

**Physical Services Committee Meeting  
Held in Room #318  
Putnam County Office Building  
Carmel, New York 10512**

**Monday**

**February 13, 2012**

**6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairwoman LoBue, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Legislators Albano and Othmer were also present.

**#5) Bikeway Maintenance/Update**

Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, Fred Pena and Chris Ruthven Supervisor of Parks, came forward to address the Committee.

Legislator Othmer stated that he has seen broken limbs and broken trees being cut up and removed from the Bikeway.

Chris stated that they have been doing a lot of work to clear up the Bikeway since the storm in the beginning of January. They have already put in over 200 man hours at that site. They went through last week with their bucket van and took out as much as they could reach, they have fifteen locations on the Bikeway that will require a contractor to get to the limbs and trees that that are out of our reach.

Legislator Othmer just wanted to be sure that they were aware of the situation, as he has had a few calls from constituents on this matter.

Chairwoman LoBue questioned how often the Bikeway is maintained.

Chris Ruthven stated on a weekly basis.

**#3) Town of Carmel Recreational Fields/Hill–Agor Farm/Easement/Discussion**

Supervisor Ken Schmitt and Councilwoman Susan McDonough were recognized, as well as John Luppinacci, Councilman from the Town of Carmel.

Chairwoman LoBue gave a brief overview of how we have gotten to this point with this item.

Chairwoman LoBue questioned the cost for doing the improvements along the road.

Supervisor Schmitt stated approximately \$30,000.00 for the improvements to the current access road, just for the road bed itself.

Mr. Paul Eldridge Commissioner of Personnel questioned if that figure was for going around the water towers or cutting across.

Supervisor Schmitt stated going around the water towers.

Legislator DiCarlo questioned the legal factors.

There was ongoing discussion on this topic.

Adrienne Spadaccini, Senior Deputy County Attorney stated that prior to seconding the motion, there should be an additional Resolve Clause added which she will be sending to the Legislative Office.

Legislator Othmer made a motion to move all three Easements, with the additional Resolve Clause forward to the Full Legislative Meeting. Seconded by Legislator Albano. Two Ayes. One Nay Chairwoman LoBue. Motion passes.

#### **#4) Camp Herrlich/Lease Amendment/Discussion**

Bruce Walker, Deputy County Executive spoke briefly about the Contract. The Lease has been modified, with an escalation charge which anticipates that if a substantial building is placed on the property, not through funding through the County, but through funding that would be raised through donations to Camp Herrlich, at that point we would increase the rent, based on an increase in operating. In addition, there is a change in the Lease that provides for work to be done by the County, in the event that there is some sort of Capital improvement over \$10,000.00 anything below that, the work would be done by Bob Gentile and Camp Herrlich. This is an amendment to an existing Lease.

Chairwoman LoBue stated that she is in favor of the Amendment.

Legislator Albano questioned if the estimates were close in number, and would it cause any problems, and is there anything built into that document to make that clear.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that this would be something that we would work through. If need be, we could get three estimates and average them.

Legislator Albano questioned if we have had anything that amounted to over \$10,000.00

Deputy County Executive Walker stated, not over \$10,000.00 but there has been some work that has been done on the site, but that has been done by the Highways & Facilities. The previous level on the contract for the existing Lease was \$1,000.00. Some were done by Camp Herrlich,

and some were done by the County. By rights, they should have been done by the County, so we are trying to make the contract work the way it should.

Andres Negro, First Deputy County Attorney stated that the language in the Amendment remains the same, just the dollar amount triggers who's responsible. This seems to have worked for the past couple of years.

Chairwoman LoBue stated that she has spoken to Commissioner Carlin, and he has given her some past history on the property. He explained how we purchased the property, and that there are no balances or Bonds or Loans of any kind associated with this property. The property is heavily restricted as well.

Legislator Othmer stated that our new Commissioner of Highways and Facilities is a Civil Engineer, who would be checking anything that is under \$10,000.00.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he is leery, but supports the revised Lease.

Legislator Othmer made a motion to move the Lease Amendment forward to the Full Legislative Meeting. Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Andrew Negro, First Deputy County Attorney

#### **#6) Landfill Capping/Upgrade**

Highways & Facilities Commissioner Pena stated that he has a contractor on board and is ready to begin the capping in the next two weeks. Substantial completion will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which will meet our consent order.

Chairwomen LoBue asked the name of the company that will be doing the work.

Commissioner Pena stated Tully Construction, who was the lowest responsible bidder.

Legislator DiCarlo questioned who will oversee Tully Construction.

Commissioner Pena stated that by contract, Tully Construction is required to meet the date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. This contractor is also working on the Staten Island Landfill, and has a tremendous amount of experience as well as a good relationship with the DEC, which makes us very comfortable moving forward.

**#7) Approval/Accept Land Donation/Town of Kent/TM#30.16-1-7**

**#8) Approval/Appointments/Soil & Water conservation District Board**

**#9) Other Business**

**a) Resolution Authorizing Lease/Putnam County Veteran's Residence**

**b) Approval/Re-Appointments/Putnam county Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board**

**c) Bond Resolution #190/Authorizing the Rehabilitation of the Parking Structure at 40 Gleneida Avenue**

**#10) Adjournment**