

Public Works Committee Minutes
September 13, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Grattidge; Supervisors Jenkins, A. Johnson, Southworth, Wormuth, and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Joseph Ritchey, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Press.

Chairman Grattidge called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were approved.

Mr. Ritchey said Public Works started approximately 7:00 a.m. and continued until midnight, with 27 people coming in on the emergency call regarding trees down from Tropical Storm Irene. There were 33 roads where debris and trees had to be removed. Mr. Ritchey highlighted Cty. Road 8, in the town of Hadley, Cty Road 10 in the town of Day and Cty. Road 75 in the Town of Stillwater. Work continued throughout the week to remove debris and many roads remained closed because National Grid had to remove trees from the power lines. The total estimated costs are approximately \$250,000, with half of that cost in straight time labor costs.

Mrs. Wormuth said DPW did a great job supporting the towns by sending people out and dispersing equipment. There were emergency calls done through Emergency Services to keep all the Supervisors up to date that were very helpful, she said.

Mr. Ritchey said with the amount of water that we had, there were only a few areas where the road was lost. This shows that our drainage systems that have been constructed over the past 28 years worked very well.

Mr. Ritchey said Public Works has scheduled to do 12 ½ miles of roadway reconstruction this year. He said the normal cycle is 20 miles of roadway; however, a contingency plan was put in place due to budget concerns.

The following are roads that were or are being reconstructed for 2011.

- Stony Creek Road, Cty Rd 1 in the Town of Hadley – 3.4 miles completed
- Cty Rd 7 in the Town of Day and Hadley – paving has just been completed
- Cty Rd 4 in the Town of Day and Hadley – 1.8 miles currently being paved
- Cty Rd 24 in the Town of Moreau – paving completed
- Saratoga Springs Industrial Park – 1.1 miles has been completed

The following bridges were designated for construction in 2011.

- Tributary to the Mohawk River – was done in-house and competed a couple of months ago.

- South Shore Road over Parker Brook in the town of Hadley – expected to be complete by mid October.

The following bridges were designated for engineering in 2011.

- Cty Rd 63 in the Town of Malta over the Kayderossa Creek – has been engineered and is scheduled for reconstruction in 2012.
- Spier Falls Road over Stony Brook Creek in the Town of Corinth – currently being engineered
- Dix Bridge over the Hudson River – currently being engineered

Mr. Grattidge requested a resolution authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Warren County for repairs to the Hadley Luzerne Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Mr. Ritchey said this was put into the Capital Plan approximately three years ago. Approximately 15 or 16 years ago, Public Works did a project to rehabilitate the bridge. The ownership of the bridge is 50/50 with Warren County. The last time it was completely handled by Public Works and there was an agreement with Warren County that they would pay Saratoga County 50% of the construction costs. The low bid for the project was \$164,000 by Steve Miller, a contractor with a very good reputation, he said. Saratoga County will be obligated to 50% of those costs in addition to some engineering costs that will be involved. The bridge was yellow flagged due to the fact that some of the steel structures were corroded and needed to be replaced. The funds are in the budget, so there will be no budget impact, he said.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Warren County for repairs to the Hadley Luzerne Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom