

Minutes

Public Facilities Committee

May 13, 2019, 4:00 pm

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, N.Y.

Members Present: Hemmer , Wilfong, Gould, Scudder, Nazzaro

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Bentley, Crow

Chairman Hemmer called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (04/15/19)

MOVED by Legislator Nazzaro, SECONDED by Legislator Scudder to approve the minutes.

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

*No one chose to speak at this time.*

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Proposed Resolution - Adjust D5112 – Capital Improvement Accounts

Mr. Bentley: This resolution is to true up our actual funding that we – we got official notification from the State on the actual amounts. For the budgetary purposes, we put in kind of what we roughly expected so this is just the true up of those accounts for CHIPS and PAVE NY. That is as simple as I can make that one. We weren't off by much, let's put it that way.

Legislator Nazzaro: Two thousand dollars.

Mr. Bentley: Two thousand for PAVE and almost \$9,000 for CHIPS. It's a little bit less than what we get but it seems like the State dwindles it just a little bit each year. That is based on their formulas.

Chairman Hemmer: So this fixes the amounts for the 2019 budget.

Mr. Bentley: This year, right?

Chairman Hemmer: Yes.

Legislator Nazzaro: To your point, since the amounts are small comparison to the total, this would have a very small affect on your projects?

Mr. Bentley: There is nothing that is going to fall off the list.

Legislator Nazzaro: Nothing is going to suffer because of this?

Mr. Bentley: Not this particular one.

Legislator Nazzaro: This right here.

Mr. Bentley: Yes.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 2 w/ NYSDOT for PIN 5759.84

Mr. Bentley: This is the replacement of the Harrison Street bridge over the Chadakoin River. Very close to the South Main Street bridge, right around the corner. This is a 100% funded bridge. We're looking to do that this year. It's going out for contract and I'm trying to make sure that we get all the bids in and everything goes smoothly. We're going to try and get this one done this year. There's probably a stigma around the bridges in the Jamestown area with regards to South Main Street, however, there is a long story and it's actually a good story but basically the historical significance of that bridge played a large part in why it took so long. So this bridge does not have any historical significance, per say, and so we're not into that realm of science and expenditures. So this will be a standard bridge replacement.

Legislator Nazzaro: Total replacement?

Mr. Bentley: Total replacement. It does have a lot of utilities on the north side of the bridge. It's has electric, water, steam, so there are a number of complications but we still feel we can get this done this year.

Legislator Nazzaro: This is the one right down by Big Lots?

Mr. Bentley: Right, Big Lots, right past the Urgent Care.

Legislator Nazzaro: This are going to be closed off then, obviously.

Mr. Bentley: Yes, detours posted but it's a little bit easier with detour than South Main Street. We can get up around Institute Street. There will be some truck detours that will have to go through. They will be posted and we're working with the City of Jamestown on that. I think that everybody has a good plan and again, this would be through the summer months and we expect it to be open before the end of the construction season.

Chairman Hemmer: That's great.

Mr. Bentley: So this is just to recognize the amounts and the costs in there. The total project cost will be \$3.463 million of which 80% is Federal, 20% by State.

Chairman Hemmer: Fantastic, I like those. No local share.

Mr. Bentley: Just so we stay within budget, that is the plan.

Chairman Hemmer: Any questions concerning this proposed resolution?

Legislator Nazzaro: I don't have a question on it, just, since we are on bridges, what was the total cost of the other bridge come out?

Mr. Bentley: South Main Street?

Legislator Nazzaro: Yes.

Mr. Bentley: I think the bridge cost itself was around \$3 to 4 million, in that neighborhood.

Legislator Nazzaro: So it's comparable to this? I know that you have the design phase and all of that.

Mr. Bentley: All in everything, is probably more towards that \$4 million dollar number. We're still getting the bills in actually because we just finished the paving and (*inaudible*), those things will add up and I'm stilling waiting to see the final dollar.

Legislator Nazzaro: Maybe you could get a couple extra caps for this and put it on that bridge.

Mr. Bentley: I don't know if we're putting those on or not. I haven't seen the rail design. I think it will be a more standard design actually.

