

Public Works Committee Meeting
Chenango County Office Building – Committee Room
Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 10:00 am

Present Were: Chairman Stanley D. Foulds, Supervisor Daniel S. Jack, Supervisor John J. Cammarata, Supervisor Lawrence N. Wilcox, Supervisor Raymond E. Wakefield Jr., Supervisor Jennifer B. Boudreau, Supervisor Michael R. Khoury, Director of Public Works Shawn Fry, Clerk of the Board RC Woodford, and Chairman of the Board George Seneck

Present via teleconference: Supervisor Lawrence Wilcox

Absent: Supervisor Peter C. Flanagan

Chairman Foulds called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Shawn Fry, Director, Public Works

Highway:

Refill – MEO

Mr. Fry is requesting refill of an MEO position that is vacant due to an advancement last year. There is no LMEO available for the position. Mr. Fry stated that he has spoken with his deputies and they are all in agreement that they are in high need of the MEO position and could possibly use a couple more. This refill will have to be an outside the County as there are no eligible highway workers currently. Mr. Fry said that the starting rate of pay per the CSEA contract is \$16.64 per hour.

Motion made by Supervisor Cammarata to refer to Personnel for the refill of the MEO position, seconded by Supervisor Wakefield.

Roll call approve; motion carried.

Supervisor Jack asked how many openings for this position there are, and if they are looking to request more positions. Mr. Fry stated that he is requesting to refill the one position at this time, however, he could use at least two more. They are in need of truck drivers. Mr. Fry stressed that he does not know how long it will take to fill this position since the rate of pay is low in comparison with most outfits. Supervisor Jack wanted to know if this is a CDL position. Mr. Fry responded with yes it requires a minimum of a CDL-B license. Supervisor Khoury wanted to have clarification on the different classifications. Mr. Fry explained that at the Highway Department there are different levels of workers. They currently have the following:

Laborer – Tuesday – Saturday with Class D License

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LMEO (Light Motor Equipment Operator)– Laborer for minimum of 1 year with Class CDL-B License

MEO (Motor Equipment Operator) – bigger truck and tandem trucks

HMEO (Heavy Equipment Operator)

Supervisor

Chairman Foulds asked Mr. Fry to send to committee a listing of the classifications with descriptions so that they had them.

Material Bids

Mr. Fry stated that the material bids of January were opened last Tuesday, and, in the packet, he handed out there are result worksheets that lists all the bids.

Bank Run Gravel – Mr. Fry is requesting acceptance of all bids to be used based on job location and product availability.

Supervisor Boudreau made a motion to accept all bids based on job location and product availability, seconded by Supervisor Jack.
Roll Call approved, motion carried.

Ready Mix Concrete – Mr. Fry stated that there were two bidders and is requesting to accept the Bid from BTC out of Vestal NY as the lowest bidder.

Supervisor Jack made a motion to accept BTC of Vestal NY as the lowest bidder, seconded by Supervisor Wakefield.
Roll Call approved, motion carried.

Welding Gases – Mr. Fry stated that there was only one bidder and is requesting the committee to accept the bid from Airgas.

Supervisor Wakefield made a motion to accept Airgas as the only bidder for welding gases, seconded by Supervisor Jack.
Roll call approved, motion carried.

Motor Oil & Lubricants – Mr. Fry stated that there were three bidders and is requesting that Williams Lubricants be accepted as the lowest bidder.

Supervisor Cammarata made a motion to accept Williams Lubricants as the lowest bidder for motor oil and lubricants, seconded by Supervisor Wakefield.

Updates

Mr. Fry gave an update to the Committee on the weather events that took place in December 2020. On December 17th winter storm Gail hit and on December 24th- 25th there was flooding. The snowstorm accumulated 2-5 feet in different parts of the county. A State of Emergency was issued for road closures. DPW workers started at 2am to start clearing the roads, the landfill and transfer stations were closed however, the workers did show up to try and get the facilities open. At 6pm on December 17th the road closure was lifted. Mr. Fry went on the say that on December 18th the DPW worked on clearing out the communication towers and started assisting the City of Norwich with their clean-up efforts. On December 19th they worked on clearing the DPW on Rexford Street, continued working with the City of Norwich and cleared the Chenango County

Fairgrounds. On Monday December 21st they continued to work on clean-up, helped clear the County Office parking lots and Cook Park. Mr. Fry spoke about the flooding that took place on December 24th through the 25th. He stated that around 11pm on December 24th calls started coming in about mudslides and ditches getting filled up. On December 25th DPW workers were called in at 3am and worked till 3-4pm fixing areas that were determined hazardous for travel. Mr. Fry stated that County Road 37 in the hamlet of Mt. Upton and County Road 5 in German were hit hard. Multiple roads throughout the County had a lot of shoulder damage. Mr. Fry explained that he spoke with Mr. Beckwith and they thought that the snowstorm was going to be declared a disaster, however that may not be the case. Supervisor Cammarata asked if the flooding would be covered under FEMA. Mr. Fry stated that no it would not as FEMA is getting tougher to do. Chairman Foulds stated that the County and Towns spend a lot of money after these storms and need to let our representatives know that we do not want to deal with FEMA as they are hard to work with and need to find a way to make the process easier. Mr. Fry stated that the County spent approximately \$70,000 in the first 48 hours of the snowstorm. He stated that the flooding was a lot worse, they have kept good records but have not started to file. Supervisor Foulds wanted to thank all who were involved with cleaning up after the two storms on behalf of the Committee.

Tandem Truck Box

Mr. Fry stated that last year he spoke with the Treasurer's Office and Mr. Woodford about utilizing some of the excess money in the Machinery Budget that was created due to the low fuel prices. He is proposing to purchase a dump box from Tenco in the amount of \$44,230. The price is for delivery to the Rexford Street address of a Hardox steel box with stainless steel hydraulic lines. Mr. Fry explained that the Highway mechanics would be installing the box. Supervisor Boudreau stated that fuel is going up. Mr. Fry agreed with her but explained that these monies are from the 2020 budget. Mr. Fry wanted to give this information to the Committee so that they could think about the purchase. He stated that he will not know how much extra money he will have in that budget until the middle of February. He is waiting on the Treasurer's Office to finish reconciling the books for 2020. At that time, he will be able to come to Committee to request for those surplus funds be moved to the dedicated Highway Equipment Fund, which was set-up exactly for this purpose. Mr. Fry explained that they desperately need these boxes as the ones currently on the trucks are falling off and are too dangerous to use. They use these trucks sparingly for hauling occasionally. Mr. Fry would like to get these trucks back in service so that they could be used. He went on to say that these boxes are a lot cheaper than purchasing a brand-new truck.

Supervisor Cammarata asked if the new truck was delivered. Mr. Fry stated that yes it was around the 3rd week in January.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that these boxes should be purchased with these funds as the money was from 2020 and we do not want the funds to fall off the table. Mr. Fry agreed. Supervisor Wilcox stated that they have until February 28th to make the decision. Supervisor Wilcox asked if it needed to go before the full board. Mr. Woodford explained that the funds will eventually fall to the road machinery side of the budget and at the time the Treasurer's Office will be able to quantify the amount of surplus and move it to the project account. Supervisor Khoury asked if

nothing was done with these funds do, they just go back into the fund balance. Mr. Woodford stated that they would go to the Road Machinery Fund balance. Supervisor Khoury asked what the balance was in the Dedicated Highway Equipment Fund. Mr. Fry stated that they were approximately \$67,000. He was hoping to purchase a couple of pick-up trucks in December however, the bidding was unsuccessful. Mr. Fry explained that he is still going to pursue the purchase of the truck through State bidding. He did try to do local bidding for trucks on the lots, he received zero bids.

Mr. Fry let the Committee know that Phase I of the Bridge Maintenance Project has been completed. It was a painting project with McFarland & Johnson, final walk through was completed by DOT and they gave the final ok.

LandFill:

Refill Senior Account Clerk/Typist

Mr. Fry requested to refill the Senior Account Clerk/Typist position. He stated that the current position holder has applied to the Labor position that was open in the Highway Department. She was the sole applicant. Mr. Fry stated that he did explain to the applicant that this would be a demotion with \$1.60 less pay, she was okay with it. He explained this person believes that she will have more room for advancement.

Motion made by Supervisor Jack to refer to Personnel the refill of the Senior Account Clerk/Typist at the pay rate of \$16.55 per hour, seconded by Supervisor Khoury. Roll call approved; motion carried.

2020 Year End Summary:

Mr. Fry stated that the County ended up with just under 36,000 tons of solid waste, leachate ended with six million gallons which equates to three cents a gallon for \$180,000. He stated that in February he will be able to give a more precise look at the financials once all the accounts have been reconciled.

Mr. Fry stated that for January so far things are progressing. The compactor has been returned at the beginning of the week. It is up and running with the new engine. There is a 3-year, 5,000-hour warranty on the new engine and radiator cooling system. Supervisor Jack asked if there were any options on extended warranty. Mr. Fry replied with there was no extended warranty option available.

Supervisor Khoury questioned the pattern of the tonnage, he noticed that there was a significant drop of 20% in 2019. Mr. Fry gave a brief history of how Bert Adams decided to stop bringing their garbage to the Chenango County Landfill after the tipping fee rates were increased in 2019. Mr. Fry explained that Mr. Adams decided to go back to Chemung County where he had a rate of \$31.00 a ton, whereas Chenango County's rate was \$45 per ton. He explained that with them not bringing the garbage in the tonnage has dropped. Supervisor Jack stated with Bert Adams not bringing in their garbage, cell 4 is not filling up as fast and the Committee can work the budget

around the difference in revenue. He believes that since fuel prices are on the rise that Bert Adams might possibly be back.

Mr. Fry agreed with Supervisor Jack who had stated that there are a few other things to think about such as; the cost of building a new cell, the moving of the over burden soil which is on top of the placement for cell 5. He stated that the cost of moving the over burden soil will cost a lot of money. Mr. Fry explained that if the Landfill was receiving the same volume of tonnage into cell 4 as in 2017, 2018 and 2019 the lifecycle of the cell would have made the need to construct cell 5 moved up to the next couple of years. Mr. Fry stated that this would have made the cost of cell 5 higher due to the need of moving the over burden soil faster and possibly having to have the contractors be the ones to move it.

