

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, James M. Kulisek, Michael D. Paduch,
Paul Ruskiewicz, Peter V. Tuohy, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
James D. O'Donnell, Legislator
Rob Sassi, Legislator
Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harry Porr, Deputy County Executive
Wayne C. Booth, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources
Anthony Weed, Assistant Undersheriff
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
Peter S. Hammond, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/
Environmental Facilities & Services
Deanna Crawford, Fiscal Technician, Department of Public Works
Dave Trimble, Fiscal Technician, Department of Public Works (EF&S)
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning
Eenika Cruz, Administrator, Orange County Water Authority
Marcia Jacobowitz, Chairwoman, Board of Directors-Orange County Water Authority
Marc Devitt, Board Member, Orange County Water Authority
Arthur Tully, Board Member, Orange County Water Authority
Edward Magryta, Director, Airport
Kevin Sumner, Director, Soil and Water Conservation District
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Benton who arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved the request to Assume Lead Agency Status under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to this action: Construction of the Orange County Tactical Training Range 2, off Training Center Lane, within

the Town of Goshen. The project is declared an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and is further determined in accordance with the findings of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the environmental assessment form that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and no further action is required, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Ewald stated this project came before the committee last month and was withdrawn because a coordinator review was more appropriate and the only permit necessary would be a SPEDES permit. He added that through the SEQRA process, there was a letter from SHPO stating there will not be any impact.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sumner presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the Soil and Water Conservation District, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget for Soil and Water Conservation by increasing county contribution, line item 579500, in the amount of \$100,000 for flood control and reduce county taxation, line item 410011, by \$100,000, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Motion failed.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as presented.

Mr. Church and Ms. Jacobowitz presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Water Authority.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Water Authority, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Ms. Jacobowitz proposed that the draft budget for the Orange County Water Authority be considered because they need the funding or there will no longer be a water authority. She expressed that it is important to continue educational outreach and programs for the county. Furthermore, this is an opportunity for money to come back into the budget and it would be a travesty to disband it.

Mr. Kulisek moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget by adding \$313,378.00 to the Water Authority's budget by increasing county taxation, line item 410011, and decreasing county contribution, line item 579500, by \$313,378.00, seconded by Paduch.

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as amended.

The committee took a brief recess at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:39 p.m.

Mr. Paduch moved the request for supplemental appropriation to create a Capital Project for engineering, permitting, paving and other related expenses associated with improvements to the Heritage Trail – Segment #1. The improvements will start near the Route 17 underpass and continue to Hartley Road. This request is not in the 2019 Proposed Capital Plan, \$183,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Amodio explained that this is part of the federal funding under the TEP Program and is capped at \$590,000.00; therefore, no additional funds can be requested. In 2015 the total estimated cost of Segment 1 was \$2.3 million to \$2.4 million so they would need to come up with the other \$1.8 million. Several months ago, the county decided to investigate and explore the idea of county forces blacktopping the area which would make the total cost \$300,000.000 which is far less than going through federal funding. He added that \$114,000.00 of the \$300,000.00 was used on current capital projects; therefore, he is only requesting \$183,000.00 for the project.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation to create a Capital Project for the Park Historic Structures Initiative. Funds will be used for feasibility studies for the D&H Canal and the Algonquin Park structures. This is proposed Project No. 85 in the 2018 approved Capital Plan, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Brooks stated this request part of the previous year's appropriations. Part of their initiative now is to look at some of the historic areas for improvements such as; work at Algonquin Park which can be started. The D&H Canal in Deerpark has had a long history of putting water back in. He added that when he first took the position, he suggested that they get an expert to see whether it was feasible and how much it would cost. The RFO went out and contracts came back at \$19,000.00 which monies will be used for the study. At Algonquin Park, there are several things that can be done to clean up the site.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Brooks and Amodio presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve the 2019 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to accept the 2019 Capital Plan for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution directing the administrative head of the Beaver Dam Lake Protection District to proceed with the increase and improvements of the facilities of Beaver Dam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this is a procedural request to close out the loop in terms of compliance with the New York State County Laws.

