

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, James M. Kulisek, Paul Ruskiewicz,
Peter V. Tuohy, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
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, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Michael Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst
Mike Ventre, Budget Analyst

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 Legislator Paduch who was absent.

Mr. Benton moved the request to accept donation of approximately 11.39 +- acres of lands, in fee title, from Plank Properties, Inc, to the County of Orange. These lands consist of two parcels in the Town of Newburgh, contiguous to Cronomer Hill Park, seconded by Mr. Touhy.

Mr. Church explained this request is to accept a donation from Plank Properties, Inc. of approximately 11.39 +- acres of lands, in fee title to the County of Orange. It is a remainder of land in a subdivision in the Town of Newburgh and they decided on a course of action that included some approvals from the Town Planning Board. He referred to several maps (see original minutes) and explained the parcels to the committee. This is not subject to SEQRA and he is recommending the legislature accept this donation without condition.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved the request to create a capital project for the purchase for various Parks equipment to further enhance Park operations, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Amodio stated they are looking to purchase three separate pieces of equipment. The first piece is a pick-up truck with a plow which will replace a 1999 pick-up with over 160,000 miles on it. The second piece of equipment is a Kubota front end loader which will be replacing a 1970 front end loader that is currently at Winding Hills and the last piece of equipment will replace a 2000 John Deere gator which is now 17 years old.

Mr. Vero asked if the old equipment will be surplused.

Mr. Amodio replied they will get very little money.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request to create a capital project for improvements to various County Park facilities, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Amodio stated this was put in last year's budget and was not acted upon; therefore, they are acting on it this year.

Mr. Brooks added that it will take at least three to four years to catch up on the preventive maintenance at the parks because it has not been done in over 20 years. He reviewed the list with the committee (see original minutes) and pointed out that a few projects need to be done right away.

Mr. Tuohy stated that the legislature bonded monies a few months ago for some projects and asked if they will be a part of this request.

Mr. Brooks replied these monies were put in this year's budget and he will be requesting another \$100,000.00 at some point. The monies will be used for preventive maintenance such as things that are broken or don't work. He stated the other funds that were bonded a few months ago will be used for projects that include engineering.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Fleet Replacement. Funding includes State share from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) in the amount of \$400,000.00. Funding is as follows: State \$400,000.00; Local \$100,000.00, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated they have a series of vehicles that need to be replaced because the majority of them are old and have high mileage. He reviewed the list of fleet replacement (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to submit application to the NYS Comptroller for an increase and improvement of the facilities of the Beaver Dam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District at a maximum cost of \$5,000,000.00; that such improvement is in the public interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the property which will bear the cost thereof; and if the cost of the proposed improvement is to be assessed in whole or in part against a benefited area, that all real property to be so assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefit property has been excluded, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega explained that there was one speaker at the public hearing last week who spoke in favor of the project and the next step is approving the authorization to submit the application to submit to the Comptroller's Office. He added that Mr. Ewald has been working with Mr. Mahoney on the application for submission.

Mr. Ewald pointed out that along with the application, he included the revised cost, the resolution, newspaper publications, minutes from the hearing and the property information.

Mr. Kulisek asked when the application will be sent to the Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Denega replied within a day or two after the legislative session.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Vero moved the request for supplemental appropriation to capital projects budget for Airport Buildings Maintenance and Repairs, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated this request is for the capital projects budget for a hangar at the airport. The roof is over 25 years old and has several soft spots and leaks which becomes a liability. He added they are working with the Department of General Services for pricing but the request needs to be approved first.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the next agenda item which was an update on the Government Center. He stated everyone is moved as they pretty much were last time, they are still doing punch list work in Division III for the courts, and signage is being worked on for the parking lot as well as inside the building that will identify rooms.

Mr. Cheney asked if there is a date for the courts.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, there is not a specific date.

Mr. Denega pointed out that they have been working on paving the expansion parking and signage for three more handicap parking spots even though the building meets the code. He

thinks there should be a few more spots. Also, they are researching speed humps/bumps because people are speeding through the parking lots.

Mr. Cheney requested that the speed humps be well marked after they are installed.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the interior signage was a part of the contract.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, it was not part of contract and he is unsure of why it was not included in the plans.

Mr. Kulisek then asked if the departments are settled in their assigned offices.

Mr. Titsworth replied yes.

Mr. Vero stated that the plan for the Board of Ethics is to return to Matthews Street.

Mr. Denega responded that he will double-check on that because his understanding is that Ethics is staying.

Mr. Kulisek asked what the status is on costs.

Mr. Denega replied that it will be a couple of months before he has the final numbers but he is confident that they will be within the budget. He is hoping to have more details next month or in July.

Mr. Cheney stated that he will keep Mr. Titsworth on the agenda until he receives the final numbers for the Government Center building.

Mr. Kulisek moved to adopt a Memorialization resolution supporting naming a portion of State Route 300 and Route 52 to the intersection of Route 300 and 17K in the Town of Newburgh be designated Gold Star Families Memorial Highway, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Kulisek stated this request is a memorialization supporting naming a section of State Route 300 and Route 52 to the intersection of Route 300 and 17K in the Town of Newburgh so it can be designated to the Gold Star Families Memorial Highway. He added that he would like to get this on the agenda for the legislative session before Albany finishes session so they have it.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.