

Minutes

Public Facilities Committee

February 19, 2019, 4:00 pm

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, N.Y.

Members Present: Hemmer, Nazzaro, Scudder, Wilfong

Members Absent: Gould

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Cummings, Chagnon, Wisniewski, Walsh, Bentley, Zafuto, Westphal, Borrello

Chairman Hemmer called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (01/14/19)

MOVED by Legislator Nazzaro, SECONDED by Legislator Wilfong to approve the minutes.

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

*No one chose to speak at this time.*

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Proposed Resolution- Confirm Re-Appointments – Parks Commission

Chairman Hemmer: Any questions? Discussion? All in favor please say aye. Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Chairman Hemmer: Any discussion? Any questions about these appointments? All in favor of the resolution please say aye. Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Setting Salaries for Certain Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Titles

Ms. Wisniewski: Both Sewer District Directors approached Human Resources to increase the current grades for the trainee, the operator, and the supervisor positions. We did some research. If you kind of just want to start as to why you requested this for us to look into it and then I'll-

Mr. Walsh: Sure. So, New York State DEC oversees all wastewater treatment plants. They oversee all the (*inaudible*) limits- they monitor pretty much everything and they dictate what we do. In order to operate the wastewater treatment plants, an operator has to be certified through New York State DEC. In doing so, they are graded from a 1 to a 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 4A. The level of one to four- one being the minimal wastewater operator and the four being the most educated of the wastewater operators and the more classes to continue to take as a 4A operator. The wastewater treatments are also categorized as the lower level to the most complex. It's the complexities that is based on what the water districts are (*inaudible*.) So, the 4A plant is probably the most complex with the highest flows compared to a 1, which is a very small municipal plant. So, in looking at these grades Chautauqua County has a grade 11 operator. That is the one operator position. Scott and I, in referring to the mechanics positions is kind of a basis as the mechanic understands and gains more responsibilities in their position, undergoes more undertaking of the licenses, we felt that it would be comparable to also compensate them as far as grade increase and pay. That's where we brought in Jessica to basically look at it and see how it fits our-

Ms. Wisniewski: So, per contract, we do have to have the union president as well as the County Executive sign off on this and they've unanimously agreed to increase these grades. So, right now the trainee is a grade 8 and we're proposing to move it to an 11. Currently, there is no one in this position. So, there are zero incumbents to this position, so it's not going to initially increase the budget. But, I do believe the board has already approved your budget for 2019 with these increases.

Mr. Cummings: Yes, mine was. I think Tom did the same thing.

Ms. Wisniewski: And then the operator would be a grade 11-14. Currently there is one in North County and one in the South County?

Mr. Walsh: Say that one more time?

Ms. Wisniewski: The operator- you just have the one?

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Ms. Wisniewski: So, one in each and then the supervisor is a grade 17-18 and there is only one in the South County.

Mr. Walsh: That's correct.

Ms. Wisniewski: So, the gross wage impact over a full year of 2018 rates would be approximately \$6,365. When we looked at other municipalities- for example, we took Jamestown Board of Public Utilities, City of Dunkirk, the Village of Fredonia, Brocton Village- for an operator they're between \$23/hour to \$26/hour and even with the increase for the operator to 14 we're still starting at \$19.45/hour. It's still lower than the other municipalities. We have agreed in the Human Resources department that it should be increased.

Chairman Hemmer: Based just on other plants in Chautauqua County?

Ms. Wisniewski: Yeah.

Mr. Walsh: These positions are very difficult to fill. We basically have to train in house to send them to school. A 3A operator has to work at a 3A plant. They have to work within the plant that they're licensed for.

Chairman Hemmer: Once you get them trained they can leave-

Mr. Walsh: That actually just happened.

Mr. Cummings: That's the problem.

Mr. Walsh: And there's nothing we can do to- it's difficult.

Legislator Nazzaro: So, as a percentage increase- what is the percentage increase in the range?

*(Cross-talk)*

Ms. Wisniewski: Right, so the salaries are there. I can do a quick percentage-

Legislator Nazzaro: No, that's OK.

