

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING**

Committee Chair Bunting called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department

Present: Bunting, Runyon, Carley, Weber, Weller (3:52), Yoder

Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Ruestman, Hartley (3:45)

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Yoder, second by Runyon. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Weber, second by Carley to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Letting Results: September 1, 2017 Equipment Letting

Motion by Runyon, second by Yoder to recommend full board approval of the county board on action item "a". MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

- b. Resolution & Agreement: Settlement Agreement between Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, a Delaware partnership and Livingston County (Line 78 Project)

Motion by Weber, second by Carley to recommend full board approval of the county board on action item "b". MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

- c. Resolution: Resolution for extension of Temporary Amendment of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2016-11-65 Providing for the Collection of Fees for Oversize and/or Overweight Vehicles Operating on Livingston County Roads

Motion by Yoder, second by Weber to recommend full board approval of the county board on action item "c". MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

- d. Bridge Petition: Germanville Road District – Replace existing culverts with 2, 60" x 42' ERS Pre-coated Steel Culvert Pipes @ 020N, 3200E Road, Section 17-12000-00-AB. Estimated Cost = \$12,000.00.

Motion by Runyon, second by Weber to recommend full board approval of the county board on action item "d". MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 18: The committee went through the preliminary budget again with no revisions since last month.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS STUDY: Bunting updated the committee that the finance committee asked that they present their equipment needs study at the October meeting instead of the August meeting. Ruestman briefly presented the equipment study to committee to remind them of the purpose behind the study.

OTHER ITEMS: Ruestman shared with the committee that their previous Maintenance Foreman's last day was September 1st and the new Maintenance Foreman, Travis Sancken, has taken over. His position is in the process of being filled and the deadline for applications is tomorrow, September 8th. Ruestman also shared that the 3 bridge projects that were let in March of this year are now completed and back open. Construction just started on the Owego Township Green Bridge, it is a Federal Aid project part of the State's FY 19 budget. Lastly, Ruestman mentioned that the Bridge Office down in Springfield has been in the County gathering measurements and inspecting some of the bridges that we do not have plans for. They are performing Load Ratings on these structures for the new load configurations and this is causing some of the older rehabilitated bridges to become posted structures. Ruestman shared that most of the postings are on the Township system, but there could be some on the County system.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Randy Bahler with Bahler Trucking, Inc. expressed his concerns to the committee in regards to the fees associated with the spring posting permits. Mr. Bahler believes the fees are little high for the 2-3 week period that the roads are actually posted out of the 90 posting season. He is concerned that with the fees starting where they are, it could grow and become unreasonable to pay in the future. He expressed that they already pay taxes and vehicle registration fees that go toward the county to help maintain some of the roads, but he understands that not every dollar he pays towards taxes and vehicles goes to the Highway Department. Mr. Bahler wanted to know why Oxcart was chosen. He believes that the fees could be avoided by having the Highway Department issue the permits like they used

to. Ruestman explained to Mr. Bahler that Oxcart was chosen because most of the permits issued throughout the year are during the non-spring posting time and most of the trucking companies are not located in Livingston County. Ruestman stated it helps collect the payment and speed the permit process up since it is all done electronically. Ruestman informed Mr. Bahler that he is still able to come in and get a permit manually and pay by check to avoid any additional fees that Oxcart charges to the carrier. Lastly, Mr. Bahler wanted to thank the committee for their willingness to work with the carriers and producers during last year's spring posting and come to a solution that works best for the citizens and the Highway Department.

Art Lehmann with Lehmann Bros Farms supported what Mr. Bahler had previously stated. Mr. Lehmann wanted to add that he believes the lighter loads and more trips would cause more damage to the roads. Mr. Lehmann explained that it would not be cost effective for them to haul loads less than the 73,280 pounds that is permitted with livestock. Lastly, Mr. Lehmann also wanted to thank the committee for their willingness to work with community and come to a solution in a quick and timely manner. Carley also added that he was happy to see both sides working together in a good faith effort.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Weller, second by Yoder to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Carley, second by Weber. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.



Trent Ruestman,
Assistant County Engineer