

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Shaw, Wilson, Fisher

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fedler, Ferguson

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Hall, Hicks, Nolan, Campbell, Clary

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – May 30, 2023
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. Public Works
 1. Request for Budget Amendment - .2 to .4
 - B. Sewer District
 1. Sewer #1/Sewer #2 Updates
 2. 2023 CFA Applications – HF – 1A North Hudson Falls
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Skellie called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the Supervisors' Classroom Room B214, Municipal Center, Fort Edward, New York.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 30, 2023 meeting was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Deborah Donohue, Superintendent of Public Works, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Budget Amendment – Budgeted small equipment in the equipment line and it should be in the contractual line for items costing less than \$500 and requesting to transfer those funds from equipment to contractual. A motion to transfer small equipment funds in County Road Machinery from DM.2090 to DM.4035 in the amount of \$1,780 and in County Road from D.2290 to D.4035 in the amount of \$1,800 was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. They got a deal on their Milwaukee tool sets.
- Temporary bridge going on Camden Valley Road due to a red flag. The red flag reduces the load ratings below an emergency vehicle and received DEC approval for temporary bridge. They now have six weeks to fix.
- Highway Crew Mowing in the Rain – Mr. Shaw stated he saw the Highway crew mowing yesterday in the hard rain on Rt. 113 and stated they did a phenomenal job when he looked at this morning.

SEWER DISTRICT – Joe Brilling, Executive Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Sewer #1/Sewer #2 Updates:
 - Public Hearing coming up on the sewer use ordinance for Sewer District #1 and #2. The district is working on getting that information posted on their website.
 - Extend the boundaries of Sewer District #1 to include the Kingsbury Sewer District #1. The Town of Kingsbury is moving forward with dissolving the district. There is a draft map plan and report and will need a public hearing. The map plan report is going to change Washington County Sewer District #1 billing structure to in the opinion of the Executive Director a more equitable solution across all the parcels. It will be an EDU

(equivalent dwelling unit) base charge. Sewage from SD#1 goes through Queensbury to Glens Falls. The County Attorney stated the Sewer District today is asking for a public hearing to be set for August to decide on the dissolution and information is included in the map plan report which will be distributed to all Supervisors. A couple million dollar sort of rehab project needs to be done on Sewer District #1, studies have been completed and the engineering for that has already been done with that information included in the map plan report. Because of all the municipalities involved intermunicipal agreements are needed. The district was set up that only occupied lots paid for capital costs. The Sewer District Board of Commissioners have approved and recommend the Board of Supervisors move forward with these changes. Washington County Sewer Districts #1 and #2 are part county districts. The town of Kingsbury will hold a public hearing on dissolving their sewer district. The County cannot move forward to extend SD#1 until Kingsbury approves dissolving their district. Motion to accept petition from the town of Kingsbury to dissolve Kingsbury Sewer District #1, accept map plan and report, file map with County Clerk and have available on website and schedule a public hearing to be held on August 18th to consolidate the districts and act as an agent for uncoordinated review SEQRA was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Fisher, and adopted.

- 2023 CFA Applications –1A North Hudson Falls – This is funding for Hudson Falls 1A a sewer rehab and stormwater separation project in the northern part of Hudson Falls. Had a \$100,000 environmental planning grant awarded in 2021 and that report has been finalized and submitted for acceptance to DEC and EFC. Would like to move forward with some funding applications. The project is eligible for WQIP funding, the district has infrastructure improvement act monies and has the potential for federal money. Working on finishing an RFP and ready to advertise for the engineering on that project in the next couple of days. Estimate is \$5.6M to \$5.8M for all of that work on this project. They are hoping it falls under the Sewer District's zero percent funding with EFC so that is a plus. The more grant funding, the less they have to borrow. The LCLGRP is putting the CFA application together and will be administering any grant awards that come from this application. This is a large land area that they are talking about working in. It is close to two miles of sewer main that would have stormwater separated from it that is a benefit to the district. The district is using this project, the potential for a hundred thousand gallons of additional flow if the district is able to get sewer to the former dewatering site. This helps with the dewatering site in that if you are going to add a 100,000 of potential flow and DEC advised them to do that the district would need four times the offset of stormwater or infiltration removal. Motion to approve going forward to submit applications for grant funding was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion to go into an executive session for the purpose of negotiating a salary that falls under this committee, matters leading the appointment, employment of a particular person, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Shaw and adopted. A motion to return to regular session was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Shaw and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed. No action was taken in the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Washington County Board of Supervisors