Ms. Wisniewski: So, with the operator for example, from the 11 to the 14 right now it starts at \$17.60 and it would start at \$19.45. The maximum would be \$22.51 for an operator and the maximum for a 14 is \$24.95.

Mr. Cummings: Tom and I just felt that this was warranted just to the fact that in the wastewater – things are changing. It's getting more and more demanding. There's more and more regulations put on us and the operators have to kind of cover that. So, that really makes it tough for them to keep up with these reports that they have to do and report back to the State. It's a lot of work for them and it's just increasing that load on those guys. We just felt it was warranted to increase their wage.

Chairman Hemmer: We pay for their training, right?

Mr. Cummings: In house, yes.

Mr. Walsh: The departments do.

Chairman Hemmer: OK.

Mr. Walsh: It's difficult to get the guys to go because it's a very difficult course. There is chemistry, algebra, physics, mechanics, water and biology and they have to do a lab practical. It's a very rounded course to complete and pass. The pass rate is generally less than 50%.

Mr. Cummings: Yes.

Chairman Hemmer: So, if they see there's a little extra money it might help to incentivize that?

Mr. Cummings: And hopefully keep them because that's a real issue for us.

Chairman Hemmer: Is this going to cost any kind of a rate increase for the customers?

Mr. Walsh: We shouldn't see any rate increase due to this.

Legislator Nazzaro: Just for clarification, when you said the increase is about \$6,300. That's per individual? It can't be the total because that just doesn't seem enough.

Ms. Wisniewski: I have that the value is applied to three FTE's the gross wage impact over a full year of 2018 rates will be approximately \$6,365. Like I said, there's zero trainees. There is one incumbent in both districts and the supervisors is only one. So, for 2018 rates we estimated \$6,000 would be the total cost for three FTE's.

*(Cross-talk)*

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions concerning this resolution? All in favor of the resolution please say aye. Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding Second Modification of Improvements for North Chautauqua County Water District

Clerk Tampio: As you'll recall, we had an amendment number one and this is amendment number two for the water district- North Chautauqua County Water District. The difference that has occurred between number one and number two is that we had grant applications into the State- or EFC for additional funding for this total project. Since then, the project has been awarded another \$3 million grant through EFC for this regional water system. So, with that in mind the extra funding- project infrastructure has been proposed by CPL to the administrative board of the district, which they agreed upon and then they asked the Legislature

to set the process forward to approve an amendment number two to the map and plan. So, this is setting a public hearing to hear that amendment. Notices must be put in the paper and we will also send a notice to every property within the district boundary. I did send you all- I hope you saw it, the amendment number two as proposed and kind of a summary of what the differences are between the amendment number one and the initial map and plan that was put forth in 2015. Do you want me to go through those to explain them a little bit?

Legislator Nazzaro: The highlights.

Clerk Tampio: Alright. One of the portions of the Village of Brocton project, which are part of our regional system, was an additional footage of 1,600 linear feet to the water main that comes from the water supply tank- the new one in Brocton, down to the main distribution center in the village. So, that is part of the regional water system. In subsequent talks and discussions the final plans of the new hospital- the new Brooks Hospital-

Chairman Hemmer: Oh, yeah.

Clerk Tampio: They require a redundant water supply. As it stands right now, it looks like they'll be located in the Village of Fredonia. So, the Village of Fredonia will be the main water supply and our system will be hooked in to Fredonia on Route 60- Route 20 intersection, wherever that might be to supply that redundant supply if they need it. Amendment number one had a water storage tank to be built in the east Town of Dunkirk. Now, that tanks location has changed in order to accommodate this redundant supply for the new hospital and it will still also supply the pressures needed to run the water line through Sheridan on Route 5 all the way to the Silver Creek line. So, an east side pump station upgrade- there's an existing one already in Sheridan, but upgrades have to be done to bring that up to snuff for pumping into this new tank. Along Roberts Road the Town of Dunkirk has a plan and funding to replace an existing water line and create new, but this will now be part of the transmission line that ultimately connects to that new tank. I believe they were planning to replace with an 8 inch water line and we need to upgrade it to 12 inches in order to supply the adequate. So, that's what that Dunkirk contribution means. The east side of Fredonia interconnected with go from the Town of Dunkirk and then into Sheridan. The tank will be in Sheridan now. It will probably be a ground tank because the elevation of the property that we're looking at is high enough.

Legislator Scudder: That's going to be the tank put in place because of the hospital?

Clerk Tampio: We were going to have a tank anyways but since the location changed, in order to feed the hospital as a backup, we changed the location to Sheridan. It will still do the original purpose, it's just the physical location changed.

Then, there is funding that the Village of Brocton's been working with the State Department of Corrections in order to secure extra funding as their contribution to the water system upgrades. That is still in process. So, if that were to come forward it's another \$1.6 million. Then the discussion was held with the water district board about the priorities as far as the utilization of that money. If that comes through, the utilization was a west side Fredonia interconnect, which there is a line- the Pomfret water district that's fed by the Village of Fredonia and we would make a connection to that line too to also give us redundancy and give

Fredonia redundancy in that area. Westfield interconnect- there is approximately 1,000 feet between the last Portland water district line and the line that's in Westfield. So, also that could also create another redundancy for us and for them. By the way, all these things Paul Snyder the engineer for the County was at this meeting. From his perspective and the department of health they're all for this change. If there's money left- there was a new water tank already built in the Village of Brocton. There was an existing tank in the Town of Portland on Route 5. That tank is now out of service and not being utilized, so some additional money would be put towards taking that tank down- demolishing the tank. Likewise, there's a tank right now- a water tank that supports the north county industrial district that feeds the industrial complex. Since we are building that new tank in the Town of Sheridan that tank is also not required and that would be demolished, also. Before this regional project took off, that district was looking at the cost of replacing that tank and now that will not be necessary because the regional district is building a new tank that will also support their systems. So, like I said, this has kind of come about because of the extra \$3 million funding and some other funding sources. If you looked at the summary that I sent- so, the total cost of the improvements is increasing from approximately \$15 million to \$19.4 million and the annual debt service was approximately \$300,000 a year and it is going to almost \$400,000. There's a very good reason for that. Our engineers obtained estimates from Athenex about their water needs when their plant is in service and it has gone up- I think one hundred million gallons a year. So, the increased volume will pay for the extra debt service. The water rate itself per 1,000 gallons will not change.

Legislator Scudder: Do they pay for water?

Clerk Tampio: Yes. Right now- whatever they're using now comes from the City of Dunkirk. Once we have the east side portion of the district completed, which is in the final bid phase, they will also be purchasing water from the district. You'll see in the notice of public hearing it basically lists all the differences- the additions and changes from the original and the first amendment. So, this amendment #2 will completely replace amendment #1 because it contains amendment #1.

Chairman Hemmer: Any questions?

Clerk Tampio: Sorry that was a long explanation.

Legislator Nazzaro: I enjoyed it.

Chairman Hemmer: I did look through this and I see that there are lots of pipe sizes except for that one- the connection to the Village of Westfield. There are no pipe sizes listed there. Is that going to be determined later when they figure out what they need or something?

Clerk Tampio: It says twelve inch transmission main. So, that will hook up to the existing one.

Chairman Hemmer: OK. I was just curious about that. Here it says that, "the estimated cost of the typical property from assessments or other charges to be made by the proposed district upon such properties is zero."

Clerk Tampio: Correct.

Chairman Hemmer: And that's because we're going to get more customers?

Clerk Tampio: No, that's always been the case because this whole project is being supported, whether it's the cost of the water and the debt service in the O&M solely by a water rate per thousand gallons. It's solely by consumption rate.

Chairman Hemmer: Alright.

Legislator Nazzaro: So, Kathy it's very possible- this is for the public hearing and then it's got to have the public hearing and it will come back again, correct?

Clerk Tampio: Right, next month you'll have to approve it with the SEQR documents.

Legislator Nazzaro: But then you said there may be additional funding out there-

Clerk Tampio: I don't foresee another amendment because it's contingent. It'll list it specifically in the narrative that if funding becomes available and all the costs are in that total – but we're only going to do it if we get that additional funding.