Supervisor Khoury understands the long term advantages, but wanted to know how will Mr. Fry streamline the cost for the day to day operations. Mr. Fry stated that they are looking at ways to streamline the day to day as much as possible and will be going in more depth with the increase in tipping fees. He stated that he would like to increase the tipping fees and has made the haulers aware that there will be an increase in the spring of 2021. Mr. Fry told the Committee that they have two choices going forward. He spoke about the planning document that he handed out to the Committee which shows the anticipated 2021 expenses. The first part shows the 2021 budget as it was adopted in November 2020. Mr. Fry stated that the first action the Public Works and Finance Committee along with the Board could do was amend the 2021 Landfill budget. He stressed that he would not advise this route as you cannot revise labor costs. He believes that where the Landfill budget will get impacted is with the operations and contractual expenses. Mr. Fry let the Committee know that there are two old pieces of equipment in the budget that are necessary to replace. Each piece of equipment has over 20,000 hours of use on them, they are falling apart, and they have repaired them as much as they can. Mr. Fry stated that altering the budget will make it difficult. Mr. Fry would like to propose tipping fee bag rate and other solid waste rate increase to try make up for the short fall of revenue within the budget. He stated that the break down that he presented the Committee shows that the moving of the over burden soil pile will cost roughly \$300,000 a year to have a contractor to it. He explained that the Committee has talked about in the past of the DPW forces moving as much of the pile as possible. Mr. Fry is worried that if they have a dedicated crew moving the pile then that is going to put a burden on other highway projects that need to be completed as well. Supervisor Boudreau asked what the over burden pile was. Mr. Fry gave a brief explanation about how the pile came about from the construction of the previous cells. Supervisor Boudreau questioned if the dirt could be given away. Mr. Fry stated that if the County did that it would be considered a mining operation and would have to get new permits and that is not feasible for the County. Mr. Fry explained that is why the property across from the Landfill was purchased so that the over burden pile could be spread out over there. Supervisor Cammarata wanted to know how moving the pile across the street will affect the elevation and the other possible cells that eventually will be built over there. Mr. Fry stated that yes, the elevation will change however, there is roughly over 143 acres to use. The plan is to not put it on all the acreage. The current Landfill is on 28 acres and the pile is covering about 13 acres, so when moving across the road they will only be using roughly 60-80 acres to spread it out and raise the elevation 10 – 15 feet. Mr. Fry stated that they are currently working with B&L for the next Landfill placement so that the County has a plan moving forward. Supervisor Foulds would like for Mr. Fry to come up with a schedule to see if the DPW

could start getting the pile moved. Mr. Fry stated that he would come up with a schedule that even included the Landfill employees helping as well. He stated that even if they moved a couple of loads a day it would help immensely. Mr. Fry would like to just get some sort of plan into place. Mr. Fry stated that with talking to B&L the cost to build cell 5 is roughly 5-5.5 million dollars and if the contractor must move the pile the cost goes to 7-8 million.

Mr. Fry spoke about the next budget issue which was the purchase of the property across from the Landfill. He stated that the \$275,000 for the purchase came from the cell 5 development account, he stressed the importance of repaying those funds. He broke the payments up over the next 5 years.

Mr. Fry spoke next about the 2021 recycling budget Assistance is in there just in case there is a problem with the recycling budget. He hopes that they won't need the funds. He explained that Mr. Hendricks states that the market for recycling is rising.

Mr. Fry touched base on the 2021 Dedicated Equipment Fund which will help buy some equipment for the Landfill.

Supervisor Foulds asked Mr. Fry to explain more about the repayment for the cell construction. Mr. Fry explained that he would like to repay the cell 5 development account \$55,000 for the next 5 years to recoup the cost of the land purchase. He thinks this is a good idea, the more money they have for the cell 5 construction the better.

Mr. Fry stated that the breakdown for the anticipated expense was around 2.6 million dollars. Mr. Fry explained that with the current tipping rate fees if they bring in the same 36,000 tons as 2020 there will be a short fall in the budget of approximately 400,000 dollars. He stated that yes, they would make the budget, but they would not have the funds to the other essential items. Mr. Fry would like to propose an increase in the 2021 tipping bag and solid waste fees for March 1st or sooner to help build revenue. Supervisor Jack stated that there will need to be time to get the word out to the public so that there is not a problem like the last increase caused. Mr. Woodford explained that any adoption of fee changes needs to be a resolution adopted by the full Board and that could take place at the February 8th Board of Supervisor's meeting. Mr. Fry believes that this would need to go to the March Board of Supervisor's meeting so that he has time to get the information out to all the supervisors. Mr. Fry stated that he wasn't looking for action today, but he agrees with Mr. Wilcox that the County is running a business and that if people demand that we run our business through their opinions he does not agree with that. Supervisor Jack asked if the \$5.00 difference is enough incentive for the haulers to take their loads to Pharsalia compared to North Norwich or Brisben. Mr. Fry believes that if they offer any lower, they would be losing money. Supervisor Khoury is concerned that history will repeat itself with raising the rates. Mr. Fry spoke about the comparison schedule that he put together that shows the surrounding Counties Landfills and their fees. He stated that Chenango County would still have the lowest rates even with the increase that he is proposing. Mr. Fry stated that yes, they could see the same effect of losing revenue as in the past, however, they must take a chance to recoup the funds. There are two options - either raise taxes or change the tipping fees. Supervisor Boudreau thinks that the \$15.00 increase is a lot. Mr. Fry understands that but stated that the fees didn't increase for many years. The landfill started in 1994 and the tipping fees did not increase until 2017.

Supervisor Jack stated that yes \$15.00 was a big jump but Chenango County would still be the lowest in the fee schedule compared to the other landfills. Supervisor Jack stated that he would never agree to raise taxes when they can do it with services. Supervisor Cammarata wanted to know about the fee for electronics and computers. Mr. Fry explained that is depended on the age of the device, the newer the device there is no fee. If an older device comes in it is \$7.50 and the County must pay \$15-\$20 to get rid of it. The County is losing a lot of money on these devices. Last year Mr. Fry came to Committee to raise the rate to \$10 because the previous rate was \$5, and they settled on \$7.50. The Committee was concerned to raise it to \$10 because they thought that the devices would just end up in the State lands. Mr. Fry understood where they were coming from as the Highway Department frequently picks things off the side of the road. Mr. Fry reminded the Committee that in the 2021 budget there is \$85,000 to pay for disposing of tires and electronics. He stated that most of those funds are for electronics because the tire disposal pays for itself. Supervisor Cammarata believes that the current tipping fees should stay the same because labor and fuel will increase this year and you don't know what is going to happen with your equipment. Supervisor Foulds explained that the haulers will pass the cost on to their customers. Supervisor Khoury stated that there is one hauler that did not take that approach and that there could be consequences if the Committee moves forward. Mr. Fry stated that he is just proposing these changes and he just wants to make sure that in 2023-2024 we have funds for the cell 5 project. Supervisor Jack asked what the next steps needed to be. Mr. Woodford explained that there would need to be Committee acknowledgement, then it would go to the full Board. Chairman Seneck stated that there are a lot of variables in play such as the price of fuel. He believes that the County needs to open the door to the one large hauler and see where that goes. There are other options such as flow control and maybe that needs to be looked at again. Chairman Seneck spoke about that down the road when building cell 5 they might need to borrow money to complete the project unless there are adjustments made. He believes that a plan needs to be put together and that it can be adjusted over time if need be. Chairman Seneck agreed that there needs to be advanced notice to the haulers so that they can make timely adjustments on their end. He stated that making budget is getting harder when the revenue stream isn't there. Mr. Fry stated that Chairman Seneck had a good point, he needs direction. With the fuel prices rising that there is a good chance that Bert Adams could return. He stated that in August 2020 the commercial haulers were asked to renew their contracts with Chenango County with a rate of \$85 a ton. Mr. Adams has refused to do so; he had a discounted rate in the past of \$45 a ton. Mr. Fry believes that rate should not apply any longer since he will not renew the contract. He is asking for direction on what to charge Mr. Adams if he does return to using the Chenango Landfill. Supervisor Jack thinks that it should be brought back to Committee if Mr. Adams returns and that the rate should not be \$45. Mr. Fry agrees with Supervisor Jack, but he does not think that he would have time to come back to Committee since Mr. Adams could possibly return at any time. Supervisor Wakefield stated that if we do not have a contract, then go by the current rate. Chairman Seneck stated that Mr. Fry should have a conversation with the County Attorney to make sure that everything is legal and based on his recommendation bring them back to Committee.

Motion made by Supervisor Jack to full board to accept the tipping rate fee increase with a change in the amount of \$65 to \$60 with a start date of April 1st, seconded by Supervisor Cammarata.

Roll call 4 yes, 2 no and 2 absent; motion denied.

There was discussion about the rate change to \$60 to have the haulers go directly to Pharsalia. Mr. Fry stated that it cost roughly \$10 a ton for the County to haul from either North Norwich or Brisben Transfer Stations. He would like to see the Committee split the difference and have the price at \$62.50. Supervisor Jack and Supervisor Cammarata agreed to revise their motion for the rate change.

Supervisor Khoury stated that there are a lot of moving parts and that there needs to be discussions with the hauler. He does not want to see a loss in tonnage that has happened in the past. Chairman Seneck would like to open a dialogue with Mr. Adams.

North Norwich Transfer Station

Mr. Fry wants to make sure that the two pieces of equipment that need to be replaced are not lost through either Public Works or Finance Committee. He would like to get them ordered as soon as possible.

Recycling

Mr. Fry stated that in the packet is the end of the year information on how recycling went. He stated that they made about 57-58% of the anticipated revenue for 2020. It was a horrible year for recycling, and they had many reviews of the recycling program. Mr. Fry is still a firm believer in the Counties Recycling Program. He believes that source separated is getting the County the most revenues, he thinks that if they went to Single Source – Single Stream the County would lose money. Mr. Fry reminded the Committee that both North Norwich and Brisben were closed for 2 months due to COVID. Mr. Fry stated that the total revenue was \$83,343 for 2020. Mr. Fry explained to Committee that they received 2 grants from New York State, one in the amount of \$16,000 and the second in the amount of \$46,000 for a total of \$61,000. With these grants they were able to just about make budget at \$144,000 for 2020. Mr. Fry is hoping that they will not have to use too much from the Landfill Revenue Bank to balance the recycling.

