

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Dan Bloomer, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Anthony Weed, Assistant Undersheriff
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator
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
Robert Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Facilities and Services
Gary Polhemus, Senior Sanitary Engineer, Environmental Facilities and Services
Anthony Griffin, Principle Sanitary Engineer, Environmental Facilities and Services
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning
Edward Magryta, Director, Airport
Bill Fiovoranti, Director, Economic Development
Deanna Crawford, 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 Minuta who arrived at 3:33 p.m.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to amend Resolution No. 255 of 2018 to update the SEQRA determination to include modifications to the design for the construction of the Orange County Tactical Training Range 2, off Training Center Lane, within the Town of Goshen. This project was declared an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and determined that the action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Ewald explained this request is to amend the SEQRA that was previously approved for the Tactical Training Range because it was a 50-yard range and has been expanded to 100 yards which will be covered. The covering of it triggered stormwater treatment requirements, so they had to do onsite stormwater treatment that will discharge to the pond adjacent to it.

Mr. Cheney asked if this will require a larger pond or will the pond be adequate.

Mr. Ewald replied the pond was adequate.

Mr. Cheney suggested that next month Fellenzer Engineering address the committee with a presentation on the project and design.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved the request to adopt a resolution that will transfer funding from the Orange County Industrial Development Agency ("OCIDA") to the County of Orange for expenses associated with the Heritage Trail Project – Segment #2. Resolution No. 11 of 2016 stipulated that certain expenses were to be made by the Orange County Industrial Development Agency in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. It is now the understanding that the said Agency will not fund this project (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Brooks stated that the IDA funds are no longer available, and these funds are required to fund the project for Segment #2 which is from Hartley Road to the City of Middletown.

Mr. Kulisek clarified that this project did not fall under the umbrella of the IDA; therefore, they will not fund it.

Chairman Brescia stated that is correct, but he thinks Mr. Brooks still could have proceeded because this legislature acted on it based on the allocation. He added that he is not happy about this.

Mr. Kulisek asked where this leaves the legislature.

Mr. Cheney replied this request is to add \$1 million to their obligation on the project. He then asked Chairman Brescia if the IDA will take another look at this.

Chairman Brescia replied that they should take another look at it and Mr. Porr stated last week that he will go back to the IDA with the project.

Brief discussion continued regarding the bonding and whether the IDA will reimburse the Parks Department for funds that they no longer can contribute.

Mr. Ewald pointed out that if this request is not approved, the project cannot move forward.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution in support of a 2019 NYS Consolidated Fund Application (CFA) in support of site work and infrastructure improvements towards the redevelopment of County owned Camp

LaGuardia property in the towns of Chester and Blooming Grove (demolition cost, asbestos removal, roadway access and improvements), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega explained that this is for permission to pursue funding through Consolidated Fund Application (CFA) grants which Mr. Church's office had mentioned not too long ago. There is great interest in the Camp LaGuardia property, so he is to recoup any funds they can in order to make the property as saleable as possible.

Mr. Cheney asked if there have been any studies to date relative to the asbestos.

Mr. Denega replied yes, there was a study recently completed. They are waiting on some cost estimates to go in and remediate everything.

Mr. Kulisek asked when the demolition will take place, how much will be demolished, and what is being demolished.

Mr. Denega replied that they are still discussing that.

Mr. Minuta asked if testing was done on the property.

Mr. Denega replied yes, asbestos testing was done.

Mr. Minuta then asked if they are looking to do a full demolition or part demolition.

Mr. Denega replied they still have to work through and discuss it with the County Executive and the County Attorney's Office.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution finding that the proposed increase and improvements to the Orange County Sewer District No. 1 is in the public's interest and directing the administrative head of the District to proceed with such increase and improvements, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated that this first item has to do with getting the metering project out to bid.

Mr. Griffin explained that there was a public hearing held for the improvement and this resolution is to close the loop for having a determination by the legislature that it is in the public's interest to proceed with the project. The project is completely designed, in the system, and is being held up by the Law Department until it can go out to bid. After this is approved by the legislature, he can send it to go out to bid.

Mr. Kulisek clarified that the McKinney's Law needs to be followed in order to proceed with the project.

Mr. Griffin stated that is correct. They were directed to do so by the Law Department.

Mr. Benton commented that this project has been in the works for several years.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency status under the State Environmental Review Act (SEORA), with respect to the permit modification and the construction and other activities described within the permit modification for the Orange County Transfer Station #1 in the town of Goshen, and preliminarily classifying the action as unlisted, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated they are modifying a general application for temporary tonnage increase due to the shutdown of the Newburgh Transfer Station as well as removal of truck pads. He referred to the Supportive Narrative (see original minutes).

Mr. Cheney asked if he has an information regarding operating costs of the Food Waste Processing Operation.

Mr. Denega replied Mr. Siljkovic, Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Facilities and Services, would know the answer to the question.