Chairman Hemmer: Sounds good. All in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement w/ NYSDOT for Performance of Federal-Aid Project PIN 5762.49

Mr. Bentley: Similar to last year we get some funding to paint bridges to extend their useful lives. I believe there are six bridges in this in the Towns of Sherman, Villenova, Chautauqua, Stockton, and Sinclairville. It has been determined to be eligible for the funding. This cost is estimated to be \$680,000 which is \$544,000 for Federal, \$102,000 for State, and \$34,000 for local share. I believe that's 80/15/5, if I do my percentages correctly in my head. So

this is pretty standard. We do try and keep the paint on our bridges. We do have 308 bridges so 6 bridges to be painted, is, throughout the day, not a lot.

Chairman Hemmer: And you have a contractor all picked out for this?

Mr. Bentley :Yes. Everything is all set, I think we're ready to go. We just need the resolution to set them forth.

Chairman Hemmer: Any questions?

Legislator Scudder: Who paints them?

Mr. Bentley: We have contracting crews.

Legislator Scudder: Bridge painters or just painter painters?

Mr. Bentley: I think it's special paint for like steel and bridges. I think that's specialized painting and equipment , stuff like that. We're not hiring the guys that paint your walls of your house.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

#### Other

#### Proposed Resolution – Accepting Donation of Funds from the Chautauqua County Health Network (CCHN) for Complete Streets Project

Mr. Bentley: First let me apologize. I tried to get this on time. I was a day late and a dollar short, that's what my Dad always told me. But this is an important piece of paper here. I've been working with the Chautauqua County Health Network. They have a grant that they have been generously willing to work with me on to help do some Complete Street initiatives in their areas. The City of Jamestown, Dunkirk, Cassadaga, as partner areas that they can use this money for. In talking to them, one of the things they were trying to do was to actually purchase these rubber form products where towns and villages could lay them out as like, this is how we'd look if you wanted to do something so kind of temporary in nature . Really looking at it, there were things that we could use and there were things that were just kind of sit in a warehouse when I felt that it really wasn't a great use of their money in the grant funding. Because I don't know that I would be able to show them a lot of benefit from that use. So, in talking with them, I said, "how about if you could fund some of our Complete Streets projects that we have going on or at least parts of?". Then they would be able to demonstrate actual return on their investment. So in furthering the discussions, they're going to help pay for the crosswalk that is going across South Main Street bridge because somewhere down the line, from the original design to the end, there was no crosswalk. So that was a little bit of a late add and we're adding - connect the River Walk there on that side and then on Harrison, they are going to help pay for the crosswalk

that ends kind of by Urgent Care. They are also going to put forth some of the funding for Dale Drive for some of the bike lanes and striping and also up on Central Avenue in Dunkirk. We've been requested by the City of Dunkirk because they had some lack of funding to finish the striping and if people have watched the views, there has been some complaints on the lack of the striping and I'll address that as well as we're on the record here, we had some concerns with the paving job that was done up on Central Avenue and we didn't want to stripe. One of the potential resolutions, the micro surface milling, and so we didn't want to – then they had the water main break so there has been a lot of things that have delayed it and that's unfortunate but I think we just want to make sure that we do the striping once and not have to go back. I understand there are some concerns from a safety perspective but, it's a judgment call. I don't know if I could be right or wrong. It's just going to be (*inaudible*) request to defer it till we had a resolution and we sent it, the notification to the contractor that did the work, and we're waiting the resolution of the issues.

Chairman Hemmer: There still isn't responsibility of (*cross talk*) milling?

Mr. Bentley: Yea, not to get to far into it but, if you were to look more towards the Dunkirk end, towards the lake end, usually you would see a nice flat surface and there are some areas that of a – like going down, look like it just opened up and we're waiting through the winter to see if it unraveled it, looks like a (*inaudible*), but at the end of the day, water can pond, the life of it may not be as good. So, we're looking for a resolution to the issue which unfortunately had delayed it. But, going back to this, Chautauqua County Health Network has agreed to pay for parts of the work here. Chautauqua County would do the striping under the shared services, Chautauqua County Health Network would pay for the materials for the paint. We're working through all of that. So this resolution is the process by which I need to accept the grant. It's in the form of products and money. We're trying to maximize their dollars for them. So if they get another grant, they could leverage the good work that they are going to see out of this to get an additional grant, which would be great for us. We could continue to build the money to do the work, Complete Streets.

Legislator Nazzaro: Thank you CCHN.

