

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2021

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Fisher, Ward, O'Brien, Hogan, Clary, Griffith

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Daniel Martindale, Deputy County Attorney

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

Deborah Donohue, Supt. Public Works

Joe Brilling, Exec. Director SD#2

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – September 28, 2021
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. Public Works
 - 1) Car Pool – Plow Purchase
 - 2) Auction List
 - B. Request to Extend Temporary Use of County Vehicle – Granville Senior Shuttle
 - C. Sewer District
 - 1) Consider Appointment of Executive Director
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Skellie called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Hicks, and adopted.

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

- Car Pool – About to receive new foreman pickup trucks and need to get a plow and insert for one of them with funding in the Car Pool equipment line. A motion to approve purchase of plow and insert was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Discussion. The insert is for the sander and only have one estimate at this time of \$19,249. This is a straight plow. The motion to approve purchase of plow and insert was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, and adopted.
- Auction List – Received four (4) new trucks this year and would like permission to declare four (4) older trucks surplus: #92040 Army truck – freightliner, two (2) 2006 International 7600 series and one (1) 2007 International Paystar. A motion to declare surplus and auction four trucks was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and adopted.
- Last year, DPW was approved to purchase four (4) plow trucks at year end and would like to do the same this year. Going off an Onondaga County bid, they have enough money within the budget if they transfer funds from other lines into the equipment line to make this purchase. The cost for the four plow trucks is \$1,068,876. A motion to go forward and order the four plow trucks was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Messrs. Ferguson and Wilson, and adopted.
- School bus driver shortage. Many of DPW truck drivers fit the requirement to be a school bus driver but would need some additional training. The Superintendent asked if the committee would consider somehow allowing some of the DPW drivers if need be to help out the schools when needed. She does not anticipate that it would be needed often. If this is something the committee would like to consider she will look into it. Discussion ensued as to who is paying

them, what about liability and many other questions that would need to be answered. Mr. Wilson stated as long as we can do it legally, avoiding liability pitfalls and compensation is important so if all those details can be worked out he philosophically supports rather than having schools have to shut down but a lot of questions need to be answered. General comments that it seemed like a complicated issue with so many details to work out. Suggested to maybe reach out to retired employees who might be interested. The County Administrator is concerned with liability and a lot of other concerns but glad the Superintendent brought the idea forward to help the schools. The Superintendent will look into it.

SEWER DISTRICT:

- Consider Appointment of Executive Director – Mr. Brillig, Executive Director SD#2, would like to move forward with a replacement for the Executive Director position. The Commissioners have interviewed, chosen a candidate and the candidate has accepted the position. A motion to enter an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted. A motion to return to regular session was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and Mr. Campbell, and adopted. No action was taken in the executive session. A motion to appoint candidate for Executive Director of Sewer District and amend staffing pattern was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and Mr. Campbell, and adopted.
- Budget amendments – A motion to forward budget amendments for two Sewer District grants (Engineering Planning Grant \$150,000 & \$900,000 Green Innovation Grant) approved last month to the Finance Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.

EXTEND TEMPORARY USE OF COUNTY VEHICLE – Granville Senior Shuttle – Granville was approved to use a county vehicle for 90 days and due to Granville having not taken delivery of the new van ordered would like to extend the temporary use of a county vehicle. A motion to extend the period of time to allow Granville to hold on to the van until such time as they receive their replacement van was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Messrs. Ferguson and Campbell. Discussion. A motion to amend to include a three (3) month sunset was moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and adopted. Mr. Hicks abstain. The motion to extend the period of time to allow Granville to hold on to the van until such time as they receive their replacement van was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Messrs. Ferguson and Campbell, and adopted as amended. Mr. Hicks abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors