

**COMMITTEE DAY  
LAKE PLEASANT, NY  
MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

Members present:

Bob Edwards, Bill Farber, Barry Hutchins, John Frey, Rick Wilt, Brian Towers, Ermina Pincombe, Clark Seaman and Neil McGovern

**PUBLIC WORKS  
10:30 AM**

Also present: Tracy Eldridge and Pete Klein

Bid Opening – Sand for Hamilton County Snow & Ice Control 2011 – 2012 Delivered  
No bids were received.

Tracy explained that he can haul himself. Tracy stated he can also re-bid, there is still time.

Tracy handed out the County Snow and Ice Contracts & Policy.

Regarding the State Snow & Ice Control Contract, Tracy has an extension of the current agreement that he will need a resolution for. He stated that DOT is going through a transition period he is not sure what their budget constraints are but there will be no changes in the County's contract that he knows of.

Neil stated he and the Lake Pleasant Town Board feel that if there is a decrease or a mandated increase of retro fit of trucks they are out. On behalf of Tracy he also feels the same way.

Neil asked what Tracy received from the State and why don't they as a town get to see it. Tracy stated they will see a copy of the contract once it is signed. Tracy does an operational plan with them every year and it explains how many lane miles, what the procedures are, what we get reimbursed for, rental on the salt sheds, etc. Discussion continued on what is in the contract and what is considered out of the contract.

Tracy stated the State DOT's goal is to have consistent road conditions throughout the county.

Tracy stated the biggest battle now with the State DOT is the condition of the roads. It is hard on equipment when plowing.

DOT Region 2 is the main office for local projects such as Federal Aid infrastructure for our county roads and they have been very good, however the state infrastructure has left us behind.

Beth Ryan entered during the discussion with Neil in regards to getting the State DOT to fix roads.

Tracy reported that he has not received very many comments on the Solid Waste Management Plan. The next step would be to let the Town Boards review the plan. Bill wished forward thinking was a little richer. He would push them to do more of that, even if it cost more.

Tracy talked to Jillian about it and she stated she would do that.

Barry stated that his Board has wanted consistency, this should do that.

Brian asked if they were going to go back and see if they can enrich specifically page 15 of the plan. Do we want them to enrich this before we take it to our Town Boards? Tracy stated they could certainly do that. Brian stated if they are going to enhance this with modifications he feels that should be done before it goes to the Town Boards. Brian wants to have as close to a final document before the Boards review it. Tracy will have Jillian meet with the Board on October 6<sup>th</sup> (either at the Board Meeting or the Committee Meeting before).

Nancy Grosselfinger entered during Brian's discussion of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Dan Fish received proposals for the boiler at Lake Pleasant Highway garage. He has 4 proposals for oil to propane. Bio Mass (he had it looked at) and they are cost prohibited \$75,000 - \$100,000 and they couldn't do it until spring. We would need to add a small building to house it and a silo.

The other three proposals: Allen & Palmer -1 boiler - \$13,205  
GA Bove – twin boiler - \$33,155  
Vincent – twin boiler - \$23,709

It was agreed to have a resolution to move forward with Allen & Palmer at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Tracy reported that he budgeted in the 2012 tentative budget for a couple of pickups and a skidsteer. He didn't put in the budget for a new loader. Nortrax looked at our 2002 loader as a trade in for a new loader and they will give us \$45,000; the difference is around \$75,000 and he feels it would be cost effective for us to do this. Tracy will push off the pickups for the loader. The Board agreed to go ahead with the trade –in and purchase.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **11:15 AM**

Also present: Beth Ryan, Nancy Grosselfinger and Pete Klein

Beth handed out the Flu Clinic schedule.

Beth wanted to talk about the Emergency Preparedness Grant. The money is shrinking from the Federal Government. NYSDOH is offering \$50,000 for us to maintain our Public Health Emergency Preparedness. The grant started in August but we have not received the call letter yet to sign the contract, however we did get the work plan. There are 12 new items that we would need to do along with the 29 other items that we need to maintain. They also dictate how much we can allocate for personnel.

Beth wrote to them regarding whether we should take this grant money or not. Because of our size of population, staff limitations, level of the potential risk for public health emergencies such as H1N1, etc.

Discussion continued on whether or not we should take the grant. Beth feels that we should take the money and do the best we can. If it continues to be excessive next year we can pass up the grant. Beth asked the Board how they felt about this, should we take the grant or not? The Board discussed with Beth and decided Beth should do a resolution for October 6<sup>th</sup> for the Board to decide.

Pre-school transportation – Beth spoke about the enhanced rate that was developed in 2009 for parents who transported their children 0-5 years of age. That includes Early Intervention and 3-5 Pre-school children. The County is obligated to provide transportation for both programs for children that need services; we encourage the parents to do the transporting.

In 2009 a resolution was passed to pay the parents .75 cents per mile; an enhanced rate for transporting the child. The resolution states a policy and procedure was to be developed along with the County Attorney. Beth discovered that it was not done and she has written one. Beth handed out a copy of a policy to the Board members and reviewed it with them.

The Board agreed for Beth to have a more conservative policy and then she would have the ability to make judgment calls on the middle ground.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**11:55 AM**

Bill wanted to discuss the tax cap. NYSAC was successful in getting the majority members of the Senate and Assembly to introduce Bill #S5889A; regarding a State takeover of Medicaid. That will be the big push among the NYSAC Counties.

Our budget meetings will be starting soon.

Discussed employee raises and what the Towns are doing.

The Procurement Policy being updated and will be put before the Board for adoption.

John announced the Town of Inlet broke a record this past weekend with handing out 1925 stickers for the One Mile of Hope boats.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.