Mr. Fry discussed the increase for recyclables for 2021, all areas have increased. Supervisor Jack asked if there was a stockpile of recyclables. Mr. Fry responded with yes because of the poor pricing they held on to them. Mr. Fry explained that they are looking at all options to streamline the recycling program.

Scrape Bid:

Mr. Fry stated that Weitsman is the only bid that they received with an amount of \$150 per ton per quarter. He explained that last year it was \$95 per ton, he stated to committee that it does not fluctuate a lot throughout the year. Mr. Fry pointed out to Committee about the \$15.00 fee that was zero last year. This is for White Goods and freon removal. Mr. Fry is requesting for Committee to act and change the amount the County charges for White Goods with Refrigerant from \$10 to \$15 a unit. Supervisor Boudreau questioned if that was cost effective. Mr. Woodford stated that adjusting the White Good fee is basically changing a tipping fee, so that would be for the Committee to move to the full Board.

Motion made by Supervisor Boudreau to full Board to change tipping fee for White Goods with refrigerant from \$10 to \$15 and to accept the Weitsman bid, seconded by Supervisor Wakefield. Roll call approved; motion carried.

Weights and Measures:

Mr. Fry stated that Mr. Davis has provided the Committee with his December 2020 report along with 2020 annual report. Mr. Woodford stated that the Committee needed to forward the Annual report to the full Board.

Motion made by Supervisor Wakefield to move the 2020 Annual Weights and Measures report to the full Board, seconded by Supervisor Cammarata. Roll call approved; motion carried.

Discussion:

Supervisor Khoury asked about the year of truck that the Tanden truck boxes were for. Mr. Fry stated that all the trucks are Internationals and he is not sure of the ages. He stated that the boxes were worn out, but the trucks were still usable. Supervisor Foulds requested that Mr. Fry create a truck inventory with their age and conditions for the Committee.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Cammarata made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Jack. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Foulds adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

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Present Were: Vice Chairperson Peter C. Flanagan, Supervisor John J. Cammarata, Supervisor Raymond E. Wakefield Jr., Supervisor Michael R. Khoury, Director of Public Works Shawn Fry, Clerk of the Board RC Woodford, and Chairman of the Board George Seneck

Present via teleconference: Supervisor Lawrence Wilcox

Absent: Supervisor Stanley D. Foulds, Supervisor Daniel Jack, Supervisor Jennifer B. Boudreau

Vice Chairperson Flanagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Shawn Fry, Director, Public Works

Highway:

Material Bids:

**Snowplow Blades and Shoes
Special Hardened Grader Blades
Carbide Insert Snowplow Blades**

Mr. Flanagan stated typically the committee chooses to accept the lowest bid. Mr. Fry stated he only received one bid for these materials.

Supervisor Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cammarata, to accept the bids from Chemung Supply for snowplow blades and shoes, special hardened grader blades, and carbide insert snowplow blades. Carried.

Discussion: Mr. Khoury asked Mr. Fry to walk them through the bids provided. Mr. Fry stated the first bid is for the snowplow blades and shoes, for which he normally receives 2-3 bids. Mr. Fry stated Stihl sales representatives in Sherburne contacted him and stated they would not be making a bid due to high price fluctuations from their supplier.

Mr. Flanagan asked how the prices compared to last year. Mr. Fry stated the snowplow blades and shoes had about a 15% price increase, the special hardened grader blades had a 13% price increase and the carbide-insert snowplow blades had a 12% price increase. Mr. Flanagan asked if the towns could purchase off from these bids. Mr. Fry stated yes, the towns could make purchases off these bids. Mr. Fry stated the second bid was for special hardened grader blades and the last bid was for carbide-insert snowplow blades.

75,000 LB. – Vehicle & Equipment Lift – Main Garage – Repair or Replace

Mr. Fry stated in the fall they noticed a leak in the hydraulic cylinder of the largest lift in the highway garage. Mr. Fry stated it was recommended to replace these cylinders. Mr. Fry stated

the repair costs would be about \$32,000. Mr. Fry stated he received another quote for \$149,993.90 to replace the lift with the exact same model they currently have. Mr. Fry stated currently they have a 6-leg parallelogram lift system. Mr. Fry stated this lift was installed in the spring of 2003 for about \$75,000 by the same company. Mr. Fry stated this is a state bid contract and it includes installation. Mr. Fry stated they recommended replacing the lift with a different model which has fewer moving parts and is easier to maintain. Mr. Fry stated this is a 4-leg lift which rises straight up. Mr. Fry stated he received a quote of \$133,413.13 for this lift. Mr. Fry stated he spoke in depth with both Mr. Foulds and the Filtrec representatives about the lift. Mr. Fry stated during the inspection last May it was noted that there was major corrosion on the lift. Mr. Fry stated this tends to be one of the major failure points of these lifts. Mr. Fry stated that unlike a bridge you cannot fix a lift by welding it. Mr. Fry stated this would result in an immediate failure with the inspection. Mr. Fry stated they could put the money into the cylinder repair but in May there is no guarantee that the lift will pass inspection due to the additional corrosion in the last year. Mr. Fry stated this lift is used daily. Mr. Fry stated he would recommend replacing the lift with the 4-leg lift.

