

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 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, Paul Ruskiewicz,  
Peter V. Tuohy

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman  
Kathy A. Stegenga, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Mary Pat Smith, Assistant to the County Executive  
Langdon Chapman, County Attorney  
Stacey Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Dept. of Public Works  
Steven M. Gross, Commissioner, Human Resources  
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources  
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  
Gary Polhemus, Senior Sanitary Engineer, Environmental Facilities and Services  
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:31 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members with the exception of Legislator Ruskiewicz who arrived at 3:38 p.m.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with an update on the Government Center. The ceiling and electrical outlets were fixed in the Legislative Chamber as well as the wall which they touched up and new signs for the hearing impaired are in the review process with the company. SimplexGrinnell is still on site for testing and programming as well as SW24 who added the turnstile for employee entry along with additional cameras throughout the building. He added that there is nothing to report on the roof which is good considering the rain we've had lately.

Mrs. Bonelli commented that they have spent a lot of money on this building and everything looks very nice. She understands that there are still last-minute items that need to be fixed or completed, but there are signs made from copy paper on the entrance door that read, "DMV" and she would like to know why it is there and if there are plans to put directional signs out there because it looks bad.

Mr. Titsworth replied that they will get the appropriate signage.

Mr. Deenga asked if there are signs for the DMV in the contract.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, but the county still has a contract with the sign people, so he will discuss this with the County Clerk/DMV and find something that is more attractive.

Mrs. Bonelli stated that there should not be any papers signs on any windows or walls in the building.

Mr. Minuta agreed with Mrs. Bonelli's statements and asked if there is a Way Finding Plan as part of the services.

Mr. Titsworth replied no.

Mr. Kulisek asked if there is a central directory on the wall.

Mr. Titsworth worth replied yes, it will be mounted on the wall when it gets delivered.

Mr. Minuta pointed out that they are also supposed to have framed "You Are Here" signs throughout the building.

Mr. Titsworth stated that they have worked on the major spots but he is unsure of them being in every room so he will speak with Risk Management.

Mr. Paduch asked if there are any time frames or penalties for not having all the signs up.

Mr. Titsworth replied that the initial signage that was ordered was received and installed. When he says more signs are coming in, he means signs that were missed or other requests that were not part of the original order.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget to the Orange County DPW/Environmental Facilities & Services Landfill/Transfer Stations Leachate Management, \$290,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega introduced Gary Polhemus, Senior Sanitary Engineer, Environmental Facilities and Services. He stated that the Finance Department asked that this project be closed out because it has been aging. The intent is that the original capital project will be closed out and a new one started with the remaining balance of \$290,000.00. It is related to Leachate Management Solutions around the transfer station facilities. Chairman Cheney contacted him earlier today inquiring about the status on the consent orders because a lot of this is based on direction from the DEC. There is one consent order from the landfill which is in the process of getting the implementation method approved as well as separate ones involving the three transfer stations. A lot of the comments may not be completely confined to leachate, but for the most part a lot of them are related to leachate issues.

Mr. Polhemus reviewed a list of improvements that would be included such as; the design and construction of the leachate collection pad for the staging of loaded and empty waste trailers at the New Hampton facility, repair of the former transfer station area at the New Hampton Transfer Station to relocate for white goods for residentials, sanitary system for the tipping floor, and leachate collection items for the Port Jervis Transfer Station where the trailers are stored as well as stormwater improvements along with the Newburgh facility.

Mr. Denega added that they anticipate the project costing more in the future, but right now they can get these projects complete with the monies they have now. The DEC is happy with the process over the past couple of months.

Mr. Benton commented that they should not have a lot of leachate issues at the new transfer station in New Hampton.

Mr. Denega stated that there is a separate leachate issue that has to do with keeping the Wallkill River clean.

Mr. Polhemus stated that the DEC requested that some items need to be improved or repaired as additions to the original facility because it was designed to handle more situations and the market has not supported it. In order to accommodate some trailers that need to be staged on site, a proper staging area needs to be constructed.

Mr. Benton clarified that the Newburgh facility should not have any issues because they should be incorporated into the new design.

Mr. Polhemus stated that is correct. The two facilities that need the improvements are New Hampton and Port Jervis.

Mr. Minuta asked if the DEC is requesting these improvements or requiring them.