Legislator Nazzaro: Again, this one here includes amendment #1 and #2?

Clerk Tampio: Yes.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions?

Legislator Wilfong: Would it be possible for us to get a map? The last time you were here there was an actual map that we could see.

Clerk Tampio: Yeah, you should have had it-

Chairman Hemmer: In your email-

Clerk Tampio: This is what I sent you and on the last page there's a-

Legislator Wilfong: Ok, you sent that today?

Clerk Tampio: No, I sent that on Valentine's Day. I can get you a map. I think I have a couple extras.

Legislator Wilfong: I'll print that out.

Chairman Hemmer: Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- NCLSD Chautauqua Shores I & I Study Grant

Mr. Cummings: This is a grant that the North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District applied for inflow and infiltration for our Chautauqua Shores area through EFC. We were awarded that grant, but the grant goes to the County and not to the North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District. So, that's kind of why we're here at this point. The North Sewer District board, back in their January meeting had approved to accept this grant, but after we did that we found out that the County has to accept the grant because the grant was with the County and not with the sewer district. So, that's why it's at this point.

Mrs. Dennison: I just wanted to add that I would like to investigate a possible amendment to this resolution to be presented to Audit and Control because as it states in the resolution, the expense for this work is already included in the budget. (*Inaudible*) have a line item for engineering services is a \$50,000 line item that's in the budget for the North Chautauqua Lake District. That is the line item that would cover the work, but the revenue was not anticipated so the revenue is not in the budget. Reading the resolution today, I realized that we probably should put the revenue into the budget. So, I don't have an account number for it because it's a new item. I was checking just now and we don't have a current revenue account for grant revenue for the sewer district in this particular department where it needs to be. So, that's why I'm not able to propose an amendment at this time, but I believe that we should do that. That would be an additional revenue budget item with no expense attached to it, so it would improve the bottom line of the sewer district.

Mr. Cummings: That sounds good.

Chairman Hemmer: We had put \$50,000 engineering into the 2019 budget with this in mind?

Mr. Cummings: With the idea that we were going to be doing work out in the collection system. We knew we needed to do some and we were trying to get that work, so we were out looking for grant money with that and we were lucky enough to get this \$30,000 grant to put towards our work.

Legislator Nazzaro: So, Kathleen, you're saying you had \$36,000- I mean, the grant is \$30,000 and \$6,000 is the local share-

Mr. Cummings: There was a matching 20% that was approved.

Mrs. Dennison: We already have a line item that would accommodate that entire \$36,000 expense and more, actually. Like Scott said, the scope of the work was anticipated when we prepared the budget, but it was not expected that there would be grant revenue to offset that.

Mr. Cummings: Right.

Legislator Scudder: So, the \$30,000 is coming in?

Mrs. Dennison: Correct.

Legislator Scudder: And \$36,000 is coming out?

Mrs. Dennison: Correct.

Legislator Scudder: And where does the \$30,000 go?

Mrs. Dennison: That would be an additional revenue source to the district. So, it would be an increase in the revenue budget for the district with no expense attached to it. So, it would be an increase, it would increase the net-

Legislator Scudder: It's not assigned to this-

Mrs. Dennison: No. I mean, the revenue is dependent upon doing this work. If the work isn't done, we're not going to get the revenue. It is not expected- like, say we have a \$50,000 for engineering services. It is not expected that because we got this grant that the expense is going to be \$86,000. It's not going to be the \$50,000 plus another \$36,000. That \$50,000 will cover the work.

Chairman Hemmer: Anymore questions? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- NCLSD Chautauqua Shores I & I Study SEQR Determination

Mr. Cummings: That pretty much goes hand in hand with the grant that we received, which again, is why the County has to sign off on this. The North District approved it again but we found that because the grant money was awarded to the County that the County has to do it. So, that's why that's in a resolution for the Legislature.

Chairman Hemmer: OK.

Mr. Cummings: The two pretty much go hand in hand.

