

**PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE**

**January 26, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

**John Rutkey, Chairman  
Joseph Finn  
Thomas Dias  
James Keegan  
John Musall  
Leo Pulcher  
Raymond Staats**

**ABSENT;**

**Lawrence Andrews, notified  
Edward Cross**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Tal Rappleyea  
Jolene Race  
Steve Hook  
David Ames  
Dean Knox  
David Robinson  
Roy Brown  
Philip Williams**

**PRESS: 1**

**Chairman Rutkey called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.**

**Properties: T. Rappleyea**

**Update on 2004 Tax Foreclosures.**

**Resolution Request: Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute an easement to Joseph Ronsani, Rte. 217, in the Town of Claverack, the fair market value of such easement is \$250.00, motion by J. Keegan, seconded by L. Pulcher, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request: Authorizing the County Attorney to commence eminent domain proceedings against certain real property for the purpose of completion of Federal Bridge Replacement and/or Repairs, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by J. Keegan, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**Central Services: D. Ames**

**Resolution Request: Authorization to amend Res. No. 75-2008 to increase the hourly wage for Richard Dellavechia to operate the printing press from thirty dollars (\$30.00) per hour to thirty-one (\$31.00) per hour for calendar year 2009, motion by J. Finn, seconded by R. Staats, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**.2 Request: 4 (four) 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan at a total cost of \$68,176.00, motion by T.Dias, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**Solid Waste: J. Race**

**I. STATION REPORT – hand out and reviewed.**

**II. PROJECTS**

- The Department has been working on all the annual reports for each waste station, in addition to the annual recycling & compliance reports.**
- Since the ice storm in December we have taken in 275 tons of brush into the Greenport Transfer Station. This would be equivalent to approximately 6-7 months worth of material.**
- Gro Max has removed the ground material at the Greenport station - a total of 800 tons were taken.**
- Due to the work load in Facilities the Administrative Office will not be moving until spring.**

**Resolution Request: Awarding the contract for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event to Clean Harbors. Whereas, Clean Harbors was the lowest bidder and the contract should not exceed the \$35,000 budgeted amount, motion by T. Dias, seconded by G. Jahn, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**Highway: D. Robinson**

**Work Schedule:**

**Snow and Ice control.**

**Ongoing clean up of the December Ice Storm.**

**Hauling and stockpiling material for snow and ice control.**

**Equipment maintenance.**

**Personnel Update:**

**Two employees out on workmen's compensation.**

**Two men out on extended sick leave.**

**New Business:**

**Under Governor Paterson's proposed executive budget, the 2009 CHIPS funding could be reduced by as much as 26%, which amounts to \$390,000.00.**

**The ice storm of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 created damage that will take several months and hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up. From the start of the event on December 11, 2008 up until January 21, 2009 the County Highway Department employees logged 3399 hours of regular time, 2101.5 hours of overtime and 2488.5 hours on equipment. Used 254 tons of salt and 900 tons of sand. This does not include the several other snow storms which followed the ice storm. While residents that night were sleeping, these employees were out there in harm's way working in the freezing rain, cutting downed trees while others were snapping off all around them. Several times during the early morning hours of December 12<sup>th</sup>, crews found themselves trapped on a road due to downed trees. One truck went out on his run plowing and salting which normally takes 2 ½ hours and could not get back to the garage for 7 hours due to downed trees on every route he tried. The work which our State, County and Town Highway workers perform is all too often taken for granted and quite often criticized by the public. When an event like this happens, highway department personnel are the key people needed to open up the roads of the County for Fire, EMS, Police and the Utility companies in order to restore power. This requires leaving their families at home sometimes with no power, no running water and in some cases no heat for unknown periods of time. I would like to say that I am extremely proud, and you should be as well, of the employees of this department and all highway departments in this County who, when an event like this happens, put their personal lives on hold and all pull together working in the worst conditions for what seem like endless hours in order to restore our infrastructure for the safety of the residents of Columbia County.**

**D. Robinson informed the committee that B. Kelleher has extended his gratitude for the hard work and dedication of his employees on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm. Something will be presented at February 11, 2009 Full Board meeting.**

**Engineering: D. Knox**

**FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

**BRIDGES: HALL HILL RD/ROE JAN KILL – ANCRAM; EMPIRE RD/ROE JAN KILL-COPAKE; WALKERS MILL BRIDGE – LIVINGSTON; HOLLOWVILLE BRIDGE – CO. RTE. 16 - CLAVERACK**

**HIGHWAYS: CO. RTES. 7 & 7A REHAB. COMBINED W/ BROWN'S BRIDGE – COPAKE; CO. RTE. 18 RECONSTRUCTION (PORTION) - CLAVERACK**

**LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE**

**ONGOING REPLACE/REHAB PROJECTS; FUTURE CAPITAL BRIDGE PROJECT PLANNING; 2009 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR PLANNING**

**COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES**

**FAA AIP PROJECTS; NYS BOND ACT PROJECTS; QUESTAR/CGCC CLASSROOMS**

**Resolution Request: Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute supplemental consultant agreement #1 with C&S Engineers, Inc. of Syracuse, NY for the Design of the Columbia County Airport R/W 3 End and Taxiway A/E Rehab. Project, which said supplemental agreement No. 1 Reduces the lump sum design fee from \$125,170.00 to \$79,663.00, motion by R. Staats, seconded by T. Dias, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request: Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. of McFarland-Johnson, Inc. of Binghamton, NY in the amount of \$1,000 for the performance of a FAA-required independent fee estimate (IFE) for construction administration /inspection services associated with the Columbia County Airport R/W 3 End and Taxiway A/E Rehabilitation Project, motion by T. Dias, seconded by L. Pulcher, carried. Refer to Finance.**

**With no further discussion, a motion by T. Dias , seconded by J. Keegan to adjourn at 6:15 PM, motion carried.**