

INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2006
County Office Building, Oswego, NY
10:00 a.m.

Present: Committee: Legislators B. Leemann, P. Vasho, K. Gardner, L. Ponzi, P. Natoli, C. Brewer, M. French, M. Potter
Excused: Committee: Legislator A. Ospelt
Department Heads: B&G Superintendent Joe Taormina, DPW Superintendent Don Morey
Staff: F. Visser, B. Bisbo, K. Ospelt, K. Legates
Guests: Legislators R. Johnson, J. Proud, A. Gearsbeck; County Administrator Steve Lyman, County Attorney Rich Mitchell, Phil Church, members of the press

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**1. New Forester**

Joe Chairvolotti, working for Soil & Water, introduced himself. He gave the committee an update on the forest management plan for county-owned land. He has been dealing with some boundary issues since some of the deed and tax maps are quite old. He stated that one of these parcels is in the process of being surveyed and he wanted the committee to be aware that there will probably be the need for more surveys. There is a scheduled timber cut for later this summer. Joe also discussed the problem with tent caterpillars in certain areas of the county, but he hasn't seen much defoliation on county lands.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Vasho and seconded by Legislator Gardner to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**3. Bid Results**

Phil Church reported the results of 3 bids. J&A Mechanical was the low bidder for the replacement of hot water heaters in the amount of \$54,400. Vulcan Aluminum was the low bidder for sign blanks and Refractory Maintenance Corp. for refractory materials for the ERF. Legislator Ponzi had some questions regarding the hot water heaters and Joe Taormina gave explanations to the questions. A motion was made by Legislator Brewer and seconded by Legislator Natoli to approve all bid awards. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**4. ERF- Safety Training Grant Acceptance**

Deputy Sup't. Frank Visser reported that he has received grants over \$67,000 over the last five years. The amounts have decreased each year and this year the amount is only \$4,400. This will be the last year we receive this grant. A motion was made by Legislator French and seconded by Legislator Vasho to sponsor a resolution to accept this grant. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Deputy Sup't. Visser reported that bids are due on Thursday for the floor repair at the ERF and it is expected to come in under \$200,000. That leaves quite a bit of money left in the capital project so he would like approval to use the uncommitted funds to repair the back deck. The bid specs are being prepared now for the part that is deteriorating. He would like to fix this and then put some type of overlay on it to prevent any further deterioration. A motion was made by Legislator Brewer and seconded by Legislator Potter to approve this request. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**5. Airport**

**a) T-Hangar Construction**

Steve Lyman reported that last year this Committee approved establishing a capital project for the construction of a 10 bay tee hangar. This was bid in August, 2005 but was not awarded because FAA funding was rescinded. Since then, this committee committed to move forward with this project, with or without federal funding, depending on the level of commitment from people on a waiting list to rent hangars. Commitment letters along with ten checks have been received so Lyman suggests this committee move forward with the construction of 1 hangar. There will be no federal funding but we do have an application in for state funds. The original capital project was established with a maximum amount of \$281,481. He suggests increasing this to a maximum of \$500,000 due to the uncertainty in steel prices and the requirement for bathroom facilities. Lyman also mentioned that New York State has offered technical assistance in developing a business plan and they have awarded a contract to a consultant firm. A scoping meeting will be held next month. A motion was made by Legislator Brewer and seconded by Legislator Vasho to sponsor a resolution to increase Capital Project #109 to a maximum of \$500,000 for this project. If the state funding is awarded, that amount would be reduced.

**Roll Call Vote: Aye: Potter, Brewer, Natoli, French, Vasho, Leemann, Ponzi, Gardner**

**Nay: 0**

**Excused: 1**

**Aye: 8**

**Nay: 0**

**Excused: 1**

**Motion carried.**

**b) Appraisal Services – ILS Project**

Rich Mitchell advised the committee that a second appraiser is necessary for this project. He recommends retaining them to move forward. This is much more involved than previously thought in 1997. A motion was made by Legislator Gardner and seconded by Legislator Ponzi to sponsor a resolution authorizing the chairman to execute a contract hiring Emminger, Hyatt, Newton, and Pigeon, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mitchell gave a brief update on this project.

**c) Silk Road Flooding Litigation**

Rich Mitchell recommends the committee enter into an executive session later in the meeting to discuss this pending litigation.

**6. Buildings & Grounds**

**a) Camp Zerbe Lodge Building**

Steve Lyman reported that the decision to remove this hazard was pending until the legislators could talk to their constituents in that area. Legislator Leemann has spoken with the town officials as well as the historical society and others. The building is of no value and there are no concerns to save it. A motion was made by Legislator French and seconded by Legislator Gardner to remove or have this building and the original boathouse removed. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Legislature Chairman Russ Johnson commented on the nature trail and believes it is an asset. It is only ¼ mile long and he thinks the trail should go around the lake. Joe Taormina explained the history of the camp and trail. Steve Lyman said a management plan should be developed and he will work with the Youth Bureau Director and her staff on this. The committee also discussed Camp Hollis.

**b) Salt Storage Shed Capital Project**

B&G Superintendent Taormina requested approval to increase the existing capital project for the salt storage shed roof in Pulaski by \$30,000 to complete this project. The capital project was established with \$5,000 for consulting. He originally thought this project would cost \$75,000 but it is a lot less. DPW Deputy Sup't. Ospelt asked if the salt shed was going to be painted also. After a discussion, it was decided that this can be added to the bid as an alternate. A motion was made by Legislator Brewer and seconded by Legislator Gardner to approve this request. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**7. Highway**

**a) Detour Resolution**

DPW Sup't. Morey reported that the State DOT requested to use County Route 38 as a detour when they repair a bridge in 2007. A motion was made by Legislator Gardner and seconded by Legislator Ponzi to sponsor a resolution for this detour request. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**b) Policy Regarding the Sale of Grindings**

Sup't. Morey explained that we used to give grindings away at no cost, and then a few years ago we began charging \$40 per truckload and we now charge \$75 per load. Rich Mitchell has said that he recently filed 15 small claims from the 2005 season. He stated the paperwork is very time consuming and that he and staff from the DPW must also spend time in court. He recommends requiring payment in advance to save the County time and money. Morey explained that this could also cause problems. He and Deputy Sup't. Ospelt discussed some of the problems with the committee. They discussed the fact that the county has to rent a milling machine, some people think this is an entitlement program, delivery problems, costs of hauling it back to county owned sites, etc. A motion was made by Legislator Vasho and seconded by Legislator French to table this issue next month to allow the DPW to develop some proposals.

**8. Solid Waste**

**a) Request from Oswego County Fair Director**

Sup't. Morey has received a request in regards to the tipping fee for the garbage generated from the fair. Morey gave a brief history of the work the DPW has done over the years. He stated a few years ago, the committee agreed to waive the tipping fee for the first 5 tons of garbage. The problem that exists is that different towns haul the garbage and each town is billed. The fair association then has to reimburse them. The fair association has requested that we bill them directly. Morey explained that according to Solid Waste policy, the fair can be billed but would have to pay \$50 for a permit. A motion was made by Legislator French and seconded by Legislator Vasho to waive the tipping fee for all garbage generated during the Oswego County Fair. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**b) Appointment to Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB)**

Steve Lyman reported that a current representative from the Town of Volney has resigned from the SWMB and a new member must be appointed by this committee. A motion was made by Legislator Vasho and seconded by Legislator Potter to appoint Ellen Allen to the board as the Palermo representative. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**9. Other Issues**

Legislator Jack Proud addressed the committee in regards to the water project in the Town of Volney. The leadership of the ¼ midget race track at the County Airport has requested Legislator Proud to look into water being brought to the track. They currently have a food concession stand and bathrooms. They plan on hosting a competition next year that expects to bring in 300 cars. They would be willing to absorb some costs. The committee discussed this and believes the cost would be very high but it will be looked into.

**10. Executive Session – 11:50 a.m.**

A motion was made by Legislator Vasho and seconded by Legislator Potter to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Back in Open Session – 12:25 p.m.**

- **Note:** Legislator Gardner has been excused from the rest of the meeting.

**11. Appointment of Department Head**

A motion was made by Legislator French and seconded by Legislator Ponzi to appoint Frank Visser as department head for Oswego County’s Solid Waste System. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Legislator French and seconded by Legislator Ponzi to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Legates

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Sup’t. of Buildings & Grounds

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