

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 8, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislator David R. Axton, Committee Chair, Legislator Steven E. Cuddeback, Vice Chair, Legislator Raymond Lockwood, Legislator Christopher Palermo, Legislator Daniel Sincebaugh, Legislator Roger Mills, Legislator Francis Mitchell

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Peter Tortorici, Director of Parks and Recreation Gary Duckett, Highway Superintendent George Wethey, Buildings Superintendent Michael Pawlenko, Nursing Home Director Deb English, Weights and Measures Larry Roser, YMCA Director Kurt Kramer, YMCA Senior Director Steve Komenecky, Citizen Reporter Sarah Gantz and Clerk of the Legislature Mary Jones.

CALL TO ORDER: David R. Axton, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lockwood to approve minutes of November 10, 2009, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor.

TRAVEL:

**Wethey – Winter conference, Albany, New York
1/19/09 through 1/21/09**

PRESENTATION:

**YMCA – Director Kramer
YMCA to take over Auburn Little League.
Assume existing lease at Emerson Park for playing fields.
YMCA agrees to take care of the block building.
Committee approves. All in favor.**

DISCUSSION:

English discusses problem with plowing at the Nursing Home. Wethey intends to fix a tractor and transfer it to the Nursing Home for plowing. Lockwood makes motion to transfer a tractor with plow over to the Nursing Home, seconded by Mills. Discussion: Lockwood states that a tractor with a 10' or 12 inch blade. English asked if they would leave it out there. Wethey states the tractor needs work before it can be transferred over. Motion to go to private plowing contract for this year at \$900.00 per month. All in favor.

Motion to transfer Tahoe from Emergency Management to the Nursing Home and dispose of truck made by Mitchell, seconded by Sincebaugh. Palermo votes no, all others in favor.

Rosier seeks permission to carry over 5 vacation days into 2010. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor.

Duckett provides handout with department updates. Discussion about ATV Club – they are requesting a re-newel and would like to check with Cato to see if they can go from Sterling into Cato.

Duckett has received request from individuals who would like to trap beavers because they are blocking the waterways. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Lockwood. All in favor. Duckett needs to check with Westphal before giving written permission.

Duckett seeks permission for M Lincoln to carry over 10 days of vacation. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Palermo. All in favor.

Pawlenko discusses hand out with department updates. Also discusses parking issue with the Mobile work van. Committee instructs Pawlenko to bring a drawing of the parking lot and number of employees to next months meeting.

Wethey seeks permission for S Koon to carry over 9.5 days of vacation; F Mackey to carry over 2 days of vacation and G Wethey to carry over 10 days of vacation. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor.

Wethey advises that DOT has put in a three headed signal light at Route 34 and Turnpike Road.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 12-9-PW-1 Amending Resolution #178-09 Which Authorized the Cayuga County Highway Department to Repair and Resurface Part of the Merry Go Round Parking Lot at Emerson Park and instead Authorizing the Cayuga County Treasurer to set up a Capital Reserve Account to Allow the Parks Department to Accumulate Funds to Resurface the Entire Lot. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Palermo. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-2 Authorizing the Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for the Parks Department Building Improvements at the Sterling Nature Center. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Palermo. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-3 Approving 2010 Agreement with Friends of the Sterling Nature Center, Inc. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Lockwood. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-4 Authorizing the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to Hire a Buildings Maintenance Mechanic. Palermo makes motion to table resolution, seconded by Lockwood. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-5 Authorization to enter into an Assured Maintenance Agreement for Chiller in the County Office Building AC system. Motion made by Cuddeback, seconded by Palermo. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-6 Authorizing the Chairmen of the Cayuga County Legislature to accept a \$1,500.00 grant from The Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance energy efficient LED Christmas Lights. Motion made by Cuddeback, seconded by Sincebaugh. Discussion: Tortorici advises that Jones had some money in her budget to purchase holiday decorations. Tortorici seeks permission to purchase an evergreen to plant in the front of the building where the tank was removed. Axton stated to decorate every year. Tortorici answers yes. Axton states yes, great idea. All in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-7 Authorizing the Chairmen of the Cayuga County Legislature to accept a \$30,000.00 grant from NYSEDA for an energy study. Motion made by Cuddeback, seconded by Lockwood. Palermo opposes. All others in favor.**
- 12-9-PW-8 Authorizing the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to obtain pricing from New York State Industries for the Disabled for the cleaning of County owned buildings in Auburn, NY. Motion made by Palermo, seconded by Cuddeback. No discussion. All in favor.**

- 12-9-PW-9** Authorization to Amend the 2009 Cayuga County Highway Budget for Internal Equipment Rentals. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Cuddeback. Discussion: Palermo asked for explanation. Wethey states the DM fund owns the equipment and he needs more money for maintenance as opposed to the capital project. Palermo states the DM account doesn't change. Wethey advises that is correct. All in favor.
- 12-9-PW-10** Budget Transfer of the 2009 Cayuga County Highway Budget for Building Maintenance. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Cuddeback. No discussion. All in favor.
- 12-9-PW-11** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Highway Superintendent to Accept Bids for a Replacement of the Dresserville Rd Bridge (BIN 3363550). Motion made by Cuddeback, seconded by Lockwood. No discussion. All in favor.
- 12-9-PW-12** Awarding Lab Testing bid for the Behavioral Health Project. Motion made by Lockwood, seconded by Sincebaugh. No discussion. All in favor.

Motion to go into Executive Sessions made at 8:19 pm by Sincebaugh, seconded Mills. All in favor.

Acquisition of Real Property

Westphal and Jones present.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 pm made by Lockwood, seconded by Cuddeback. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm made by Lockwood, seconded by Palermo. All in favor.

Motion to approve minutes made January 12, 2010 by Cuddeback, seconded by Barski, as written. All in favor.