Chairman Hemmer: Alright. I get it. Any questions about this? All in favor please say aye. Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District

Mr. Cummings: This is something that we've done- this is the second year for me, just as we move monies around to put things in place where they belong. I always have a hard time understanding some of this. Kathleen is much better at it than I am. We have a couple areas here that we need to move monies around just to balance out the budget for the year. So, that's kind of where we're at. With our plant expansion we hit a little bit more expense in some of our costs with administration and things like that and treatment. This year was a fairly wet year and when you have that we always have a little more overtime. So, that was some of the other costs that weren't anticipated.

Mrs. Dennison: I just want to add that there's a small typo. The way that one of the numbers is presented-

Chairman Hemmer: I noticed that.

Mrs. Dennison: Our margins didn't work properly, so the increase appropriation accounts- the total should be \$28,244. Olivia, I'm hoping you can fix the margins for the final version?

Ms. Ames: Yes.

Mrs. Dennison: As Scott indicated there were some classifications that were over budget, the district was able to balance itself.

Chairman Hemmer: That's always good.

Mrs. Dennison: In general, has a favorable performance for the year.

Chairman Hemmer: Sounds good. Any questions concerning this resolution? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2019 Budget Appropriations—South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts (S&CCLSD)

Mr. Walsh: We just had a new hire and it's been determined that the duties of the position are more closely aligned in the sanitary department, which is the 8120. So, we are going to increase appropriations 8120 and decrease in 8130.

Chairman Hemmer: So, 8120 is sanitary and what is 8130?

Mr. Walsh: The plant. So, we have two departments. The 8120 is everything in the collection department- all the collection, the pumping-

*(Cross-talk)*

Mr. Walsh: That's right. Everything coming in is the 8120 and everything that's treated is the 8130.

Chairman Hemmer: OK. So, you're just switching this person's salary?

Mr. Walsh: Correct. It's just a little housekeeping within the budget.

Legislator Nazzaro: There is no other effect by doing this?

Mr. Walsh: No.

Mrs. Dennison: You may remember that we did some hiring changes in the South and Center District and we did not reflect those budgets in a very timely manner, so we're being proactive this year and amending the budget to match the new hire.

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Chairman Hemmer: Any further questions? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts (SCCLSD)

Mr. Walsh: This is for the 2018 budget. We're going to increase appropriation account 8120 and decrease appropriation account 8130.

Chairman Hemmer: So, it's left over from the one and (*inaudible.*)

Mr. Walsh: Correct.

Chairman Hemmer: Very good. Everything balanced out. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Landfill – Environment

Mr. Bentley: This one is basically an increase in the appropriations account to account for the increase in the out of county garbage that we've taken in and the revenue has also been increased accordingly. The recycling- there has been a little bit of cost increase there for personal services, not the actual cost of the recycling.

Chairman Hemmer: Wow, it's a bit jump.

Mr. Bentley: Yeah. For those that have been around, we've had a couple contracts come and go. This is reflective of (*inaudible.*)

Legislator Nazzaro: Again, this is for out of County?

Mr. Bentley: Yes. So, that's contractual environmental landfills. That's the out of County.

Chairman Hemmer: Out of county waste. OK. It didn't just come all in one payment; this has been throughout the year?

Mr. Bentley: Yep.

Chairman Hemmer: Thank you. Any further questions on this resolution? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Public Facilities

Mr. Bentley: So, this is my first year for this and what I've been told on prior years, these are all-in-all small numbers. So, I could go through some very good explanations of these, but I would just say that they're the standard answers and these are actually really small numbers. Would you like explanations on any of them?

Legislator Nazzaro: I would be interested in one on CARTS. You increased the appropriations-

Mr. Bentley: For the-

Legislator Nazzaro: We've got personal, contractual and benefits.

Mr. Bentley: Those are based on- unfortunately at the budget cycle, when they're done, the 2% wage increase was not incorporated into the budget. Also, there is a different percentage of employees that retained the health insurance versus the high deductible plan. Those are reflective of those two aspects of what's going on.

Mrs. Dennison: Brad, in our other discussions you said that the main driver in the CARTS in the contractual costs was fuel costs?