Mrs. Bonelli thanked Mr. Denega for his efforts and moving forward.

Mr. Kulisek asked if there is a schedule on the dam.

Mr. Denega replied that they are looking to potentially draining the lake in November and it will be close to a year for construction.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to eliminate the Beaver Dam Lake Capital Reserve, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Denega explained that this was coordinated with the Law Department and now that the NYS Comptroller has approved the revised costs of the project, they can eliminate the capital reserve that has been set up for the project with the exception of \$25,000.00 a year that goes toward other things for the district besides the dam.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Vero moved the request to abolish one (1) vacant Airport Maintenance Supervisor, Grade 12 (Position #17269) and create one (1) Senior Airport Maintenance Mechanic, Grade 11, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved the request to accept and appropriate State reimbursement of \$62,528.14 so the project can be closed and the unspent revenue be applied to debt service. This is Capital Project No. 516 that was established for the Reconstruction of County Roads, Various Culvert Replacements. During the time of culvert replacements, the County received additional State revenue, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated that agenda items C through L are various items that have gone through the Finance Department and need to be cleaned up and closed out.

Mrs. Reed clarified that none of the agenda items are requesting or amending bond resolutions.

Mrs. Slesinski stated that is correct.

Mr. Tucker added that it is capital reserve.

Mrs. Reed pointed out that the committee can vote collectively on agenda items G through L.

Mr. Cheney stated that the committee will vote collectively on agenda items D through G and then I through L because he would like Mr. Hammond to address agenda Item H.

Mr. Touhy moved to approve agenda items D through G;

d. Request to accept and appropriate Federal reimbursement of \$116,714.72 so that project can be closed and funds can be returned to capital reserve. This is Capital Project No. 533 that was established for the Replacement of South Street Bridge, Village of Warwick. During the time of replacement, the County received additional Federal revenue.

e. Request supplemental appropriation of \$114,806.25 to existing Capital Project No. 436 Pavement Overlay for revenue shortfall to be covered by Capital Reserve and project can be closed.

f. Request to accept and appropriate additional State revenue of \$69,290.60 so that project can be closed. This is Capital Project No. 464 which was created for the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance.

g. Request supplemental appropriation of \$30,941.62 to existing Capital Project No. 455 Camp Maples Bridge for revenue shortfall to be covered by Capital Reserve and project can be closed, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

h. Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation of \$1,100,000.00 to the Orange County Department of Public Works/Environmental Facilities and Services to cover the increase in solid waste tonnage. Revenue to come from fees, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Hammond stated this is done on an annual basis and this year there was more tonnage than anticipated. They budgeted 128,000 tons and are projected to be at 138,000 which means they get more revenue.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve agenda items I through L;

i. Request supplemental appropriation of \$67,719.94 to existing Capital Project No. 896 Landfill Various Vehicles for revenue shortfall to be covered by Capital Reserve and project can be closed.

j. Request supplemental appropriation of \$43,659.62 to existing Capital Project No. 892 Landfill Fleet Replacement for revenue shortfall to be covered by Capital Reserve and project can be closed.

k. Request supplemental appropriation of \$64,452.36 to existing Capital Project No. 883 Various Equipment & Motor Vehicles for revenue shortfall to be covered by Capital Reserve and project can be closed.

l. Request to accept and appropriate State reimbursement of \$152,674.10 so that project can be closed and funds applied to debt service. This is Capital Project No. 880 which was established for the Landfill Closure in New Hampton. During the time of closure, the County received additional State revenue, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Orange County Sewer District No. 1 for various concrete work. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 99. Funds to come from Sewer's fund balance, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Hammond stated this request is for various repair concrete work throughout the plant.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli move the request supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$200,000.00 to Orange County Sewer District No. 1 for a Sewer Air Supply Line. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 97. Funds to come from Sewer's fund balance, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Hammond stated this is part of the operating system of the plant. All the basins must be aerated, that is how they get the biological activity and these air lines have been there for several years. This request is to replace them and put in a brand-new air supply line.

