TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK
Department of Public Works
477 State Route 96    Owego, NY 13827

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Thursday, July 5, 2018 8:30 AM

IN ATTENDANCE (Public Works Committee)

Gary Hammond, Commissioner
Richard Perkins, Deputy Commissioner
Barbara Cushman, Secretary to the Commissioner
Loretta Sullivan, Public Works Committee
Dale Weston, Public Works Committee
Ellen Pratt, Materials Recovery Manager
Marté Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair

Absent:  Mike Roberts, Public Works Committee Chairman
Richard Huttleston, Public Works Committee

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes for the June 2018 meeting were tabled until the August 2018 meeting due to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Huttleston being absent, therefore there was not a quorum for voting on the minutes.

SOLID WASTE

1. Ms. Pratt submitted the Solid Waste Reports for the month of June. Ms. Pratt reviewed these reports with the committee.


3. Ms. Pratt submitted a comparison of the estimated cost of extending the recycling contract vs. rebidding it. This was tabled until the next meeting.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Mr. Hammond stated Buildings & Grounds has completed the Backup 911 Center at the Carmichael Tower site.
2. The roofs were repaired on the HVAC Control Rooms on top of the HHS Building.
3. The steps at the east entrance of the Court House have been repaired.
4. A new condensing unit was installed on the roof of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
5. Mrs. Cushman stated that she had reached out to the Public Service Commission regarding the large sewer increases. They do not oversee sewer charges, nor is there any entity that does. Sewer rates are controlled solely by local government.

6. Mr. Perkins stated that our office was approached by a village of Owego land owner informing us of a private sewer line that runs under the village of Owego parking lot off of Court Street that a couple of our buildings are tied into as well as a number of other properties. The Village of Owego is refusing responsibility for this sewer line.

HIGWAY

1. Mr. Hammond stated that the Highway Department has been busy with ditching operations on Ellis Creek Road.
2. Mowing operations are ongoing.
3. Patching operations are being done on Oak Hill, Dean Creek, Ellis Creek Roads, and East River Drive.
4. We installed rip rap on a box culvert at the lower end of Halsey Valley Road to prevent erosion.
5. Three driveway pipes were installed on Halsey Valley Road.
6. Tree removal is being done on Sulphur Springs Road and Crumtown Road.
7. Mr. Perkins stated that we have some upcoming road closures. Crumtown Road will be closed for a few days for a pipe replacement. There will be an off-site detour over Dawson Hill Road. Sulphur Springs Road will be closed for approximately 3 weeks between Decker Hill Road and Green Road for a box culvert replacement. We provide ample notification of any road closures.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Mr. Perkins stated that Dean Creek Road will be closed next week for a bridge replacement. It will be starting on July 16 and is expected to remain closed until October. An off-site detour is in place.
2. Harnick Road will be closed for 2 weeks while we repair the bridge. An off-site detour will be in place.
3. Day Hollow Road over Foster Creek has been delayed until early spring next year.
4. Kelsey Road Bridge will be starting on July 16.
5. The Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Phase III is completed.
6. Montrose Turnpike pavement has been recycled. We will be doing a new pavement overlay on this project and is currently out to bid.
7. Mr. Hammond stated that we are applying for some multi-modal funding from Assemblyman Friend’s office to help offset the bridge repair on Harnick Road.
MISCELLANEOUS

1. Mr. Hammond stated that he is asking to add one position within Public Works Administration for next year to help cover some of the extra workload that our office has been taking on.
2. Mrs. Sullivan stated that she was approached about putting a sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue. She would like more information on the legal and financial aspects of installing a sidewalk.
3. Mr. Hammond stated that we will be installing Horse & Buggy signs on West Creek Road and Wilson Creek Road.
4. Village of Nichols has obtained grant funds to install a walkway over the levee to Kirby Park.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Create Account and Transfer Funds for Harnick Road Bridge BIN 2218720
2. Award Design Services for Harnick Road Bridge BIN 2218720
3. Award Construction Services for Harnick Road Bridge BIN 2218720

Mr. Weston adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works