complete including the County Clerk, the DMV is open for business, Corcraft will finish up tomorrow, and they are working on closing out all of the contracts with the prime contractors. There is still some security work to be done but everything else will be closed out.

Mrs. Bonelli asked what is left in the Parry Building since the County Clerk moved out.

Mr. Titsworth replied she has some files that did not fit here but they will be moved in the long-term.

Mr. Benton asked if Mr. Titsworth can give the committee a financial update.

Mr. Titsworth replied they will not have the exact numbers but can put something together.

Mr. Denega stated they are trying to get estimates together to potentially move some money from the construction budget.

Mr. Benton pointed out that any numbers they have will be good.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the sprinkler issue has been resolved.

Mr. Titsworth replied they are getting bills from the contractors and the issue has been resolved. The bills will be paid by the insurance company or Risk Management.

Mr. Kulisek then asked if there will be a report on the damages.

Mr. Titsworth replied that once they have all the invoices they can provide a report.

Mr. Paduch asked how many DPW workers are in the building during the day.

Mr. Titsworth replied during the day there are five on the grounds.

Mr. Paduch then asked if the parking spots that read, "DPW Parking" are temporary.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, they are permanent.

Chairman Brescia asked that the spots across the bridge for legislators not be forgotten. He stated that someone complained about speeding; therefore, he thinks it may be a good idea to get speed bumps put in.

Mr. Denega explained they put up "Do Not Enter" signs and speed bumps can become an issue with plowing but it is something to consider.

Mr. Titsworth stated he would like to put in a speed hump near the pathway by the bridge.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution appointing members of the "Orange County Airport Advisory Committee", a special committee of the Orange County Legislature (J. Vero, J. Kulisek, J. O'Donnell, H. Porr, E. Denega, G. Casale, J. Zock), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who was absent and Legislator Vero who left.

Chairman Brescia stated the changes are Mr. Denega who will replace Mr. Viebrock and James Zock who is already on an Airport Committee at the airport.

Mr. Benton asked if Mr. Zock has an airplane at the airport.

Mr. Kulisek replied yes, he does.

Chairman Brescia stated that Mr. Zock has been a pilot for years and is very active when it comes to the airport.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.