

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, L. Stephen Brescia, Laurie R. Tautel, Paul Ruskiewicz,
Joseph J. Minuta, Peter V. Tuohy

ALSO

PRESENT: Joseph F. Mahoney, Esq., Senior Assistant County Attorney
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:33 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Minority Leader Paduch who was absent.

Mr. Brescia moved the request approval of a Right-of-Way dedication along the westerly line of County Road 32 (Mill Street), through the lands of Tax Map parcel 12-1-16.2 in the Town of Cornwall. The current filed deed for this property (L.14168, P.891) still recites "along the centerline of Mill Street" and a 20' wide dedication along the property is being proposed for County highway maintenance and use, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Ewald stated this request is to accept an offer dedication from parcel 12-1-16.2 in the Town of Cornwall for highway maintenance usage. The parcel is across from Harold Avenue on County Route 32.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The second agenda item was an update on Highway Projects – Roads and Bridges. Mr. Cheney asked that Mr. Ewald briefly update the committee with the status and schedule of the Department of Public Works ARPA projects.

Regarding roads, Mr. Ewald explained that they have continued with the Pavement Management Program so they can analyze and calculate the condition of the roadways every year. It is used as a guide for Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Program. Currently, the average county road pavement condition index is 89 out of 100 which is good. It is very important to keep it in the upper 80's range for the ride ability of the roads and the safety of the traveling public as well as cost of maintenance. Last year, 28 miles of county road was resurfaced and this year, they are anticipating resurfacing 25 miles. He stated that the roads have stayed in good shape. He then gave the committee an update on bridges and referred to a handout regarding the Bank Street Bridge and Lake Horton Bridge (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office). He explained that there have been various bridge improvements done which include three bridges, barring, and joint replacement. All the

replacements/improvements were done in-house. This year the Powder Mill Bridge, Board Bridge, Graham Line Bridge, and Main Street #2 Bridge will be improved and/or fully replaced. Furthermore, there will be a bid opening for the Otisville Viaduct.

Mr. Tuohy asked if the pricing for materials was decreasing.

Mr. Ewald replied that he does not like to re-bid projects because he has not had good luck doing it in the past. The Main Street #2 Bridge Project is unique in the fact that it did not get many bids as the low bid was higher than the engineer's estimate whereas, on the Otisville Viaduct Project, the bid was very close to the engineer's estimate. He thinks there is a good chance that they will get better pricing.

Ms. Tautel requested a list of bridges with their ratings.

Mr. Ewald stated that he will provide that information via email.

Mr. Cheney asked Mr. Ewald to update the committee on the ARPA Projects.

Mr. Ewald reported that the first project is the Cromline Creek Pump Station. They have procured a consultant for it and are working through getting a contract in place. After that, they will have a kick-off meeting and the design should be complete within twelve months. The next set of ARPA funds is for highway equipment, Buildings and Grounds equipment, and Airport equipment. He stated that most requisitions have been submitted, they are working with the Department of General Services and Budget to get the PO's issued and then the equipment can be ordered. Regarding time, the contract will be in place by 2024 and funds will be spent by 2026, therefore, the equipment will be delivered on time as there is a two-year delivery on certain goods. The next project is the Newburgh Garage Replacement and the Mount Hope Garage addition. There was a pre-proposal walkthrough two weeks ago with the consultants and proposals should be received within a week. He does not have any concerns with delivery within the ARPA timeframe. Last is the morgue. Work has begun at the site, and there are no issues regarding meeting the deadlines.

Mr. Cheney stated that the next agenda item which is a **Resolution of the Orange County Legislature in support of the Town of Newburgh's opposition to the siting of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Landfill in the Town of Plattekill**, will be removed because it is something that is in the very early stages. The motion was based on a very early investigation (paper study with area photography) and some of the takeaways from what has been said is, "they have not commissioned a new study, we have not decided that a local landfill was feasible, and we have not determined a suitable location for a landfill." Two consulting firms were hired to do a feasibility study to determine if the sites that came about as a result of the original study were warranted, so he would like to hold off on this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.