

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
January 28, 2016

Present: Dan Banach, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Earle Gleason, Joe Reed, Craig Prior, Dave Hartman, Tim Dennis, Connie Hayes, Mark Morris, Bill Holgate, Jim Smith, Terry Button, Leslie Church.

Dan and Jim Multer will do the audit this month.

LEGISLATURE – Tim Dennis

Tim reported he sent an email out letting legislators know that the Village of Penn Yan would like a letter of support to apply for a CDGB grant to replace water and sewer lines. Tim received enough response that he did do the letter and sent it to the Village Mayor as the letter was due today.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Joe Reed

Joe reported the first stage of the Public Health Clinic work has been completed by moving Community Services to the first floor of the County Office Building. Joe explained he is working with the NYSDOH and trying to get numbers from consultants to do the required paperwork and drawings that the DOH is going to require for the project.

Joe reported his department is in the process of collecting data that the vendor needs to build the programming for the new phone system. IT is also working on other items needed to move forward with the installation.

Joe reported the next meeting of the Safety Committee will be held on February 10th.

Joe reviewed the Weights and Measures report for the month.

Joe reported the County owns a prover that was purchased in collaboration with Schuyler County in 1957. Because there is little to no value, Joe would like to put this on an auction site and split whatever proceeds are received with Schuyler County. The Committee approved.

Joe reported the rest of the roof work at Highway will have to waiting for better weather. Joe is holding the final check until the work is completed.

Joe reported the annual elevator inspections have been done. No issues were found.

Joe reported he talked to two different companies regarding Solar Power. Joe has contacted one of the companies twice and they have not responded. The other company told him the incentives are not great enough in New York State to make it economical.

Dan feels that the option for solar should not be dropped. If Joe gets a chance and can find out what the problems are regarding the economics he should follow up on it. Joe will reach out to a company in Geneva to see if he can obtain any further information.

Earle was asked to see if there was any information pertaining to solar at the NYSAC meeting next week.

Mark suggested Joe get in touch with Suzanne Hunt regarding solar. She had at one point met with Sarah Purdy regarding solar. Ms. Hunt is affiliated with Hunt Country Vineyards.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Dave Hartman

Dave reviewed the material bids that were received. The Committee approved. Dave will have resolutions to award the bids for the February meeting.

Dave reviewed the bids that were received for the West Avenue Bridge. Dave would like to award the bid to Silverline Construction. The Committee approved. Dave will have a resolution for the February meeting.

Dave reported on the Governor's proposed budget. The CHIPS funding as of right now will stay the same along with the Marchiselli funding. There are a couple of new programs that the Governor is proposing, Bridge New York Program and Pave New York Program. However, it remains to be seen what the details are. The last time there were programs like this, the Governor spent it down. Two bridges used up the money that was set aside, one in the Bronx and one in Long Island. Chances of upstate New York seeing any of the funding is slim.

Dan reported the March Public Safety meeting will be at 12:30p.m.on March 7, 2016 at the Highway Barns. A tour of the facility will be done first and then the meeting will start after the tour.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am