

Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 13, 2014, 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Fabiano

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

PRESENT: Legislators; Dean Fabiano, Peter Loughran, Manna Jo Greene, Chris Allen, Kevin Roberts

EXCUSED: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Jim Maloney, Legislator Herb Litts, David Bolles Deputy Commissioner DPW, Tammy Popowick Finance DPW, Brian Cunningham DPW Acting Commissioner, Gary Newkirk UC Agricultural Society

Chairman Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Motion No. 1 RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of October 9th & 21st, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Chris Allen

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Allen, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Chairman Fabiano advised the committee that the County Executive's Office has appointed Brian Cunningham as Acting Commissioner of the UC Department of Public Works, effective November 3, 2014. Brian is replacing David Sheely who retired after many years of dedicated county service. The Chairman extended his support should Brian need his assistance and wished him the best of luck.

The Chairman introduced and commended Mr. Gary Newkirk, Ulster County Agricultural Society and Fair Manager who oversees the UC Fair Ground Operations on Libertyville Road in New Paltz. Mr. Newkirk provided the committee with an overview of its history with the county, usage and capital improvements. Late Resolution No. 451 is going before this committee tonight and the full legislature on November 18th.

Fairground Management History:

- Fairgrounds was managed on a “handshake” agreement for many years – as events grew, formal arrangements were necessary.
- First 5 year License Agreement 2008-2012, whereas UC Ag Society would manage the fairgrounds. Ag Society would pay \$15K/yr. to the county & 25% of profits from outside events. Ag Society would keep a separate set of books for “events”. All fair profits would go to the Ag Society.
- Second 5 year License Agreement 2013-2017, whereas similar agreement with the exception the Ag Society would keep all profits from outside events as long as money was invested back into Fairgrounds Capital Improvements.
- Although the basic agreement works well, Mr. Newkirk would like to see a rolling five year agreement going forward.

Fairground Usage & Economic Impact:

- Approximately (14) major events at the fairgrounds in addition to the UC Fair. They include; Quail Hollow Craft Fair, Playbow Dog Agility, New Paltz Fire Dept. Car Show, Rotary Touch a Truck, and New Paltz Chamber Taste of New Paltz, Hudson Valley Cluster of Dog Shows, Town of New Paltz July 4th Celebration, Highland Rotary Rib Fest, 4H Harvest Fest, and RV Camping Weekend, plus other smaller events – and the list keeps growing.
- A study of (4) fairs in NYS, (who are all members of the NYS Association of Agricultural Affairs), ranging from a small fair to the largest fair in the State determined based on the fair size one can determine the financial impact.
- Based on the study UC Fair generates \$147K in tax revenue to the County

Agricultural Society Capital Improvements (photos provided)

- Bleacher Improvements, Horticulture Building Improvement, 2005 New Home Arts Building, New Horse Announcer's Booth, New Bathrooms w/ (4) showers \$160K, New Front Entranceway, Blacksmith Shop Improvements (Oldest Bldg. on Grounds), 2013 Invested \$16K with Lime Energy to upgrade all of the lighting on the fairgrounds to new high efficiency units

New Proposed Poultry Building

- New Poultry Building would be exactly like the Rabbit Barn – with an interconnected breezeway.
- Delivery, equipment and labor estimate to erect the building \$59K. Plans and Spec by Morton. Bldg. Size 36'x 12'x 80'
- Convert the old poultry building (an original county home barn) into an Agriculture Museum used to preserve history, display old farming equipment thus adding increased value to the grounds.
- Construction would begin this fall.
- 2016 would include plans to tear down the old Wool Room and replace with a new 30 x 48 building to match the style and décor of the existing Home Arts Bldg. & the new bathrooms.

Legislator Manna Jo Greene inquired how the recycling and composting program is going as she previously ran the program for many years. Mr. Newkirk stated they are doing a lot – especially water bottles. The proceeds are donated to the Bloomington Fire Dept. and others. Leg. Greene recommended they consider solar improvements.

Legislature Herbert Litts expressed his utmost admiration for both Gary Newkirk and his father. Leg. Litts has known the Newkirk family all his life and holds them in high regard.