Mr. Khoury asked Mr. Fry to describe how severe the corrosion on the lift is. Mr. Fry read from the notes in the inspection last May that the lift has excessive corrosion, and this must be monitored. Mr. Fry stated the Filtrec inspectors which are a separate branch of the Filtrec company could choose to pass the inspection in May or they may not pass it. Mr. Fry stated both he and the Filtrec company would hate to see the county invest \$32,000 into the lift repairs and then have to replace the lift.

Mr. Wilcox asked for clarification if the inspector of the lift is from the company that sells this product. Mr. Fry stated yes, they hire them to inspect the lifts annually, but they are a separate division of the company and must follow certain guidelines provided by the state. Mr. Wilcox asked how long the warranty lasts. Mr. Fry stated that it is for one year.

Mr. Flanagan asked if the lift is still being used and whether it was a safety concern. Mr. Fry stated it is still being used and it is not a safety concern at this time, but it will only get worse with time. Mr. Fry stated the structural degradation will eventually catch up with them at which point they will be forced to replace the lift.

Mr. Flanagan asked if the lift could last for a couple more years. Mr. Fry stated that is possible and then they could budget for its replacement. Mr. Flanagan asked where they could get the funds for this. Mr. Fry stated currently there is no budgeted money for this expense. Mr. Fry stated there was some surplus in road machinery from 2020 but he would need to work with the treasurer's office to find out how much. Mr. Fry stated there are some funds in the equipment account as well. Mr. Flanagan asked if there was a repairs account. Mr. Fry stated he is usually close in this account, so he does not want to use this. Mr. Fry stated there is a building repairs account which could possibly be utilized towards this. Mr. Wilcox asked if it would be wise to work with the Finance Department on a budget for this prior to their approval. Mr. Fry stated he was hoping to have this moved to the Finance Committee next month and had planned to discuss payment options for the lift with Mr. Craine and Mr. Williams prior to this meeting.

Mr. Khoury stated nothing is more important than safety. Mr. Khoury stated he feels there is a conflict of interest though with the inspection company and they may want to obtain a second

opinion. Mr. Khoury asked if the Engineers at DPW had assessed the lift. Mr. Fry stated they had not because in his opinion it is not their job to assess this piece of equipment. Mr. Fry stated he feels this is Filtrec's job and he trusts their assessment. Mr. Flanagan recommended obtaining a second opinion. Mr. Fry stated he would obtain a second opinion and bring the information back to the Public Works Committee next month. Mr. Cammarata asked if he could obtain an extension on the quote. Mr. Fry stated he would ask, and he is sure they will provide an extension.

Mr. Flanagan asked if another company could work on the lift. Mr. Fry stated they could, and the repair costs would probably be similar. Mr. Fry stated that the cost of a replacement lift from another company would be different though as it would not be the same lift. Mr. Flanagan stated they would wait for more information from Mr. Fry on the lift.

Other

Mr. Fry stated he had another item to discuss which was not on the agenda. Mr. Fry stated he is requesting two replacement truck boxes. Mr. Fry stated he spoke to the committee back in November and he was advised by the Treasurer's Office to wait for reconciliation at the end of February to see where things were. Mr. Fry provided a quote from Tenco Industries for \$46,470.00 which includes installation. Mr. Fry stated he would like to get two of these at this time since he thinks they can afford it in the budget. Mr. Flanagan asked how old the vehicles are that these boxes are going on. Mr. Fry stated he would have to look it up, but they are probably 10-12 years old. Mr. Khoury asked if these trucks are being used now and how much longer they may last. Mr. Fry stated they are not in use because the boxes have degraded. Mr. Khoury asked how much longer Mr. Fry expects these vehicles to be on the road. Mr. Fry stated he hopes to get another 6-10 years of use out of these trucks. Mr. Wilcox stated that with emissions controls recycling the trucks are well worth it. Mr. Wilcox stated that if the vehicle stops working the box can be transferred to another vehicle. Mr. Fry confirmed this. Mr. Fry asked the committee to approve this and move it to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Khoury, to refer to the Finance Committee for the purchase of two new truck boxes for \$46,470 each. Carried.

Refer to Finance.

Upcoming 2021 Projects

Mr. Fry stated he would like to go through the proposed projects for 2021. Mr. Fry stated they have two bridges to repair. Mr. Fry stated the first bridge needs a superstructure replacement which means replacing the deck and guide rails. Mr. Fry stated this bridge is in Sherburne and is known as the Knapp Rd bridge. Mr. Fry stated they planned to work on this bridge last year, but the town of Sherburne received a grant to work on a neighboring bridge, so they elected to wait until that was complete. Mr. Fry stated it will hopefully only take about 4 weeks to complete. Mr. Fry stated the second bridge is the box culvert on County Rd 2 in the township of Greene. Mr. Fry stated they will remove the box culvert and back it up about 6-8 feet on each side, drive piles, install cap abutments, span the stream with precast concrete box beams, and install new guide rails. Mr. Fry stated DPW would do most of the work, but they would need to contract out the work for the piles and precast concrete box beams.