Mr. Bentley: Yes.

Legislator Nazzaro: The \$34,000?

Mrs. Dennison: \$34,602. Mr. Chairman, if I could, this is news to Brad. I want to make a small change to the numbers. We have a small pending adjustment, which hasn't been finalized that would change these numbers. It will still be self-balancing. I would like to amend the \$34,602 to be \$34,919 because there is a negative encumbrance that is hanging out there that's wrong that's reducing the actual expense. I think when that's corrected the final expenses will be higher and we'll need a little bit more in the budget. So, as I said, I would like to amend that number to \$34,919. That would change the total to \$84,053. In the next section to decrease appropriation accounts we would change the Jamestown Airport contractual. So, where it says \$6,424 would become \$6,741 and the total in the decrease appropriation category should be \$66,325. Like I said, that makes no material adjustment. It's still self-balancing within the A fund.

Chairman Hemmer: OK. The next question is can we treat these as typos or does it have to be an amendment?

Legislator Nazzaro: It's an amendment. I'll make that motion to amend the numbers as presented by the budget director.

Legislator Wilfong: I'll second that.

Chairman Hemmer: All in favor of amending the figures as stated? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried to Amend the Resolution*

Chairman Hemmer: Alright, the amendment passed. Now we can consider the amended resolution. Any questions about the amended resolution? Discussion? Everyone in favor of the amended resolution? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried as Amended*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Public Facilities Maintenance of Roads and Capital Improvements

Mr. Bentley: Under the employee benefits- small, very small numbers there. Under the improvements- that's really for the escalation of fuel pricing from the costs over the summer and this also includes some stuff from the wind farm restoration of roads, as well. We got the final costs of the roads and the final fuel prices that we did not know at that time.

Chairman Hemmer: Alright. Again, we were able to balance it out. Sounds good. Any questions about this proposed resolution? All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Amend 2018 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Public Facilities Road Machinery

Mr. Bentley: This one is really just in regards to the vehicle maintenance increase that we've been seeing, which also goes into the story of why we increased the capital vehicle purchase for this year for 2019. We are dealing with a number of (*inaudible*) vehicles. I will provide- before you go into that, I'll provide a little update on where we're at with our vehicle purchases. We have actually put in an order for an excavator that's about \$385,000. So, we're replacing a 2005 vintage unit. It's seen a lot of increased costs in maintenance. We like to do these things early because it's a (*inaudible*) and we like to try to get here before we start into the summer work. The other thing that we've purchased right away- or put in the purchase order is mobile lifts for the Sherman shop. These are identical to what we have in Falconer and Sheridan. These allow- the mobile lifts can go anywhere throughout the shop and they allow you to actually pick up the truck with the wing plow attached. So, if you have to do maintenance on the truck you don't have to go through the steps of taking off the wing, moving it onto the fixed lift- so, these are very valuable. The guys have responded very well to the ones that we use in both locations. That's about \$85,000. We've put place holder spots for buying our ten wheeler plow trucks. We're going to buy four of them. They cost about \$225,000 each. So, that's \$900,000. This is a big chunk of the change. However, we're replacing three 2009 vintage trucks and one 2010 vintage truck. Now, we don't actually get rid of those. We move those to our spares. So, our spares are the ones that are going out the door, which are even older. So, one of the spare trucks is a 2005 and one's a 2003. These things have been around and we try to keep the good ones. If we know they've had a good maintenance history, we try to keep the ones that have a good service life to them. We have 33 trucks and replacing four of them is a nice start. I'm putting in my pitch early. \$900,000 buys me four trucks. Please keep that in mind.

Legislator Nazzaro: The life of a truck is roughly 10 years?

Mr. Bentley: We try to get 10 years out of them. We don't just use them for plowing. We're using them for the road construction, they haul asphalt. They are used throughout the year, so this isn't just a winter time-

Legislator Nazzaro: You really need to replace a minimum of three to four a year?