Mr. Polhemus replied that they are requiring it.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for the Rehabilitation of the Beaver Dam Lake Dam. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 852, \$175,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated that there were funds that were not released because they were under the Comptroller's approval for the project. There have been some changes that have occurred and based on the estimates received so far, they will need the rest of the funds that they were hoping not to have to release. The monies they do not need will not be used.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the money will be bonded.

Mr. Denega replied yes. He reiterated that they will only use the money that is needed.

Mr. Minuta asked if a change order is being requested for re-design.

Mr. Ewald replied yes.

Mr. Minuta then asked why the due diligence was not done in the beginning to understand what was there that they now must redesign it all over again.

Mr. Ewald replied that he is unsure of what originally took place. The initial design for this was in 2010.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of the Bowman Bridge Replacement in the Town of Blooming Grove, and preliminarily classifying the action as unlisted, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Ewald stated that this is one of the bridges that needs potential rehabilitation or replacement and is located on Cherry Hill Road in the Town of Blooming Grove. It has a 42-foot span with scour issues and the reinforced concrete deck is showing deterioration. The money would be for in-house design which is scheduled for 2021 construction.

Mr. Denega added that the bridge was built in 1947.

Mr. Cheney referred to number 13 of the SEQRA form (see original minutes) and asked if identifying wetlands or other waterbodies relates to just letter b.

Mr. Ewald replied that was the way they interpret it, but they can correct that.

Mr. Cheney then referred to number 15 which relates to endangered threatened species and asked if this carries over from the EAF mapper and they cut it off after a certain number of letters, but it did not include the ones on the map.

Mr. Ewald replied that it is populated on the mapper.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of Bowman Bridge Replacement in the Town of Blooming Grove. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 54. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$75,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Ewald stated this request is for the monies for design for the Bowman Bridge which will be done in-house, but also have a consultant for hydraulic purposes.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of the Lake Horton Bridge Replacement in the Town of Mount Hope, and preliminarily classifying the action as unlisted, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Ewald stated this request is to be lead agency for SEQRA for another bridge replacement project. Lake Horton Bridge is on New Vernon Road in the Town of Mount Hope and has a significant amount of traffic. The bridge has a 45-foot span and there are a few endangered species.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of Lake Horton Bridge Replacement in the Town of Mount Hope. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital plan as Project No. 43. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$125,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Denega stated this is the money portion of the request.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of the Pumpkin Swamp Bridge in the Town of Goshen, and preliminarily classifying the action as unlisted, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Ewald explained that this request is for lead agency for SEQRA for the Pumpkin Swamp Bridge which is located on Pumpkin Swamp Road in the Town of Goshen. The bridge has average daily trips of almost 3,500 cars a day and was built in 1974. It has a 63-foot long span and the deck is in poor condition.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of Pumpkin Swamp Bridge Replacement in the Town of Goshen. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital plan as Project No. 50. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$125,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated this request is for monies for consultant services.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of the County Route 44 Culvert Rehabilitation in the Village of Woodbury, and preliminarily classifying the action as unlisted, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Ewald explained this is to circulate for intent for lead agency under SEQRA for the replacement of the culvert on County Route 44 in the Village of Woodbury. Typically, culverts are a Type II SEQRA action, however; this one for access and maintenance reasons, they are looking to acquire an adjacent parcel. Once they have the mapping and proposal for the property acquisition, they will come back to the committee then close out the SEQRA.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for drainage improvements. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 37. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Ewald stated this is a semi-annual capital project for general drainage culvert replacements.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Cheney mentioned that the next agenda item for the Parks Department will be split into two separate requests (a1. and a2.)

Mr. Benton moved the request to create (4) four Skilled Laborer, Grade 8 positions, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Brooks stated that these four employees have gone above and beyond their initial job descriptions, so there were desk audits performed which showed that the positions are Skilled Laborer, Grade 8. He added that the employees have various job duties.

Mr. Gross explained that he originally looked at seven positions, but there were three vacant on the books that were not filled; therefore, the first thing that was done was filling those positions. He referred to a handout, Parks Department-Salary Impact for Laborer II Reclassification (see original minutes) and stated that as a result of legislative action will not cost as much as originally projected because the County Executive's Office agreed with filling the three positions. If

those positions are removed off the chart, it reduces the amount to \$16,400.00, not the \$31,000.00 that was listed.