Mr. Fry stated the roads slated for oil and stone work this year are County Rd 3, County Rd 3A, part of County Rd 21, County Rd 39, and County Rd 45. Mr. Fry stated they are undecided about what roads will be resurfaced and repaved because they are not sure how much they will receive in CHIPs and Pave NY funding. Mr. Fry stated County Rd 13, County Rd 17, parts of County Rd 35, and County Rd 46 are slated for these repairs and he is working with vendors on various options. Mr. Fry stated then they can move forward once they know how much funding will be received. Mr. Flanagan asked if a budget had been put in place for this previously. Mr. Fry stated yes there was back in August and the budget was created with a 20% reduction in state funding. Mr. Fry stated there are speculations of additional funding coming through.

Other

Mr. Flanagan asked if Mr. Fry knows where he might find information about what kinds of utilities are in the right-of-ways by town. Mr. Flanagan stated the state is proposing to tax broadband infrastructure in right-of-ways. Mr. Fry stated most utility companies often have their own GIS systems that they use but he does not know if that is available to the public. Mr. Fry stated it may be best to ask Mr. Shane Butler if he knows where to obtain this information.

Landfill:

Monthly Report

Mr. Fry stated about 17,000 tons of solid waste was taken in for the month of January. Mr. Fry stated approximately 540,000 gallons of leachate was collected. Mr. Fry stated the compactor is back and being utilized.

Mr. Fry stated he brought in a plot of the landfill for those who are not familiar with it. Mr. Fry stated he is working with the Planning Department and the Engineering Staff at DPW to put together a map of the landfill property and the property across the road. Mr. Fry stated this will allow the supervisors to see where cells 5, 6, 7 and the area across the road is where they intend to place the overburden. Mr. Fry stated this will be a good planning tool. Mr. Fry stated he would like to have a Committee meeting at the landfill in the spring so that they can see how everything functions. Mr. Khoury asked for clarification for the purpose of the map. Mr. Fry stated he had discussed moving the overburden pile at the last meeting and it seemed many of the supervisors were not familiar with the landfill property. Mr. Fry stated he brought it in to clear up any confusion.

Mr. Fry stated they are in the process of obtaining numbers for the cost to have DPW or contractors move the soil. Mr. Fry stated he plans to have these numbers available for the next meeting. Mr. Flanagan wanted to make sure that they were not placing the pile of soil in a location where they may need to move it again. Mr. Fry agreed and stated he is working to avoid this problem. Mr. Flanagan asked where the soil will end up. Mr. Fry stated he is working with B&L to hypothesize where the best location for a landfill might be across the road in the future. Mr. Fry stated by doing this he hopes to avoid the need to move soil again in 25 years or so.

Other

Mr. Cammarata stated he believes an incinerator would be ideal. Mr. Cammarata stated an incinerator could probably be built on the property across the street to save them from moving soil. Mr. Cammarata stated the cost of cells 5, 6 and 7 could probably be put into an incinerator. Mr. Cammarata stated East Syracuse completed theirs about 3-4 years ago. Mr. Cammarata stated the amount of ash the incinerator produces is far less than the amount of garbage that goes into it. Mr. Flanagan asked about the carbon emissions. Mr. Cammarata stated the incinerators are very efficient and emissions are only about 1% of what comes out of the smokestacks. Mr. Cammarata stated he is in favor of referring this to the Planning Department to investigate this and search for available grants. Mr. Cammarata stated he also would like to make a motion to establish flow control in Chenango County.

Mr. Cammarata made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, to refer to Supervisor Cammarata to obtain more information about incinerators. Carried.

Discussion: Mr. Flanagan stated that Broome County looked at installing one many years ago, but it did not go through. Mr. Khoury asked Mr. Fry for his thoughts on using an incinerator. Mr. Fry stated that he thinks it would be ideal, but incinerators require a lot of fuel to run. Mr. Fry stated that Onondaga County has a larger population and therefore produces more waste. Mr. Fry stated Chenango County has a law prohibiting importing garbage into the county which would present a problem. Mr. Fry stated that Chenango County does not have the fuel to power it. Mr. Flanagan stated another option could be to export Chenango County's waste to a working incinerator. Mr. Fry stated many years ago they considered the idea of installing an incinerator in Chenango County. Mr. Fry stated they looked at the amount of waste produced, and the biomass in the area and it was not enough to fuel an incinerator. Mr. Fry stated that he could talk to B&L and see if anything has changed with the technology. Mr. Cammarata stated the one in East Syracuse is not very large. Mr. Cammarata stated he would be willing to contact East Syracuse and obtain more information for the board. Mr. Khoury stated he was in favor of looking into new technology.

Mr. Cammarata stated they spoke about flow control last year to make up revenue from a hauler who has not been cooperating and bringing waste to the landfill. Mr. Cammarata stated the County Attorney stated it would be a lengthy process to establish flow control.