Mr. Kulisek asked what kind of material is used for the air supply line.

Mr. Hammond replied it will be either aluminum or stainless steel and will be determined after they put the specifications together.

Mr. Ruskiewicz asked if this will include the blowers.

Mr. Hammond replied no, it is just the line.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$750,000.00 to Orange County Sewer District No. 1 for Sewer Carriage Rail. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 98. Funds to come from Sewer's fund balance, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Hammond explained this project will be bid out once the appropriation is set-up and this part of the plant is the second part that was built in the early 1980's where there are six rail lines that provide a unit to move up and back providing aeration, moving, and the circulating of the effluent. This operates twenty-four seven and tried to be repaired several times.

Mr. Benton clarified these are parts of the channels.

Mr. Hammond stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$474,500.00 to Orange County Sewer District No. 1 to purchase equipment. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as

Project No. 96. Funds to come from Sewer's fund balance, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Hammond referred the 2018 Proposed Sewer OCSD #1 WWTP Harriman Capital Fleet/Equipment list with the committee (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Hammond presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Department of Environmental Facilities and Services.

Mr. Paduch moved to accept the 2019 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Environmental Facilities and Services, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Hammond stated that when the budget was prepared, not knowing what the number would be for the tipping fee, they estimated the new rate would be \$72.70. They are currently paying \$67.00 and to keep the taxation at the same amount as last year, they identified a tip fee going forward of \$95.00 per ton which was put in the budget prior to getting the bid results. He explained that they bid it out, received the numbers late Friday, analyzed them today and the cost moving forward is \$88.19. The current tip fee is \$85.00; therefore, to do the same thing on the estimate of the cost and not increase taxation this year, they need to have a tip fee of \$110.41.

Mr. Benton asked how many bidders were there.

Mr. Hammond replied one.

Mr. Denega stated that is part of the issue.

Mr. Kulisek moved to amend the 2019 recommended budget by adding \$2,126,580.00 to Solid Waste, line item 577570, and increasing Refuse and Garbage Charges, by 1,248,900.00, line item 421301, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

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

Mr. Kulisek moved to increase the tip fee from \$67.00 per ton to \$110.41 per ton for the Department of Environmental Facilities and Services, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

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

Motion carried. All in favor of the 2019 recommended budget as amended for the Department of Environmental Facilities and Services.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the 2019 Capital Plan for the Department of Environmental Facilities and Services seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Tuohy moved to accept the 2019 recommended budget as presented for Sewer District No. 1, seconded by Mr. Vero.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to approve the 2019 Capital Plan for Sewer District No. 1, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Magryta presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Orange County Airport.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to accept the 2019 recommended budget as presented for the Orange County Airport, seconded by Mr. Vero.

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

Mrs. Bonelli moved to accept the 2019 Capital Plan for the Orange County Airport, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Titsworth presented the 2019 recommended budget for the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to accept the 2019 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Public Works (buildings, motor pool, county road, road machinery), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to accept the 2019 Capital Plan for the Department of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Legislator Benton left the committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Paduch moved to accept the 2019 Small Watershed Protection Plan, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

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

Mr. Titsworth addressed the last agenda item, an update on the Government Center. He stated they are still closing out contracts, the striping and crosswalks are still being worked on as well as interior signage.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the heat is working because he heard some people are using heaters.

Mr. Titsworth replied yes, the heat works, and heaters are used county-wide, not just in this building. He stated they make adjustments when issues are reported.

Mr. Denega added that there have not been any complaints regarding the heat and as the weather gets colder, they will fix any issues that may arise.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.