Chairman Fabiano called upon Legislator Jim Maloney who thanked the Public Works Department in the Town of Ulster and Town of Kingston, for all the work they have done on Sawkill Road and Callahan Hill Road - berm and flooding issues. Legislator Maloney also congratulated Mr. Sheeley on his retirement and wished Brian Cunningham the best of luck as Acting Commissioner. Leg. Maloney mentioned to keep NYSERDA in mind – Solar etc..

Motion No. 2 RESOLVED To Take Late Resolution No. 451 Out of Order

Text of Motion: Approving Construction, By Licensee Ulster County Agricultural Society, Of A New Poultry Barn At The Ulster County Fairgrounds On Libertyville Road In New Paltz – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Discussion: As noted above.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Allen, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 RESOLVED To Approve Late Resolution No. 451

Text of Motion: Approving Construction, By Licensee Ulster County Agricultural Society, Of A New Poultry Barn At The Ulster County Fairgrounds On Libertyville Road In New Paltz – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Allen, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4

Resolution No. 403 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 403 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 of 2014 (A Local Law Establishing A Construction Apprenticeship For Agreements For Certain Bridge Contracts In Excess Of \$500,00) To Be Held On Wednesday, December 17, 2014 At 6:05 PM

Discussion:

Chairman Fabiano explained this is to set a public hearing for required construction union apprenticeships on certain bridge contracts in excess of \$500,000.00 to qualify as part of the bid process – unless there is only one bidder. Gives beginners experience, thus lower bid costs - discussion ensued.

Motion Made By:

Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Kevin Roberts

Roll Call Vote:

No

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Allen, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against:

None

No. of Votes in Favor:

5

No. of Votes Against:

0

Disposition:

Carried

Motion No. 5

Resolution No. 410 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolved to approve Resolution No. 410 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates PC – Department Of Public Works

Discussion Motion Made By:

Legislator Loughran

Discussion Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Chairman Fabiano explained this resolution is for construction inspection services required for the replacement of the Mud Tavern Bridge - \$200, 125.00 80% Federal, 15% State, 5% County

Motion Made By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Allen, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

New Business:

- (2) box culverts on West Saugerties Rd. are finished
- Salt went up 29% (county purchased before prices went into affect)
- PVI Bridge done ahead of schedule and under budget
- Gearing up for a big infrastructure program next year
- Just about finished winter changeover – completed on regular work hours
- Buildings and grounds busy with family court modifications for new judge
- Sophie Fin ground breaking today – Purchasing Dept. did a great job
- Public Defenders office was moved to Golden Hill – health & mental health bldg. 2500 SF space was available – short term
- LED parking lot lighting retrofit to start shortly – (6 or 7 facilities should be done before the end of the year.)

Energy Comment - Legislator Manna Jo Greene noted Amanda LaValle reported to the Climate Smart Committee in depth - in terms of the energy consumption for all the county buildings. The human energy audit – step by step the committee wants to try and go beyond what has already been done.

Chairman Fabiano mentioned the letter from the state that passed through the Planning Office regarding bridge deficiencies and picking up the pace with Tip Projects. Dave Bolles said the review process is what slows the county down by years when working with state funds. Dave reassured the committee they are on top of all projects.

Legislator Herbert Litts stated several years ago he proposed an idea - with regard to re-utilizing the newly replaced bridge panels on the existing Tappan Zee Bridge. The panels are an Inverset TM type style, galvanized, 8 3/4” decking that has a great deal of serviceable

life left when they take the old bridge down in 2016 – 2017. He has spoken to the state comptroller, the governor and at a superintendents meeting who all felt it's an excellent idea, however nothing has been done. Legislator Litts feels there would need to be a grass roots effort by the local towns and counties to solicit and obtain the (1096) units - roughly 800-900 bridges could be repaired and taken off the deficient bridge list saving several hundred million dollars. Dave Bolles noted he is aware of this material.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Loughran and seconded by Legislator Allen, all were in favor, and Chairman Fabiano declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Dated the 24th Day of November, 2014
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved on: December 4, 2014