Mr. Bentley: Yes.

Chairman Hemmer: Very nice.

Legislator Gould: I have a hard time figuring out what Chautauqua County Health Network has to do with buying paint (*inaudible*). It's a grant that doesn't say the name or anything of the grant.

Mr. Bentley: I can connect the dots for you. They have goals which is the first WHEREAS in here. Creating Healthy Schools and Communities initiative. So anywhere where we can help them improve the traffic flow, the safety of those flows which includes crosswalks and bike lanes, traffic calming, those types of things, they are allowed to that in the communities of Jamestown, Dunkirk, and Cassadaga. So as long as it's within those communities, they can fund those types of –

Legislator Gould: Why just in those three?

Mr. Bentley: That's their grant and that's for the schools, the healthy schools part of it. I can always ask them but I'm going to take a guess on it in that it's low income. There is probably low income schools, since it's Jamestown and Dunkirk, and Cassadaga. I am sure there are other ones out there but I don't know if there is an application process that they have to go through to do that but I do know that when I asked if I could put it in Bemus Point, they said no.

Legislator Gould: Fair enough answers. That was one thing that I was curious about.

Mr. Bentley: I think that it started with Ann Abdella, she started this and then Kate, is it Mikayla Certo, whoever the interim director is now –

Legislator Nazzaro: Is it Lisa? Isn't it Lisa Smith?

Mr. Bentley: I don't know. I'm drawing a blank.

Legislator Nazzaro: I used to be on the Board, anyway.

Mr. Bentley: Again, if anyone wants to come and give me dollars, I'll certainly find a way to help promote it and use those dollars wisely.

Legislator Nazzaro: This could be one part of the grant. Because grants are tied to like the whole initiative for healthy, safety, -

Mr. Bentley: I just didn't want to see them apply to rubber form products that were just going to sit in the warehouse somewhere.

Chairman Hemmer: What was that? You didn't speak too much on that.

Mr. Bentley: You know in the cross walk you see the thing in the middle, the sign that's sitting in a base, the base is a rubber form type product and so they make those bases and they make the signs that go in the bases. So you can order those thing that say, stop for pedestrians or caution, or also for recognition of where bike lanes start. You can have a sign, not just the pavement markings. There are various forms and I was working with our engineer and it's hard for us because we plow. You can't put in speed bumps, you can't put in – those are things that are logical in northeast type climate. Even dividers get tricky because the wing plow is going to come and just knock them out of the way. So it's a little – you have to be realistic about the applications from traditional and warmer weather type climates where you can get away with some of that more type of traffic calming activities.

Chairman Hemmer: O.k., any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - A Resolution Authorizing Various Capital Projects to and for the County of Chautauqua, New York, to a Total Maximum Estimated Cost of \$5,260,363, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,242,863 Bonds of said County to Pay Costs Thereof

Ms. Crow: This is the authorization for borrowing for capital projects. There were projects in the 2018 capital budget that were to be funded with serial bonds. We haven't issued the bonds yet. We need to do a separate resolution to actually authorize the bonds. In the resolution that was presented this month, we weren't sure what committee this should go to because it involves a couple of different department projects, so it's here. There are projects involving JCC, IT and some heavy equipment. Again, these are all projects already approved in the 2018 budget. This is just the required legislation to authorize the actual borrowing. There are a few other projects right now where we already had the authorization for to borrow so once this is passed, late summer, early fall, we will be bundling several of the projects into one bond to kind of reduce closing costs and such.

Chairman Hemmer: Is it a good time to get bonds?

Legislator Nazzaro: After today -

Ms. Crow: Well, rates have been kind of stay – the rates were starting to go up just a little bit onto last year and now they kind of stabilize and then we kind of – we don't know right now. Certainly rates have been higher in prior years when we've issued bonds but as you all know, rates have been kind of still hovering pretty low, all things considered.

Chairman Hemmer: So this is a group of projects, all of which have been already been –

Ms. Crow: They are all included in the 2018 budget. We just never did –

Chairman Hemmer: But they didn't get –

Ms. Crow: We typically don't want to issue the bonds until the project is completed or near complete so we know the final cost, so that we know how much to borrow. We certainly can always borrow ahead of time but we're kind of taking a guess on the actual cost to borrow so we generally do it after the project is complete or very near complete.

