

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**(REMOTELY)
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021
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
Thomas J. Faggione, Legislator
Kevin W. Hines, Legislator
Betsy N. Abraham, Legislative Counsel
Harold J. Porr, III., Deputy County Executive
Dan Bloomer, Director, Operations and Cost Control
Joseph Mahoney, ESQ., Senior Assistant County Attorney
Stacy Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.
Robert Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/EF&S
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Scott Razzano, Director of Professional Services, Buildings and Grounds
Deanna P. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation &
Conservation
Edward Magryta, Director, Airport
Dr. Jennifer Roman, Orange County Medical Examiner
Kathleen McCubbin, Deputy Medical Examiner
Jacki DeChiara, Director of Operations, Medical Examiner's Office
Dina Sena, Budget Analyst
Mike Dobereiner, Sr., Associate, Hyman Hayes Associates, LLC
Stan Hayes, Registered Architect, Hyman Hayes Associates, LLC
Jared Shue, Registered Architect, Hyman Hayes Associates, LLC
Alfred A. Fusco, Jr., Owner/President, Fusco Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
Jennifer Higinson, Site Designer, Fusco Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:32 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request confirmation of appointment to the Orange County Water Authority (W. Vradenburgh), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Porr stated the Orange County Water Authority has recently been reformulated which allows for seven members, so he is requesting this appointment be confirmed.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Improvements to County Park Facilities. This project has been approved under the 2021 Capital project Plan as Project No. 102. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Brooks explained this request is part of their maintenance and repair of the facilities at the park and this year they have earmarked the retaining wall at Hickory Hill, replacement of the floors at the Arboretum and the Boathouse which are original, bathroom partitions at both facilities as well as the siding. He added that the pumps are currently being replaced at the Hickory Hill Golf Course and he is also looking to replace the electrical wiring at Thomas Bull Memorial Park.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the request authorization to submit an application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), \$250,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Snow Removal Equipment Building (Construction) at the Orange County Airport. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 566, \$949,193.00 (Federal Share 90% - \$854,273.00; State Share 5% - \$47,460.00; County Share 5% - \$47,460.00) (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega clarified that this item is for the building construction versus last month when there was an agenda item for the design.

Mr. Magryta stated that this project relates to the SRA building which was a rebid from last year where the bids were too high. In speaking with the district office, they believe this will be moving forward and the grant will be received by the end of this month.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the request to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to Rehabilitate Transient Apron (Construction) at the Orange County Airport. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 562, \$686,986.00 (Federal Share 90% - \$618,287.00; State Share 5% - \$34,349.00; County Share 5% - \$34,350.00) (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Magryta explained this request is for the rehabilitation for the resurfacing of the transient apron which is in front of the terminal building and the fuel farm. This piece of pavement

has a lot of jet traffic from transient operations that come in and out of the airport and its useful life is well past its normal timeframe. He stated that this funding is for re-doing the pavement which will help with the charter business and increased jet traffic business.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the request to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) for Grounds Equipment at the Orange County Airport. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$13,000.00, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Magryta stated this is the second tranche of the funding being given to airports in relation to COVID-19. The first set of funding received last year was for \$69,000.00 and this year will be in the amount of \$13,000.00 which is open-ended.

Mr. Paduch asked if the Airport has any unspent grants and if so, will it be spent this year.

Mr. Magryta replied he will be reviewing this with the Budget Department as well as the Finance Department. He pointed out that the grant process with the FAA lasts four to six years, so a grant may be completed, but there is still the administrative closeout process that can also take several months to complete.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$350,000.00 to OCSD#1 to purchase equipment at a cost of \$350,000.00 (surplus). This project has been approved under the 2021 Capital Plan as Project No. 111. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega clarified that this request is for the Sewer District, not for the transfer stations.

Mr. Gray explained there are two items; a CCTV Truck Uplifting which would replace obsolete equipment and the other is a roll off truck with trade in as the old roll has reached its useful life.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request to authorize the conveyance of ownership of a County owned water main, and appurtenance thereto, located on Police Drive, Goshen, NY, from the County of Orange to the Village of Goshen, and authorizing the County Executive to execute any and all agreements necessary for this conveyance,

subject to the review thereof by the County Attorney for purposes of form and content, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega stated this is the road behind the Department of Public Works building and the county is not in the habit of owning water mains, they do several other things.

Mr. Ewald explained this was a water main that was constructed between 2015 and 2016 that goes from the rear entrance of Police Drive and runs along down past the Town of Goshen Highway Garage and terminates at the far side of Maple Avenue. He added that this request is for the transfer of ownership and maintenance of this watermain from Orange County to the Village of Goshen.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the request approval of a permanent drainage easement dedication along the northerly line of County Road 11 (Mount Hope Road), through the lands of Sounds of Hope Radio Network, LLC (Tax Map parcel 69-1-64.322) in the Town of Mount Hope. Said dedication was deemed necessary during the review process, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Ewald stated this is the request for authorization to accept a permanent easement for purposes of extending culvert pipes which run under County Route 11.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The last agenda item was a presentation regarding the Medical Examiner's Building Site Selection.

Mr. Dobereiner, Sr., addressed the committee with a power point presentation (see original minutes) which included the proposed Orange County Medical Examiner's location, and alternate location, the parking plan, and the alternative site potential development plan.

Before the committee members ask questions and/or make any comments about the presentation, Mr. Cheney asked if anyone from administration would like to add anything.

Dr. Roman agreed with everything that was voiced in the presentation and stated that they want a dignified facility that does not have an institutional look to it. They want people to feel as if they are coming to a doctor's office which at the end of the day is what this is.

Mr. Denega commented that there was a good team effort put into this especially when it came to evaluating all the choices.

Mr. Kulisek asked what kind of electric will be used for the building.

Mr. Dobereiner responded that there are full powerlines and the generators at the Emergency Services Building will be utilized.

Mr. Kulisek then clarified that all the mechanical areas will be on the same level.

Mr. Dobereiner stated that is correct.

Mr. Paduch asked if they are considering any "green" options to support energy costs such as solar panels.

Mr. Denega responded there is an upcoming meeting where this will be discussed. He stated they want the building to be as energy efficient as possible.

Mr. Minuta commented that with respect the layout, there is a bubble diagram that was created with specialty consultants. This lays out all the functional spaces on the plan which relates to site access. With respect to "green," the county has taken an initiative to become a LEED certified agency; therefore, that will go through a planning process. He then suggested that there be a masterplan of the property.

Mr. Cheney asked if additional funding is in place for a construction manager.

Mr. Titsworth replied yes, it is on the Ways and Means Committee meeting agenda tomorrow for the additional money to be added to the capital plan.

With no additional questions or comments, Mr. Cheney thanked Mr. Dobereiner for the presentation and stated that it is important that they keep the information flowing back to the legislature.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.