

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Public Works & Capital Projects Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** June 6, 2011 @ 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Dean Fabiano, Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran, Legislators Roy Hochberg, James Maloney, Jeanette Provenzano, Kevin Roberts

**LEGISLATORS EXCUSED:** Legislator Frank Felicello

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Sue Ronga (PW Deputy Commissioner - Finance) and David Bolles (PW Deputy Commissioner - Administrative), Lee Ridgway (LWV)

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM**

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2, 2011 MINUTES:**

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor, Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) **Resolution Draft No. 0613, June 21, 2011** - Establishing Capital Projects No. 344 And No. 352 - Reconstruction Of County Box Culverts - Amending The 2011 - 2016 Capital Program And The 2011 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) (Draft No. 0614 - Bond Resolution)

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: None

- 2) **Resolution Draft No. 0615, June 21, 2011** - Amending The 2011-2016 Capital Program For Capital Project No. 242 And Appropriating Funds For Construction Inspection And Supervision At The Bridge Replacements On New Paltz Road, And Authorizing The Implementation And Funding In The First Instance, 100% Of The Federal-Aid And State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs Of This Transportation Federal-Aid Project

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Sue Ronga explained the "Marchiselli" Program. She stated that any time a Resolution is passed that has State funding, then that means it involves Marchiselli Funding. Several years ago when the FHAA started programming money at 80% funding for highway projects, no one was taking advantage of the money because they could not afford the other 20%. NYS stepped in and created a fund called the "Marchiselli" Fund, named after a State Senator. Every year funds are designated to pick up 15% of the 20%. The Local share is the remaining 5%.

- 3) **Resolution Draft No. 0616, June 21, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project Nos. 345 - 351 - Building Accessibility Upgrade And Renovations (ADA Compliance) - Various County Buildings - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds) (Draft No. 0617 - Bond Resolution)

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Chairman Fabiano, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Sue Ronga explained what ADA Compliance means with regard to the Upgrades & Renovations. These projects will provide compliant building accessibility to various Ulster County Building by making mandated restoration, replacements or upgrades for handicap accessibility pursuant to the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Break down is given below:

ADA	Totals	Architect. Design and Engineering	Construction	Equipment	Other
Mental Health Building renovation	165,000	15,000	150,000		
UC Fairgrounds Site Work	95,000	10,000	85,000		
Trudy Resnick Farber	48,000	5,000	43,000		
Public Works Building	125,000	12,500	112,500		
UC Courthouse Exterior Stair Repairs	60,000	5,000	55,000		
U.C.O.B.	140,000	14,000	126,000		
911-Emergency Management	22,000	2,000	20,000		
Total ADA	655,000	63,500	591,500	0	0

Work will include door hardware replacement, signage (Braille), exterior ramp and stair repairs/replacement, elevator controls and rest room upgrades necessary to address compliance issues.

- 4) **Resolution Draft No. 0618, June 21, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project Nos. 339 - 340 - Courthouse and Pool Bathhouse Roofs - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds) (**Draft No. 0619 - Bond Resolution**)

Motion offered by Legislator Hochberg, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: This funding is to replace existing deteriorated roofing at the Ulster County Pool Bathhouse and roof asbestos abatement at the Courthouse in accordance with New York State Building Codes. Sue Ronga explained that it was cheaper to hire one Architect for both projects; both roofs are being bonded together, but the expenses will be kept track of separately. Pictures were distributed to the Committee.

- 5) **Resolution Draft No. 0620, June 21, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project No. 342 - Purchase Of Highway Equipment - And Amending The 2011 Capital Project Fund Budget - Department of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) (**Draft No. 0621 - Bond Resolution**)

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Sue Ronga stated that the two Tandem Dump Trucks are bigger trucks and can go on longer routes. These two trucks are taking the place of three trucks.

### Equipment Replacement List for 2011: Attached Below

Qty.	Description	Justification	Amount
1	Excavator (model #PC220LC-8)	#557 Excavator is over 17 years old and has over 5,000 hand hours of use. This excavator has additional equipment, a steel pounder, that allows us utilize it for other types of work.	229,600
1	Sheathing Pounder	U.C.'s EM-60 Steel Pounder is used for all bridge work and many FEMA projects. Our only EM-60 Steel Pounder needs to be rebuilt. We will rebuild the EM-60 but a second pounder is needed to complete all our work. We will have to rent a 2nd pounder at a cost of \$111,000.00. Purchasing one would alleviate this expense and when one breaks down, there will be one immediately available.	75,000
2	Tandem Dump Truck(w/wings& plows-setup for sanders)	#311 & #312 Tandem Dump Truck (with plows and sanders) are used to haul of all types of materials and to plow and sand in the winter. They are 24 years old and in rough shape. The bodies are rotting, with repair costs escalating.	317,776
Total			622,376

### PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

- New Paltz Road Bridge / Pictures were distributed / The first Bridge is now open. The second Bridge is down and the detour is in place. That detour is from New Paltz Road up to Lilly Lake to Rt. 299. He stated that he was on site today and besides the Bridge being removed, fill and debris has also been removed. The road has been torn up and they have already hammered out the South side and have hammered out the rock and excavated for the footings. He stated that it is moving along fairly well. The second Bridge is scheduled to be finished on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Dave Bolles explained Resolution Draft No. 0615, as it pertains to the New Paltz Road Bridge Project. Because of the delays, the Federal Highway Authority has now required the addition of one full-time Field Inspector and one part-time Field Office Engineer to be added to the construction inspection team. The additional cost is \$283,818.00. The costs are reimbursable at the rate of 80% Federal STP Flex Funds and 15% New York State Marchiselli Funds, and a 5% local share. The local share will be offset, in full, by the reimbursement from the New York State Office for Technology. Zero cost to the County.

- Kerhonkson Bridge / Pictures were distributed / The Bridge is scheduled to open on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave Bolles explained that there may still be an issue involving a dilapidated house located on the side of the sidewalk. Half of this house has been condemned and that it is an eye sore. The sidewalk needed to take a deviation from a straight line.

Discussion: Legislator Hochberg stated that there was discussion about the Town receiving \$400,000.00 for moving the fiber-optic. Q/Did that in fact happen? A/yes, Sue Ronga explained that her understanding of what conspired is that it was County property; the County sold it to the Town for a dollar. Six months later, the Town made an agreement with a private company to put the fiber-optic lines in. That company went belly up and the State took over. When the State took it over, the agreement was that what ever contract was in place with the private company, reverted to the State. In the contract, it states, the owner of the fiber-optics is responsible to pay for the moving of the fiber-optics for construction purposes.

- Drainage on Malden Turnpike / Dave Bolles explained that the issue is between the County and the

NYS Thruway Authority. The Counties position is that the type of work that this project involves is not normal routine maintenance, it is reconstruction work. The State is responsible for reconstruction work. Q/Chairman Fabiano/Asked if it was going to be resolved anytime soon. A/Their hope is that it will be resolved quickly. This is a big project and it will be a costly project. The Public Works Department is in correspondence with the State. They stated that it is clearly the States responsibility. Q/Chairman Fabiano/Asked who from their Department had been out to the site. A/The Commissioner, Ed Pine, and John Kouhout.

- Legislator Hochberg asked about a project that was discussed about a year ago with regard to an approved study to hook up the water in High Falls to the UCCC Campus. He said it is his recollection that it was a 700 to 750 thousand dollar study and the project would cost 3½ million. He asked what the status of the project was. Sue Ronga explained that DPW is not involved in that project at all and recommended that he contact the Planning Department.

- Correspondence from Ellen DiFalco - Maintenance issue of the area on Golden Hill Drive near the Golden Hill Health Care Center / Sue Ronga stated that she has spoken to Alderman Landi over the weekend and the issue is (he claims) some minor maintenance on the County road. She stated that the two people that would address this issue are away at training and will be back on Wednesday. She will continue to stay in contact with Alderman Landi, and assured the Committee that it will be taken care of. Chairman Fabiano stated that he was on site last year and believes the problem to be normal yearly maintenance. Legislator Provenzano stated that this is a continued problem and that it should be part of an automatic yearly maintenance project. Sue Ronga explained that in prior years there was never a schedule for the maintenance of the culverts, and now that has changed. Dave Bolles now has a schedule set up for regular maintenance on the culverts. Dave Bolles explained that the truck that is used for those catch basins is a product of a contract with the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: (3 items)**

- Discussion on changing the date of the July Committee Meeting because it falls on the fourth. Possible Dates: Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> / The Committee decided to meet on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. (Meeting notice to follow)

- Correspondence from the Railroad Advisory Committee / Chairman Fabiano received a meeting notice from Michael Berardi with regard to the next Railroad Advisory Committee. That meeting will take place on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, COB. The Committee received correspondence from the Catskill Mountain Railroad Company regarding the proposed HVH grade crossing and development at the RR Mile Post 4.8. That will be the topic for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

- Bridge Crew Cost Benefit Analysis / Legislator Hochberg inquired about the status of the Analysis. Dave Bolles explained that an RFP was submitted, and stated that only one response was received and it did not meet their requirements. Roy asked if they were looking for Engineering or Construction/Bridge Builders. Dave stated that they are looking for a combination of Bridge Engineers and an Accounting Firm that has a Cost Account. In-house costs need to be compared to Private Contractors' costs. (make or buy) They will be resubmitting the RFP.

#### **OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **Motion to adjourn @ 7:55 PM**

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee