



TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:30 AM

IN ATTENDANCE (Public Works Committee)

Gary Hammond, Commissioner
Richard Perkins, Deputy Commissioner
Ellen Pratt, Sustainability Manager
Barbara Cushman, Secretary to the Commissioner
Mike Roberts, Public Works Committee Chairman
William Standinger, Public Works Committee
Cliff Balliet, Public Works Committee
Dale Weston, Public Works Committee
Marté Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes for the January 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Mr. Weston made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Standinger seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written.

SOLID WASTE

1. Ms. Pratt reported that the recycling transition appears to be going smoothly. She will continue to monitor the recycling being collected through the various private companies.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Mr. Hammond stated our natural gas supply contract through MEGA with Direct Energy will be expiring. A cost comparison was generated for the actual natural gas supply costs for the last three years under Direct Energy's fixed rate contract versus what the monthly cost of natural gas supply would have been for NYSEG's variable rate. It was shown with a three year cost analysis that considerable savings could be recognized by switching to NYSEG's variable rate pricing. After some discussion, it was decided that we should switch to NYSEG for our natural gas supply. Public Works administration will continue to monitor this.
2. Snow removal operations are ongoing.
3. A bookcase was built for the investigators at the Public Safety Building.
4. Painting on the 1st floor at the HHS Building has been started.
5. An office was moved for Probation.
6. A storage room was created for the District Attorney.

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HIGHWAY

1. Hauling sand and snow removal operations are ongoing. We have a new vendor for snow sand that is providing better quality product for a cheaper price delivered.
2. Some tree work was done on Oak Hill Road.
3. We have been aiding Soil & Water Conservation with some stream work at Long Creek on Pennsylvania Avenue. We plan to armor the bank in the spring.
4. A block wall for the Sulphur Springs Road box culvert was installed.
5. Rock fill was positioned on a spillway pipe on Ellis Creek Road.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Mr. Perkins stated that bids were opened for construction on West Creek Road over W Branch Owego Creek Bridge. There is a resolution to award the contract.
2. Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project Phase VII is under preliminary design phase in our office.
3. Talcott Street Bridge repair is under design phase.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorize the Implementation and Funding West Creek Road over W Branch Owego Creek
2. Award Construction West Creek Road over W Branch Owego Creek

Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Hammond", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works