

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2010

The Public Works Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, October 11, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Hutchings (Chair), J. Garnar, W. Howard, R. Materese, S. Messina (for D. Moran)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Kalka (Budget/Finance); W. Gibson (Law/DPW); M. Lynch (DPW Highways); L. Raychel (DPW-Engineering); D. Schofield (DPW-Solid Waste Mgmt.); C. McCauliffe (AFCME 1912); A. Shafer (Public); J. Marinich, M. Diffendorf, J. Royer (Legislature)

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:46 P.M. A motion was made to move the agenda by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Garnar.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS DURING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 201 434 BRIDGE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#6 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH OBRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS, INC. TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A UTILITY CORRIDOR ALONG AIRPORT ROAD

It was noted that in the second to last Further Resolved paragraph that the budget line requires an extra zero; the correct budget line number is 38040007.6004572.3820012 and will be corrected accordingly.

It was stated that the plan for the sewer line had been set aside over ten years ago because at that point it was not deemed feasible. However, changes in the capacity of local treatment plants in Binghamton and Endicott, as well as the addition of the Huron treatment center, have made the issue feasible again. Due to sewage needs at the airport and the potential for savings in treating leachate from the landfill also make this a project worth studying. This study is being paid for out of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. The study will also consider any regulations and the interest of outside companies to determine whether other utilities other than sewage and leachate lines could be located in the trench while it is open. This could decrease the cost of the project if companies show interest in contributing money to place transmission lines for telecommunications, natural gas, and frack flowback water as well as other potential utilities. This could also encourage development along this corridor.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

There was a Presentation on the 2011 Snow and Ice Control Plan by the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for Highways, Michael Lynch. Mr. Lynch stated that he had provided three different options at his budget hearing with the County Executive and the Budget Director – one that had the County taking over all roads, one that had the Towns continuing to maintain roads at the same price as last year and one that provided a 10% decrease in compensation for the maintenance of County Roads by the Towns. Ultimately, since many of the Towns did not agree to the 10% decrease in compensation for the care of roads, he used the plan which provided for the County taking over most roads.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Garnar, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.