

AGENDA
Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
January 10, 2008

Highways & Bridges Division

- 1) Progress Report
- 2) Resolution Request – Hardenburgh Agreement
- 3) Update on one-person plowing. (Pilot Program)
- 4) Fuel storage issue
- 5) MS4 Update
 - Quarry Work
 - Compliance
- 6) Resolution Request – Rollover of FEMA Funding
- 7) Equipment Purchase Request – 4 Snow Plows – Budget Item

Buildings & Grounds Division

- 1) Agricultural Society Agreement Discussion
- 2) New Position Requests: Add two Grade 11 staff – One licensed plumber, and one licensed electrician.
- 3) Discussion on Establishing CP#307 – Purchase of Vehicles for Various County Departments (Referred back to Committee at 1/2/08 meeting)
- 4) Updates (attached)

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE MEEETING

Name: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Date: January 10, 2008

Time: 4:45 p.m.

Place: Library

Legislators Present: Chairman Loughran, Legislators Cahill, Decker, Fabiano, Felicello, Lomita and Roberts

Legislators Excused: None

Others Attending: Commissioner of Public Works, David Sheeley; Public Works Controller, Lynda Bertling; B&G Administrative Manager, Victor Work; Fairgrounds Manager, Gary Newkirk, former Committee Chair Mike Berardi and Recording Secretary, Kathy Jansen

Chairman Loughran called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES DIVISION

1) Progress Reports

Commissioner Sheeley asked the committee members to please read through the report. He commended the bridge crew and the fabrication shop, both under the leadership of Bridge Supervisor Bob Graney for being very productive crews.

2) Resolution Request – Hardenburgh Agreement

A motion in the form of a resolution request authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Town of Hardenburgh for maintenance of certain county roads for one year was made by Legislator Felicello and seconded by Legislator Decker. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Update on One-Person Plowing (Pilot Program)

Commissioner Sheeley updated the committee on the one-person plowing (OPP) pilot program. He stated that the expenses are being tracked. Legislator Felicello noted he opposed the program.

4) Fuel Storage Issue

Commissioner Sheeley advised the committee that a possible site to store 150,000 gallons of fuel was being looked at. He noted that this would allow savings through bulk buying.

**5) MS4 Update
-Quarry Work**

The committee was updated on the DEC mandates for stormwater improvements in the Quarry complex. Commissioner Sheeley noted that the project was to be done in-house and scheduled to begin on January 24th. He advised the committee that the project included redoing the entire Quarry complex drainage system.

-Compliance

Commissioner Sheeley advised the committee that the gathering of GPS locations for culverts throughout the County was done in cooperation with Soil and Water and all the individual towns. He noted this considerable project was managed through the Public Works Department, Planning Department and Health Department. The committee was informed that as a result of exceptional teamwork by all the towns and county departments, this project was completed by the 1/8/08 MS4 compliance date. Commissioner Sheeley commended everyone who worked on the project.

6) Resolution Request – Rollover of FEMA Funding

A motion in the form of a resolution request to amend the 2008 budget to allow for the rollover of FEMA funding from the 2007 budget was made by Legislator Cahill and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Equipment Purchase Request – 4 Snow Plows – Budget Item

A motion to approve the purchase of 4 Fisher snow plows was made by Legislator Fabiano and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sheeley advised the committee that the 14' pusher plow previously approved had been purchased and is to be used at the BRC parking lot.

Commissioner Sheeley noted to the committee that the Hydroseeder had been ordered.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

1) Agricultural Society Agreement Discussion

Administrative Manager Work informed the committee that the County Attorney's office had drafted a five-year license agreement but that the Agricultural Society was in disagreement with the 60-day escape clause. Following much discussion on the matter, Legislator Lomita made a motion to have the County Attorney's office explore with the Agricultural Society's Attorney a five-year agreement with an automatic renewal yearly on August 15th. A second to the motion for the purpose of discussion was made by Legislator Cahill. Further debate on the issue ensued regarding the upcoming charter, improvements made to the fairgrounds, management of the fairgrounds and whether to make the agreement renewable every three years. Following Chairman Loughran's call for a vote, the motion passed five to two with Legislators Felicello and Roberts voting no.

2) New Position Requests: Add two Grade 11 Staff – One Licensed Plumber and One Licensed Electrician

Administrative Manager Work handed out a proposal to the committee justifying the need for two new positions, one a licensed plumber and the other a licensed electrician. The committee noted they would review the proposal and asked that the matter to be brought back next month.

3) Discussion on Establishing CP #307 – Purchase of Vehicles for Various County Departments

The committee was informed that the Administrator's office was gathering information on equipment requests made by various departments noting that those making requests will need to avail themselves to Ways & Means and caucus with justification of the purchase. Commissioner Sheeley noted that Buildings & Grounds had requested two pick-up trucks.

4) Updates

Administrative Manager Work noted that a copy of the various Buildings & Grounds division project updates were included in their packets. He asked the committee to read the handout.

Additional Information

Commissioner Sheeley advised the committee of a public information meeting scheduled for January 15th regarding the New Paltz salt shed. He noted that once remaining engineering is complete it would be brought back to committee.

Chairman Loughran sought an update on two Verizon issues. An easement request to replace a line crossing railroad property was addressed by former Committee Chairman Berardi. He noted that once Verizon completed an application and paid an application fee, the Railroad Advisory Committee would make a recommendation to the Public Works & Capital Projects Committee who would then make a recommendation to the County Attorney. It was noted that once Verizon performed the work the County may be in a position to require a yearly stipend. The second issue involved a problem in the Quarry complex with an overhead Verizon wire that serves customers on the other side of the complex. It currently crosses in the path of our newly converted peaked rooftop. Commissioner Sheeley noted that Verizon had estimated the cost of moving the wire at \$17,000. The committee discussed other possible solutions to this situation. Chairman Loughran noted he would speak to the County Attorney's office on the matter.

Administrative Manager Work sought approval from the committee to rent a Bobcat with a snow blower in order to remove snow from sidewalks over the winter. A motion to approve the request to rent the Bobcat with a snow blower was made by Legislator Lomita and seconded by Legislator Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed whether the meetings would continue at the same time and day each month. Chairman Loughran noted he would review the full monthly committee schedule to see if there is the possibility for change.

A motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was made by Legislator Fabiano and seconded by Legislator Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,