

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**(REMOTELY)  
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020  
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  
**Kevindaryán Luján, Legislator**  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Dan Bloomer, Director of Operations and Cost Control  
Joseph F. Mahoney, ESQ., Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources  
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/  
Environmental Facilities & Services  
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Edward Magryta, Director of Aviation, Orange County Airport  
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst  
Mary Beth Bianconi, Partner/Senior Project Manager, Delaware Engineering, D.P.C.

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:31 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 reappointments and appointment to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District (P. Ruskiewicz, L. Tautel, G. Constable), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Bloomer stated he is here today on behalf of the County Executive to request confirmation of reappointments and an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District. There are three individuals, two of which would be up for a one-year seat and one that would be a new appointment who was put forward by the Orange County Farm Bureau and accepted by the County Executive. He added this resolution was approved unanimously last week at the Education and Economic Development Committee.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved the request approving and authorizing a fee acquisition of two (2) parcels of real property situated in the Town of Wawayanda, County of Orange, State of New York, in connection with the Heritage Trail Extension, and authorizing the County Executive to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of such real property. All environmental impacts are covered under SEQRA Determination (County of Orange Resolution No. 250 of 2015). Schedule A not required, funding in place, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Amodio explained this request is for the Harriman Trail Extension Segment No. 2 and the two parcels are currently owned by Conrail which is located on County Route 50 and the second is located at Ryerson and McVeigh Road. He referred to the map which everyone received via e-mail (see original minutes) and stated that earlier in the year the two parcels were appraised at a value of \$250.00 and \$340.00, respectively. Conrail is redoing the documentation submitted by the County Law Department and he is currently awaiting their approval.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request to abolish one (1) Airport Operations Supervisor, Grade 12 (position #17251) and create one (1) Airport Operations Leader, Grade 11, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega stated they had a supervisor who resigned at a Grade 12 position and they would like to reduce the position to a Grade 11, not only for cost savings, but to better align with the current airport management practices. When the original supervisor position was created there were more employees and now there is a smaller crew. He added this passed the Personnel and Compensation Committee meeting last week.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request authorizing the County Executive in conjunction with the Orange County Department of Public Works/Airport to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$65,790.00 for the Rotating Beacon at the Orange County Airport. Upon approval a new capital project will be created (Federal share 100%), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega explained that a few days ago he received notice from the FAA based upon this grant opportunity which is for 100% funding of the project. The request is for a rotating beacon which essentially is a lighthouse for airplanes that will replace the current one that has reached its useful life. This also provides for safety measures because the lightbulbs can be changed without having to climb the structure.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$800,000.00 for Fleet Replacement. Funding is from the State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) in the amount of \$700,000.00 and \$100,000.00 is from County borrowing. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 34. Upon approval a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denga referred to the attachment on the legislative request that lists (see original minutes) the fleet replacement items and stated that there are six older pieces with various issues such as excess mileage and rotting parts. The CHIPS funding is \$700,000.00.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$150,000.00 for preliminary engineering and design of a Fleet Wash Building. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 54. Upon approval a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated he has spoke about this on several occasions and on more than one occasion put in for a Shared Services Plan which was unsuccessful. At this point, they are looking to fund this in house and are only looking for engineering to get a more accurate design and cost estimate. The location would be at the Goshen DPW garage.

Chairman Brescia clarified that when this was denied by the legislature a few years ago, the cost of the fleet wash was a half-million to a million dollars and the scope of work was different.

Mr. Ewald stated he does not have the exact number, but it was less, and the plan presented for shared services was contemplated as a prefabricated building.

Chairman Brescia stated he hopes everyone is in support of this request because they need to move forward with it before the costs increase.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$70,000.00 to OCSD#1 to purchase equipment at a cost of \$70,000.00 (Surplus). This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 125. Upon approval a new capital project will be created (sewer surplus), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega explained this request is straight-forward regarding the Orange County Sewer District No. 1 and there are three pieces of equipment listed which are attached to the legislative request (see original minutes). He added there is no general taxation.

Mr. Kulisek asked what the passenger wagon will be used for.

Mr. Gray replied it will be used to transport the employers from the Harriman Plant to DPW in Goshen as well as pick up supplies for the plant.

Mr. Paduch asked out of the three items, if there is only one 54-inch commercial John Deere mower because the price is very high.

Mr. Denega replied it is one mower.

Mr. Paduch suggested they look at other mowers because the price is too high.

Mr. Denega stated these are estimates and there are attachments for the mower.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Kulisek who voted against.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature, with respect to the State Environmental Review, 6 NYCRR Part 617, (SEQR) for the SEQR review of the proposed longevity improvements and 3MGD expansion at the Harriman Wastewater Treatment Plant to:

- i. Declare Lead Agency under SEQR for the action (LR#125)
- ii. Classify the action as Type I, issue a positive declaration and require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The positive declaration is to be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB). The action is technically an Unlisted Action but is being classified as Type 1 to give the project maximum eligibility and consideration for low interest funding or receipt of grants, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega explained they are here to declare lead agency for the Harriman Sewage Treatment Plant improvements which needs an expansion and improvements. They are working with Delaware Engineering who is providing the preliminary design, cost estimates, and the timeline for this process.

Mr. Cheney asked Mr. Denega to explain how the SEQRA and doing the environmental impact statement has bearing on the funding.

Ms. Bianconi replied one of the primary funding entities in the State is the State Revolving Fund that provides low cost financing for projects of this nature. The funding that originally comes to the State for the State Revolving fund comes from federal government appropriations. She added that the State then conducts the National Environmental Policy Review Act and then distributes it to communities such as Orange County for their use. In order for the State's National Environmental Policy Review Act action to carry through to our project, the project has to be categorized in one of two ways. It either must be considered a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require additional review or a Type I action and coordinate the review, so the county is eligible for the funding.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature, with respect to the State Environmental Review, 6 NYCRR Part 617, (SEQR) for the SEQR review of the proposed longevity improvements and 3MGD expansion at the Harriman Wastewater Treatment Plant to:

- i. Accept the DRAFT Scoping Document (LR#124)
- ii. Set date for Public Comment – 9/3/2020 – 2:00 P.M. (LR#124), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this request is to accept the draft scoping document in order to start the process and set a date for public comment which is also required as time is of the essence.

Mr. Tuohy thanked the Orange County Sewer District No. 1 Advisory Committee, the DPW team, Delaware Engineering, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Mahoney for their hard work because this is a big task. He is happy to see the way it is progressing.

Mr. Cheney clarified that the public comment session is at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the legislative session on September 3, 2020 which begins at 3:30 p.m. based upon the comments they may receive regarding the scoping document.

Mrs. Reed stated the time was set because they are anticipating that the Orange Sewer Advisory Committee would be the host for it. She was concerned about not having enough time as she has never been involved in a scoping session.

Ms. Bianconi added that 2:00 p.m. is a reasonable time but would suggest they have a written comment period that extends ten days thereafter.

Mrs. Reed pointed out that has been included in the public hearing notice and there will be a public hearing on the 8-year review of the Agricultural Districts which will begin at 3:15 p.m. that day.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.