Mr. Cheney stated that he has several questions regarding the EAF form (see original minutes). The first is relative to question No. 5 about whether it is consistent because the county is not covered by zoning, so he asked if the answer to that should be not applicable.

Mr. Polhemus clarified that Mr. Cheney is referring to the shooting range.

Mr. Cheney stated that the shooting range is already listed as "N/A", so the zoning on the property is not applicable to what needs to be done. He asked if that is correct.

Mr. Denega replied that "not applicable" would be the better answer, so they will correct it.

Regarding No. 9, Mr. Cheney stated that it talks about meeting or exceeding the state energy code requirements and it was answered "yes" and then there is a second part to it stating that "if the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies," so if it is not going to exceed but will meet the requirements than should they not answer it.

Mr. Polhemus replied that after speaking with the consultant that worked on this, everything is in the concept phase; therefore, they wanted to cover it.

Mr. Cheney clarified that they will meet or exceed it at some point in time.

Mr. Polhemus stated that is correct.

Mr. Cheney moved on to No. 11, he pointed out that the answer is "yes" and asked if "utility" means private system or refers to offsite facility.

Mr. Polhemus replied that all the onsite analysts handle it through leachate field and septic tanks, but he understands what Mr. Cheney is saying.

Mr. Cheney commented that the more appropriate answer would be "no" and then describe what they are doing. Regarding No. 12b. for the tactical training range, he asked why the answer was "yes" for the public safety SEQRA form and on this form the answer is "no."

Mr. Polhemus replied that the proposed pad and composting facility is already on pre-disturbed land.

Mr. Ewald stated that they received a letter from SHPO saying that it was approved.

Mr. Cheney moved on to No. 15 and asked why it reads "Northern Long Eared Bat" and on the other SEQRA form is reads "Indiana Bat" and if they are the same.

Mr. Denega replied that they will modify it to read "Indiana Bat."

Regarding No. 18, Mr. Cheney stated that it talks about the leachate tank for truck drip pad but does not mention how it is being handled for the food waste compost.

Mr. Polhemus replied that they are still in the concept phase for the planning of this project, so they are still working on the layout portion of it.

Mr. Cheney pointed out that they should understand what the features are for them to handle any stormwater that emanates from that pad.

Mr. Denega stated that will be clarified with the consultant.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton left the committee meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for state assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program and Supplement Waste Assistance Grants and the signing of the associated state master grant contracts under the appropriate laws of New York, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Polhemus stated that these are reimbursement funds from the State from 2017 regarding the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator who left.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution making an appropriation to the capital projects budget for the Airport Infrastructure Improvements. This project has been approved under the 2019 Capital Plan as Project No. 6. Upon approval, a

new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this request is for roof work and there is no SEQRA involvement.

Mr. Magryta explained that the airport has several commercial hangar buildings that have roof structures that are 20 to 30 years old and require refurbishing or replacement. One of the things he tried to do last year was a review of one of the roof structures and the preliminary information had it that it was needing full replacement. They did some tests and found out that there was one section of the roof that needed to be attacked, not in fact the whole roof, so he got pricing for an individual roof which was too expensive. He stated that it was around \$75,000.00, so he decided to take a different approach and identified three to four roof structures that need some version of replacement or refurbishment and would like to do an RFP as well as utilize funding that has been approved over the last few years for building and roof repair. Furthermore, he expects that the RFP numbers will come in between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00.

Mr. Minuta asked if the hangars are heated.

Mr. Magryta replied yes, they are insulated from inside.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Benton who left.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with the last agenda item, and update on the Government Center. He stated that the security contractor is 100% finished with cameras and other items, the AV is also complete as well as Simplex Grinnell who is setting up training and preparing deliverables. The additional signage has been approved and going into production today which includes signage for the Legislative Chamber. Furthermore, he has been working with the HVAC contractor who has been changing some of the parameters for all Divisions since there have been several issues.

Mr. Minuta expressed his concerns regarding the HVAC system and stated that he would like to have the engineer come in and figure out what it is going on especially in the Legislative Chamber because the issues have not been fixed.

Mr. Tuohy asked if the vents are only on the ceiling.

Mr. Titsworth stated yes, there are four diffusers that go into the Legislative Chamber. He stated that they are going to be more proactive as far as closing the shades in the morning of meetings to keep some sunlight out.

Before adjourning, Chairman Brescia suggested that the O.C.C.C. buildings be put on next month's agenda to discuss roof repairs.

Mr. Cheney clarified that Chairman Brescia is referring to the three Grand Street buildings.

Chairman Brescia stated that is correct.

Mr. Minuta commented that the buildings are deteriorating rapidly because they have sat vacant for several years.

Mr. Titsworth responded that the Department of Public Works is responsible since the county owns the buildings and they had done some roof work last year and fixed several leaks.

Mr. Minuta stated that the roofs need to be looked at again. He asked if the buildings are checked regularly since they are vacant.

Mr. Titsworth replied yes, there are two full-time maintenance people who check them.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.