Mr. Cheney clarified that three people have already been promoted to the skilled laborer position and then there are four more positions that are being requested that increase from laborer to skilled laborer.

Mr. Gross stated that is correct.

Mr. Cheney asked how many skilled laborers and laborers there will be in the Parks Department once this is done.

Mr. Gross replied that there will be a total of nine.

Mr. Tuohy clarified that these are full-time positions.

Mr. Gross stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request to create (4) part-time Park Attendant, Grade 5 positions, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Brooks explained that Parks has many seasonal positions that are utilized throughout the course of the year and after speaking with Mr. Amodio and the staff, the rate for the seasonals was high. There are four people that are willing to work annually which is 19 hours per week. He stated that they have lost several good workers because they wanted more consistency, so his thought process is to utilize four individuals part-time, 19 hours per week to help with all of the projects.

Mr. Gross stated that from his standpoint this brings into compliance the use of seasonals that are being used a little to liberally sometimes.

Mr. Cheney asked in what regard.

Mr. Gross replied hours of usage during a particular week.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to create a Capital Project for cart path paving and micro sealing the parking lot and drop-off circle at the Hickory Hill Golf Course. This project is not included in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan but would replace Capital Project No. 105, \$157,500.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.

Mr. Amodio stated this request is for the front nine car path at the Hickory Hill Golf Course. It is approximately 1,200 tons of asphalt at \$94.00 a ton which comes out to be

\$113,000.00, but they are requesting \$120,000.00 and the Micro Seal Parking/Drop-off Circle is estimated to cost \$37,500.00 which brings the total cost to \$157,500.00. He added that the last time this was repaired was in 1991-1992, when the golf course was built.

Mr. Minuta asked if the new paving will bring them into better compliance.

Mr. Amodio replied yes.

Mr. Ruskiewicz asked when the work will be complete.

Mr. Brooks replied it will be done this summer.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to create a Capital Project for parking lot and roadway improvements (paving & striping) to various County Park facilities. This is proposed Capital Project No. 110 in the 2019 Capital Plan, \$93,300.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Amodio stated that this project consists of 11 locations for the parking lot striping and referred to the spreadsheet that lists all locations (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request for supplemental appropriation to create Capital Project in the amount of \$115,000.00 to pave the front nine cart path at the Stony Ford Golf Course. The original estimated paving request was \$75,000.00 which will increase to \$115,000.00. This is Project No. 113 in the proposed 2019 Capital Plan, \$115,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio stated that this request is for the front nine at the Stony Ford Golf Course, estimated at 11,050 and it was last paved in the early 1990's.

Mr. Tuohy clarified that these funds will pave the whole front nine.

Mr. Amodio stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request for supplemental appropriation to increase Capital Project No. 737-19 in the amount of \$48,000.00 for the purchase of a 2019 Bobcat Excavator (\$42K), and upgrade Gator model from original request of January 2019 from

\$20,569.00 to \$26,236.00 (\$6K). This is proposed Project No. 104 (\$200K) in the 2019 Capital Plan, \$48,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Amodio reviewed the items with the committee (see original minutes).

Motion carried.

Mr. Brooks addressed the last agenda item which was an update on parks projects. He showed the committee pictures of all projects, repairs and replacements in each park (see original minutes for flash drive) such as; ADA compliant rehabilitation of the bathrooms at Hickory Hill Golf Course, ADA improvements at Winding Hills Park (before and after), the cart path that will be replaced at Hickory Hill Golf Course (current condition) as well as drainage improvements, electrical improvements at Thomas Bull Memorial Park and Cronomer Park, the work done so far on the Heritage Trail extension to Hartley Road, new standard for bunkers at the Hickory Hill Golf Course as well as improvements to the barn and parking lot, improvements to the Stony Ford Golf Course which included Hole 6, new benches at the Heritage Trail, the new hiking trails and dog park at Cronomer Park, new parking lot at the Arboretum, new sidewalks at the Hickory Hill and Stony Ford Golf Courses, outside storage section at Hickory Hill and refurbished shuffleboard courts and tennis court improvements at Thomas Bull Memorial Park.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.