

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**(REMOTELY)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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
Kevin W. Hines, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harry Porr, 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.
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the request to accept the issuance of a New York State Department of Transportation Use and Occupancy Permit #82597 and authorizing the County Executive, in conjunction with the Orange County Department of Public Works to execute the permit, for the Heritage Trail, under Interstate 84, in the Town of Wawayanda, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this will allow for a portion of Segment II (between Goshen and Middletown) to be located on State property and controlled by the DOT. The DOT will be constructing this portion of the trail as part of the project that is taking place underneath the I84 bridge; therefore, from a legality standpoint, this request will allow for that to happen.

Mr. Cheney asked what type of impact this will have when traveling the Heritage Trail through that location.

Mr. Denega replied they will continue to communicate with the DOT to ensure continuity from one side of the trail to the other. He added they are still in discussions and do not have the final word.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency Status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of Main Street Bridge No. 1 (BIN 3345430) in the Town of Cornwall, and preliminarily classifying the action as Unlisted, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Denega explained the bridge is in Cornwall near the middle school and has a low rating which is critical, but it does not get a red flag. The project was in the 2022 5-year Construction Capital Plan.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of the replacement of Main Street Bridge No. 1 (BIN 3345430) in the Town of Cornwall. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 60. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated this is for the design funds for the same bridge he just discussed. They will be leaning on consultants but will do as much as they can in-house.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the request to declare the Intent to Assume Lead Agency Status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), with respect to the replacement of Highland Mills Bridge (BIN 3345420) in the Town of Woodbury, and preliminarily classifying the action as Unlisted, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega explained this bridge is in the Town of Woodbury, it is not a county road, but there is a town/village road which the county is responsible in putting a bridge on. The project was slated for construction in 2021 and has a low rating.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for preliminary engineering and design of the replacement of Highland Mills Bridge (BIN 3345420) in the Town of Woodbury. This project has been approved under the 2020 Capital Plan as Project No. 59. Upon approval, a new capital project will

be created, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this request is very similar to the last bridge he spoke about. The approximate construction cost is \$1 million and 10% of that is \$100,000.00 which was estimated for the design. He added that they will do what they can in-house but will need to lean on consultants.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request approval of Right-of-Way dedication along the northerly line of County Road 6 (Pulaski Highway) and Permanent Easement along the southwesterly line of County Road 42 (Cross Road), through the lands of SDG USA, LLC (Tax Map parcel 20-1-8.211, 8.212, 8.213, and 8.214) in the Town of Goshen. Said dedication and easement was deemed necessary for Road Width design criteria during the review process, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega explained that the right-of-way dedication process begins with a developer who goes before a Planning Board for any county road work which then gets referred to the county Department of Public Works for review before the Planning Board issues approval. When DPW sees that property lines need adjustments, they take the opportunity during that process to make the adjustments needed. In this case, the private owner's property shows it is to the side of the road which needs to be fixed. Furthermore, there is also a drainage easement which is part two of this request.

Mr. Cheney asked if the county would assume responsibly for the drainage structures that are installed by the developer.

Mr. Ewald replied there was not a need for taking of the right-of-way, it was just to allow them to get in and continue the ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Cheney then asked if the drainage is a ditch or a structure.

Mr. Ewald replied he does not know because the mapping does not show, but he will double-check.

Mr. Ruskiewicz commented that it is probably a ditch.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request approval of a Right-of-Way dedication along the westerly line of County Road 41 (Union Corners Road), through the lands of James and Christine Barricella (Tax Map parcel 29-1-62.2) in the Town of Warwick. Said dedication was deemed necessary for Road Width

design criteria during the review process, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Mr. Denega stated this is a Planning Board referral from the Town of Warwick Planning Board which was referred to DPW for proximity of the county road. It is a solar farm application that needs a 25-foot width along the property line.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request approval of the acceptance of a Right-of-Way dedication along the northerly line of County Road 95 (Dunderberg Road), through the lands of Town of Woodbury (Tax Map parcel 254-4-28). Said dedication was deemed necessary for Road Width design criteria during the review process, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega explained this is the intersection located near the Monroe-Woodbury High School that has had relatively high dense construction and is part of two developments on the hill. The intersection improvements are a signal light and an additional turn lane with a wider width.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request approval of a dedication strip along the southerly side of County Road 82 (Bellvale Road), through the lands of 509 Bellvale Road, LLC (Tax Map parcel 17-1-9.1) in the Town of Chester. Said acquisition was deemed necessary since the current deed still recites "along the centerline of the road," seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated this is a project that went in front of the Town of Chester Planning Board and was referred to DPW by proximity of the county road. The property line of the private parcel is shown to be in the center line of the road; therefore, this would give the 25-foot section to the county for maintenance.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Before adjourning, Mr. Cheney mentioned that last month the committee had a presentation regarding the A/V System in the Legislative Chamber. He has not yet put together a committee to investigate the issues but will do so within the next week so that substantial information can be brought back to committee next month.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.