Mr. Cammarata made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to establish flow control in Chenango County. Failed due to lack of majority. Opposed: Mr. Khoury and Mr. Wilcox. Absent: Mr. Foulds, Mr. Jack, and Ms. Boudreau.

Discussion: Mr. Flanagan stated he agrees with this, but he thinks that they should include the haulers in this discussion, so they are aware Chenango County is considering flow control. Mr. Flanagan stated he thinks Chenango County should consider charging for recycling at some point in the future as well. Mr. Khoury asked for clarification on what flow control is. Mr. Flanagan stated that this would require any waste created in Chenango County to go to the Chenango

County Landfill. Mr. Wilcox asked how they would enforce this. Mr. Flanagan stated there are other counties with flow control, but he is not sure how they are enforcing this. Mr. Khoury asked for clarification that they would be establishing a local law that requires haulers to bring waste created in the county to the Chenango County Landfill. Mr. Wilcox confirmed this. Mr. Khoury stated enforcement must be difficult. Mr. Khoury asked if the Chenango County Sheriffs would have to sit at the county line to track this.

Tipping Fee / Bag Rate Increase:

Mr. Fry stated he adjusted the proposed tipping fees and bag rate increase from the last time it was discussed. Mr. Fry stated he was previously asked what the cost of hauling solid waste was from the Brisben or North Norwich Transfer Stations to the Pharsalia Landfill. Mr. Fry stated it costs on average \$9.81/ ton with an average fuel cost of \$2.50/gallon. Mr. Flanagan asked if it factors in the salary and benefits of the driver. Mr. Fry confirmed it does. Mr. Fry stated in January he proposed \$65/ton for haulers that bring waste straight to the landfill. Mr. Fry stated the committee came back with \$62.50/ton. Mr. Fry stated he is proposing \$72.50/ton for haulers that deliver waste to the transfer stations. Mr. Fry stated he proposed \$60/ton for commercial haulers that guarantee to bring over 5,000 tons of waste directly to the Pharsalia Landfill.

Mr. Fry referred to the earlier discussion about flow control. Mr. Fry stated Madison County has a flow control law. Mr. Fry stated they found this difficult to enforce. Mr. Fry stated Madison County includes a flow control agreement in their hauler contracts to receive a lower rate. Mr. Fry stated that if they do not bring all their waste to Madison County then they lose the discounted rate retroactively to the start of their contract. Mr. Fry stated this results in a large payment to the county. Mr. Khoury stated that this would create a voluntary contractual agreement rather than a local law. Mr. Khoury asked who would have this discussion with the haulers for their contracts. Mr. Khoury stated he would like to receive feedback from the haulers on this.

Mr. Khoury made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wakefield, to refer to the County Attorney about adding a flow control agreement to hauler contracts. Carried.

Refer to County Attorney.

Discussion: Mr. Cammarata asked if the hauler contracts start on the first of January. Mr. Fry stated the commercial hauler contracts are established on the first of June. Mr. Seneck stated he is concerned about moving forward as they really need to look at the tipping fee and bag rates at the landfill. Mr. Seneck stated he does not like to see the rates go up, but they need to figure out how to cover the loss in revenue. Mr. Seneck stated currently they are looking at a projected \$400,000 loss this year. Mr. Seneck stated delaying this another month could make it difficult to negotiate commercial hauler contracts. Mr. Seneck stated there are two components at play here including flow control agreements in hauler contracts, but the committee does need to set the rates.

Mr. Khoury asked when the new rate increases would take effect. Mr. Fry stated he is proposing April 1, 2021. Mr. Fry stated that would only be if the Public Works Committee approves the rates and moves it to the Board of Supervisors meeting in March for approval. Mr. Flanagan

asked about the bag rate in Chenango County which is low in comparison to other counties. Mr. Fry stated the current bag rate is \$2.00 and he is proposing an increase to \$3.00.

Mr. Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cammarata, to refer to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the proposed 2021 tipping fee, bag rate, and other waste rate increases. Failed due to lack of majority. Opposed: Mr. Khoury. Absent: Mr. Foulds, Mr. Jack, and Ms. Boudreau.

Logging Project

Mr. Fry stated that on February 8th he received a letter from Prentice & Carlisle asking for a contract deadline extension. Mr. Fry stated they were the highest bidder for logging a parcel at the landfill. Mr. Fry stated the deadline was April 1, 2021. Mr. Fry stated he spoke with the County Attorney and they wrote a letter providing an extension through October 1, 2021. Mr. Fry stated the reason for logging this area was so they could create a drive around the area where cells 5, 6, and 7 will go. Mr. Fry stated they are not ready to do that so extending the contract was not an issue.

Recycling:

Monthly Report

Mr. Fry stated they were able to sell about \$9,000 in recycling materials during the month of January.

Weights and Measures:

Mr. Fry provided a report from the Department of Weights and Measures on the work performed for January 2021.

Other

Mr. Khoury stated he would like to see Chemung County included in the rate comparisons for tipping fees and bag rates. Mr. Fry stated he could obtain this information. Mr. Khoury stated that he and some other supervisors intended to approach commercial haulers to receive their input.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wakefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Khoury. All in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairman Mr. Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

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