

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

April 28, 2009

**PRESENT:**

Fred Beardsley, Chair  
Clayton Brewer, Vice Chair  
Barbara Brown  
Jim Oldenburg  
Linda Lockwood  
Milferd Potter  
Phil Vasho

**STAFF/GUESTS:**

Bruce Bisbo, Airport Manager  
Philip Church, County Administrator  
Shawn Doyle, Legislator  
Frank Frasier, Enforcement Officer  
Art Gearsbeck, Legislator  
Margaret Kastler, Legislator  
Bill Malone, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent  
Dennis Lockwood, Town of Volney Supervisor  
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director  
Richard Mitchell, County Attorney  
Art Ospelt, Legislator  
Kurt Ospelt, Superintendent of Highway  
Jack Proud, Legislator  
Paul Santore, Legislator  
Morris Sorbello, Legislator  
David Turner, Dir. of Comm. Dev, Tourism & Plan  
Frank Visser, Director of Solid Waste Programs  
Mr. and Mrs. Pringle  
Jeanette Woodland, Administrative Secretary

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Attendance:

Committee Chair Beardsley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business:

Committee Chair Beardsley asked for a motion to approve the March 24, and April 9, 2009 minutes.

**Motion:** Legislator Brewer

**Second:** Legislator

Committee Business:

1. Bid Report

Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director, reported on the following:

A. Bid 10-09 Natural Gas for the Mix Plant

Twelve mailings were sent, with one response and no bids. The Purchasing Department then sought quotes for natural gas. The low quote was by Hess Corporation and the Purchasing Director recommends going with Hess Corporation.

Motion to support recommendation and award.

**Motion:** Legislator Brown

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

B. Bid 11-09 Steel Materials and Bridge Decking

This is on Sutton Road over Fish Creek. Ten mailings were sent, and one bid was received. The bid was submitted by Chemung Supply of Elmira with a price quote of \$59,656.51. Purchasing Director recommends going with Chemung Supply.

Motion to support recommendation and award.

**Motion:** Legislator Potter

**Second:** Legislator Brown

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

Legislator Brown asked if we could get some stimulus money. County Administrator Church said that we did apply for some but we were not eligible at the time. Since more money has come available we will apply again.

C. Bid 12-09 Structural Plate Pipe Arch

This bid was opened on April 24<sup>th</sup> and was sent to 15 vendors. Four bids were received with the low bid submitted by Expanded Supply Products Inc. at \$56,398. The second low bid was received by Chemung Supply for \$58,565. Purchasing Director recommends going with Expanded Supply Products Inc.

Motion to support recommendation and award>

**Motion:** Legislator Brown

**Second:** Legislator Vasho

Chairman Beardsley asked how the material comes in and Director Maxon advised that it would come in two deliveries.

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

D. Bid 13-09 Pulaski Transfer Station Renovation

Director Maxon advised that they are currently getting bids and that he will have something to report next month.

2. Highway Department

A. Temporary Upgrades

Kurt Ospelt, Superintendent of Highway, requested to upgrade one Heavy Equipment Operator to a Temporary Crew Leader from May through October of this year.

**Motion:** Legislator Brown

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

3. Solid Waste

A. Capital Project 124 – Bristol Hill Landfill

Frank Visser, Director of Solid Waste Programs, advised that this capital project has been in existence for three years but the funding needs to be increased to install new vents in the gas retrieval system at the landfill. The engineer has determined that six or seven new vents will ensure proper venting. Request is to transfer \$100,000 into Capital Project 124. Legislator Brown asked if the old vents would be cleaned or if there would be new ones. Director Visser replied that these really can't be cleaned. A common occurrence in landfills, new vents will be installed.

**Motion:** Legislator Vasho made a motion to approve a Budget Modification to transfer \$100,000 from the Solid Waste Unappropriated Fund Balance to Capital Project 124 – Bristol Hill Landfill, for installation of new vents in the gas retrieval system at the landfill.

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

B. Capital Project 124 – Insurance Recovery

Director Visser reported that in December of last year there was a fire during the construction of piping at the leachate collection area of Bristol Hill. This caused substantial damage to county property and the work performed by the contractor. Estimates have been submitted and approved by our insurance company in the amount of \$134,439.69. The deductible is \$10,000. There is not enough money in the Capital Project to cover the cost of the repairs. A Budget Modification is requested to transfer the insurance funds into the Capital Project.

**Motion:** Legislator Brown made a motion to approve a Budget Modification to transfer \$124,439.69 from the Insurance Loss Recovery fund to Capital Project 124 – Bristol Hill Landfill, as requested.

