

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, Paul Ruskiewicz, Peter V. Tuohy

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Betsy N. Abraham, Legislative Counsel
Harold J. Porr, III., Deputy County Executive
Stacy Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Deanna P. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:38 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislators Kulisek and Minuta who were absent and Minority Leader Paduch who was excused.

Mr. Benton moved to approve the request to accept and appropriate the New York State Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant. Upon approval, funding will increase Capital Project No. 725-19 (50% local match required), \$20,000.00, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Brooks stated this request is for updating the Heritage Trail parking lot near the Chester Train Station.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request authorizing the County Executive to execute the Heritage Trail Work Agreement between the County of Orange and the New York State Department of Transportation, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Brooks explained this work will continue through the City of Middletown on six railroad crossings that the county will take title too.

Mr. Cheney asked why the City of Middletown is going to have title to the Heritage Trail being we own the rest of it.

Mr. Brooks replied there will be an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Middletown. He added that they have been utilizing these crossings for 30 years.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of Gardnertown Bridge Rehabilitation in the Town of Newburgh. This project has been approved under the 2021 Capital Plan as Project No. 45. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$35,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Denega stated this request is for a bridge deck replacement project (design only) in the Town of Newburgh on Gardnertown Road. The bridge was built in 1973 over the Quassaick Creek, is 42 feet long, and has 2,100 average daily traffic trips.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for the Public Works Garage Reconstruction of Garage Floor. This project has been approved under the 2021 Capital Plan as Project No. 66. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 129, \$200,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega explained that this is the final phase of the garage floor project which is 4,500 square feet and began about a year and a half ago. The total project cost is \$600,000.00 and there is \$400,000.00.

Mr. Benton commented this is what happens due to road salt being carried in all winter long by the trucks for service and this is the perfect reason for a fleet wash.

Chairman Brescia agreed with Mr. Benton and asked what the status of the fleet wash is.

Mr. Denega replied he submitted a shared services grant a couple of years ago, but it was unsuccessful. After that occurred, a proposed capital project for local funds was submitted, but was not approved by the legislature due to COVID-19 and financial restraints. He stated they will bring it forward again this year as it is in the 2022 Capital Plan.

Chairman Brescia expressed how the fleet wash is very much needed and he does not know if they will get the opposition they once had because there is such a need.

Mr. Denega agreed with Chairman Brescia and stated that he wants to move forward with the project.

Mr. Cheney asked how the first section of the garage floor is holding up being it was done four or five years ago.

Mr. Ewald responded that it is holding up quite well and a lot of that has to do with the sealant used.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve the request authorizing the County Executive to enter into Supplemental Agreement #1 with the New York State Department of Transportation to amend the existing Agreement for Engineering, ROW and the Construction and Inspection for Orange County Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project. Supplemental Agreement #1 includes additional Federal funds and amends the schedule by increasing the total amount of PIN 8762.04. Federal share from \$169,000.00 to \$530,000.00 for an increase of \$361,000.00 and supplemental appropriation requested. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 503, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this is to accept grant funds for the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program which includes ten different locations throughout Orange County through six different municipalities.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.