



TIOGA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 8, 2024
9:00 am

▪ ATTENDANCE

➤ Legislators

- Marté Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair
- William Standinger, Public Works Committee
- Barbara Roberts, Public Works Committee
- Ron Ciotoli, Public Works Committee

➤ Staff

- Gary Hammond, Commissioner
- Richard Perkins, Deputy Commissioner
- Barbara Cushman, Secretary to the Commissioner

➤ Guests

- Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
- Peter DeWind, County Attorney

➤ Absent

- Dale Weston, Public Works Committee Chairman

▪ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for January 4, 2024, was made by Mrs. Roberts, 2nd by Mr. Ciotoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

▪ FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Summary was shared with the committee.

▪ OLD BUSINESS

- None

▪ NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hammond reported on Buildings and Grounds.
- Filing cabinets were moved out of room 2140 to records for Mental Health.
 - A new desk was fabricated and installed for Bill Carrigg at the Town of Owego.
 - Changed the layout and painted some offices in the Court Annex.
 - Assembled 36 new chairs and 3 tables for Mental Health at the HHS Building and removed the old furniture.
 - Emergency lighting was repaired at the Court Annex



- The dental van was transported to Owego Elementary School. Repairs were made after it froze up.
 - Plowing and salting operations are ongoing.
 - The basement walls in the Court House were painted,
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Department.
- Trucks are being washed at the new truck wash facility.
 - Cold patching operations are ongoing.
 - Plowing and sanding operations are ongoing.
 - Concrete blocks are being fabricated.
 - Tree trimming and brush chipping operations are ongoing.
 - Hauling sand for stockpile.
- Mr. Perkins reported on Capital Projects.
- Harnick Road Bridge is under preliminary design.
 - Bids were opened for Glenmary Drive Culvert. We had ten bidders and received a good bid price. We expect to award the bid next month.
 - HVAC Controls at the HHS Building parts are completely done.
 - The Chiller at the Public Safety Building is in New York state. It is expected to be installed by the end of February.
 - Bridge Preventative Maintenance Phase 10 is under preliminary design.
 - We have a resolution to award the Court Annex HVAC project. The bids came in higher than we budgeted for. Mr. Perkins stated that he is working with the contractor to negotiate possibly installing a different unit that will save \$50,000. Since this project is using ARPA funds, Mr. Ciotoli stated that he would like to see a resolution showing the reduction in project costs.
 - Day Hollow Road Culvert is still under preliminary design by Delta Engineers.
 - East Spencer Road Bridge is under preliminary design.
 - Taylor and Bodle Hill Roads and Day Hollow Spur paving projects are under design.
 - Glenmary Drive by Thornhollow Road is a new bridge project that was awarded funding a couple years ago. We are in the process of hiring an engineer.
 - Another new project is the HVAC in the 1st and 2nd floors of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building.
 - The control system for the back side of the Court Annex is failing. We will be hiring an engineering firm to look at that.
 - The roof on the Court Annex/Clerks building needs work. There is a cupola on the roof that is falling apart that we would like to remove. However since Court Annex/Clerk's building is historical there may be some pushback from the historical society.



- The doors on the Court House are rotted. We hired a company to rebuild the doors.
- One of the boilers at the Public Safety Building has failed. We are including a resolution to transfer funds from contracting services to a capital budget line for a new boiler.
- We submitted 3 culverts and 3 bridges to Bridge NY program.

- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Mr. Hammond stated that bids were received for the Waverly Mental Health facility. Bids came in substantially less than the engineer's estimate. Lori Morgan stated that it would be worth talking to the village about the rent. She added that she has an extra \$300,000 in her budget to cover the overage. Mr. Hammond mentioned that purchasing or building our own building should be explored. Mr. Standinger stated that he would like this to go through the HHS Committee as well. Mr. Ciotoli and Mrs. Roberts agreed.
 - Mr. Hammond updated the committee regarding the bell at the Lounsberry Methodist Church. The bell was moved on Monday to it's new home at 56 Main Street.
 - The Town of Owego Utility bills for the Public Safety and HHS buildings have gone up 56% beginning with service date 9/1/23 which was billed 1/1/24.
 - We are moving forward with abandoning Belva Lockwood Lane to the Village of Owego. The regional director at the NYSDOT is meeting with the assistant transportation commissioner to see where we stand.
 - Mrs. Sauerbrey mentioned that she had received a letter from Carol Korba regarding her husband Robert Korba's years of service. She has requested that we name the Public Works building after Mr. Korba. Mrs. Sauerbrey will be bringing this to the full legislature.

- PERSONNEL
 - We have hired an engineer technician who will be starting on Monday.

- RESOLUTIONS
 - Amend Budget And Transfer Funds Court Annex HVAC
 - Award Court Annex HVAC Construction Contract
 - Approve Sole Source Purchase and Transfer Funds PSB Boiler

- PROCLAMATIONS
 - None

- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - None

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Gary Hammond, P.E. Commissioner Rich Perkins, P.E. Deputy Commissioner

- ADJOURNMENT
 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Hammond".

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works