**Second:** Legislator Vasho

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

C. Volney Sewer District

Director Visser reported that the Committee appointed by Chairman Leemann has been working on the feasibility of the County constructing a sanitary sewer line to serve the Bristol Hill Landfill. The sewer will run from the Bristol Hill gate along Route 3 and connect to the City of Fulton sanitary system at the Volney Elementary School. An engineering study has been completed. The Town of Volney Supervisor, Dennis Lockwood, has held an informational meeting and scheduled a public hearing for May 14, 2009, followed by a referendum on the district. The report estimates the cost at \$4.9 million dollars. This amount will include hooking up every user (approximately 100 residential and 10 commercial) along this route who would like to connect.. We anticipate that the Town of Volney's town hall and highway garage will also tie in. The report includes an additional sewer from Fulton to the Howard Rd industrial park along Co Rt 176. The estimated cost for this line is \$2.8 million. Director Visser said that there are several sources of grant money that they hope to access to pay for the project. A project listing request will be sent to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, by April 30, 2009 in order to get the project on the Intended Use Plan, which is a first step to qualify for any type of grant money. In order to qualify for Federal stimulus funding, the project also must be "shovel ready" by December 31, 2009. This means an engineer needs to be hired to prepare plans and specifications for this project. The report estimates the engineering cost for this project at \$690,000.

**Motion:** Legislator Vasho made a motion to approve a Budget Modification to transfer \$750,000 from an Unappropriated Fund Balance and to move these funds to a

new Capital Project to be set up for engineering funds for the Volney Sewer Project

**Second:** Legislator Potter

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.

D. Tipping Fee Waiver Requests

1. Oswego County Fair

Legislator Potter spoke regarding the Oswego County Fair's request for a tipping fee waiver. He advised that the fair needs help with the fee involved in disposing of trash. The parking and admission is free for this event. Legislator Oldenburg asked if this was a nonprofit organization and that if we granted a waiver that we should do the same for all nonprofit agencies. Chairman Beardsley stated that the County has cut out a lot of what we used to do for the fair and Legislator Kastler added that the fair brings a lot of revenue to the County. Legislator Oldenburg said that he supports the County Fair 100 percent but; "we don't usually donate tipping fees to non-profits so how can we differentiate between non-profits?" This generated a lot of discussion including whether to establish a certain criteria of setting a limit on the number of tons disposed of, or charging a set amount of money. A motion to call the question was made by Legislator Vasho and seconded by Legislator Brown.

**Motion:** Legislator Potter made a motion to approve granting a tipping fee waiver to the Oswego County Fair to dump approximately ten tons of trash, per their request.

**Second:** Legislator Vasho

**Opposed:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** Yes: 6 No: 1

Motion carried.

Legislator Oldenburg stated that just because we have granted the fair a waiver in the past does not make it right to continue doing so for them and not other's.

2. Dexterville Adventist Church

Legislator Sorbello spoke regarding the Dexterville Adventist Community Services request for a tipping fee waiver. He advised that the Seventh Day Adventist Church helps everyone who needs it at no charge and that he supports this request. After much discussion Legislator Brewer made a motion as he felt that we should support them with something.

**Motion:** Legislator Brewer made a motion to approve giving the Dexterville Adventist Church a tipping fee waiver of \$500 per year.

**Second:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Opposed:** Legislator's Beardsley, Brown, Lockwood, Potter, Vasho

**Vote:** Yes: 2 No: 5

Motion defeated.

Director Visser stated that the Committee has been asked to grant these exemptions for a long time and from many organizations such as churches, cemeteries, charities, etc. He stated that we have always granted the tip fee waiver for the County Fair. If

we gave a \$500 discount to every non-profit it could add up to a large amount of money, also this will be difficult to control. Purchasing Director Maxon suggested applying a separate low cost trash fee for non-profits. Director Visser we wouldn't be able to keep track as far as enforcing what was brought in on a separate fee, making it possibly an even bigger loss of revenue. He also added that our fees already are the lowest in the area. Attorney Mitchell added that if we approve one church we might as well do all.

**Motion:** Legislator Vasho made a motion to deny a tipping fee waiver to Dexterville Adventist Community Services.

**Second:** Legislator Beardsley

**Opposed:** Legislator Oldenburg

**Vote:** Yes: 6 No: 1

Motion passed.

E. Easement and Right-of-Way – Richland Water Districts

**Motion:** Legislator Oldenburg made a motion to approve a permanent easement and right-of-way for the Town of Richland's Water District.

**Second:** Legislator Brown

**Vote:** All in favor.

Motion passed.

F. Buildings and Grounds

1. Personnel Plan

Bill Malone, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, reported that with the recent changes in the department he will be promoting one person and backfilling positions opened in the process.

Chairman Beardsley told committee members that on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there would be a tour of the ERF building.

Executive Session

A. DEC Administrative Compromise Proposal

B. Proposed/Pending Litigation

C. Taylor Law/Collective Bargaining

**Motion:** Legislator Oldenburg made a motion to go into Executive Session

**Second:** Legislator Brown

**Vote:** All in favor.

Motion Carried.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 12:12 p.m.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Legislator Vasho motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

**Second:** Legislator Lockwood

**Vote:** All in favor

Motion carried.