Legislator Nazzaro: So all these projects are completed or near completion?

Ms. Crow: Yes, they are all estimated to be - at the end of the last year and it might be updated status since December but last I talked with the departments involved, they all expected to have these projects completed by the end of this year. Like I said, it will be late summer, early fall that we'll probably be issuing the bonds. Unless I get advice from our fiscal advisors that they would rather do it sooner than later to lock in a rate.

Legislator Nazzaro: I'll give an opinion on that. Getting the advice with the current – more volatility now of the bond and equity markets.

Ms. Crow: Right, so this was kind of the last step of things I was trying to gather to go back to them with our needs and have them make a recommendation. Even if we issued a BAN, I don't think we need to do that right now because these projects are smaller comparison to one of the other projects we had a BAN for.

Legislator Nazzaro: So what determines the Serial Bonds?

Ms. Crow: If we include multiple items in it, like we have IT project, heavy equipment, building renovations, they would break them in to kind of component pieces in the bond and then I believe what they told me they'd do is, they would take an average life to base the total number of years for the bond.

Legislator Nazzaro: What is the criteria that you use to determine whether you issue a BAN or a serial bond?

Ms. Crow: The BAN, we did have to issue a BAN for the landfill project because it was a significant cost and we were expending like – that project is an \$18 million dollar project so to take \$18 million out of cash, is a challenge for us versus if it's a million or a couple of million dollar project, we can probably float the cash until we have to issue the bonds. At the time that we do the capital budget, we kind of weigh it with the size of the project, what our current budgetary constraints are, whether we're able to – if we have a significant number of projects that might all meet the same useful life, especially building projects, we would typically go to borrow for them rather than try and pay for them, especially if we can group them together in one borrowing. The BAN would be just for the short term. We haven't had to do too many BANs in the past. Like I said, I did do one for the landfill project because it was a significant amount of cash.

Legislator Nazzaro: And we needed a cash flow.

Ms. Crow: Yes, but other than that, I don't remember, since I've been in the Director's position, I haven't had to issue –

Legislator Nazzaro: I know like (*cross talk*), we used to do a lot of BANS.

Ms. Crow: Other counties might do more – we haven't had an incremental amount of capital projects coming at the same time either to have to try and do a BAN. Right now we just have a lot. Between the two big sewer projects and the water district, the landfill, and a handful of these, it's really kind a has been little bit more of a cash drain than in the past. Where you might have one big project every now and then that we would need to borrow for.

Legislator Nazzaro: What is our bond rating?

Ms. Crow: Our bond rating is good right now. When we issued the BAN at the end of December, I forget what they rated us but it was a good rating. They really like a lot of the things – where we were positioned. We have one rating call when we issue and once we issue,

the purchaser wanted to do a separate rating call and so they did a separate one too and gave us a good rating. It's in my other folder.

Legislator Nazzaro: Maybe get it to us for Thursday.

Ms. Crow: O.k., I'll do that.

Chairman Hemmer: It's over \$5 million in projects but we're only doing \$3 million in bonds?

Ms. Crow: The JCC projects – they have to cite the total project costs for the JCC projects where as the County's portion is only 25% of that but as far as the resolution, they had to cite the total cost of the project.

Legislator Nazzaro: Only \$672,000 for JCC.

Ms. Crow: That sounds right for their two components.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions concerning this one? This is also going to go onto Planning & Economic Development.

Ms. Crow: Yeah because of the JCC projects involved. It will go through their committee and then Audit & Control.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Chairman Hemmer: Any other, other?

Legislator Nazzaro: Just a quick question. Quick answer. I know that it is early in the construction season and we've received a list of projects and everything from you. Has all this rain put you behind a little bit or we're o.k.? I know it's very early, it's only middle of May.

Mr. Bentley: We're o.k..

Legislator Nazzaro: Thank you. But if you get to the point that you are not o.k., let us know.

*(cross talk)*

Legislator Nazzaro: I mean, it's a short season to do things.

Mr. Bentley: As you stated, it's a challenge. We're handling it.

Chairman Hemmer: Since there is no other, other.

MOVED by Legislator Gould, SECONDED by Legislator Wilfong and duly carried to adjourn.

*Unanimously Carried (4:34 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Ames/Deputy Clerk, Lori J. Foster/Sr. Stenographer