Mr. Bentley: That's pretty close to where we're at. That's the bare the minimum without extending the life and increasing the maintenance costs. It's pretty easy math. Along with that, we are looking at buying a loader, a roller, a fuel truck, a hot patch truck, and some other things. I've also taken comments from the staff and the guys that are out there working. They've given me some very logical and reasonable reasons why we would need to replace a chip spreader and a paver but I just don't have the money. A chip spreader is probably in the neighborhood of \$450,000 and a new paver- we bought a used one many years ago and it's holding its own, but there's been- again, these are comments that I'm getting directly from the staff because I reached out to them. A new paver is probably over \$800,000. So, when you think about funding for next year \$900,000 gets me four new trucks and nothing else. I'm just here explaining and maybe putting a bug in your ear. I just wanted to update you where we're at.

Chairman Hemmer: We need grants.

Mr. Bentley: We're looking. George asked me to look for grant money that we could leverage with this, there's just not a lot out there for the vehicle purchases. We do actually apply the CHIPS money that we get because we can do it to (*inaudible*) roads, bridges and vehicles. It's very flexible, but again it's a pot of money so it dries up very quickly.

Legislator Nazzaro: Kathleen, the balance in the DM fund?

Mrs. Dennison: Right now it is \$1.5 million. The balance has not yet been adjusted for year end results from 2018. So, there will be an adjustment to that.

Chairman Hemmer: That's with the \$76,000 taken out of it?

Mrs. Dennison: That's before, but there is enough in the DM fund balance to accommodate this use of fund balance of \$76,000. We're also anticipating using the DM fund balance to balance the 2019 budget. So, with the results that we have right now, the fund balance would accommodate this change, the year end results and the amount for 2019.

Legislator Nazzaro: What was that amount?

Mrs. Dennison: \$744,000.

Chairman Hemmer: OK. Any questions concerning this resolution? All in favor?  
Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution- Acceptance of CARTS 5311 2017-2018 Consolidated Grant and  
2017 Accelerated Transportation Capital Grant

Mr. Bentley: This is typical of the grant that comes every two years. It's the money that pays for replacing our buses and keeps our software running and updated along with some salaries. If you have questions I can have Michele go through that. A lot of this is either 80-10-10 percent funded. So, 80% federal and 10% state. There are a number of them that are 100% funded by the state. So, this is what keeps it going. Obviously the big purchase there is 12 buses. That's 6 per year because it's over two years.

Chairman Hemmer: Oh.

Mr. Bentley: We have how many buses?

Ms. Westphal: About 35.

Chairman Hemmer: 35?

*(Cross-talk)*

Mr. Bentley: Each bus only costs about-

Ms. Westphal: About \$90,000.

Mr. Bentley: A bus is a little bit smaller.

*(Cross-talk)*

Mr. Bentley: Obviously the mobility management- that's our-

Ms. Westphal: Our mobility manager, Jen.

Mr. Bentley: That pays her salary. You can explain what she does.

Ms. Westphal: Jen is the mobility manager for Chautauqua County, so she does all of the meetings for the different types of transportation to try to coordinate everything. It was something that came down from New York State Department of Transportation that they encouraged that. It's not just for CARTS that she does things; she's going to start working on a bike share program where you can get a bike at- it's in the early states, but you can get one at JCC and maybe ride it to the Riverwalk and then maybe catch the bus and go to wherever. There's a lot of different things that the mobility manager does. We're one of the few counties that started the program and now the other counties throughout Chautauqua County are jumping onboard with it.

Chairman Hemmer: Alright.

Ms. Westphal: She's been in that position since- for about 6 years and there were other people before her. It's probably been about the last 8 or 10 years that we've had a mobility manager.

Mr. Bentley: I know you guys are running late, so I can take questions if there is anything in particular you want to ask about.

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, if I could propose another change. I hope this can be treated like a typo. On page 2 it says increase appropriation accounts. It should say establish and increase appropriation accounts because these items are capital projects and then similarly, in the section where it says increase revenue accounts it should say establish and increase revenue accounts because those are the new revenue accounts associated with the new capital projects.

Chairman Hemmer: This resolution amends 2017, 2018 budgets and 2019 budgets? What budgets are affected by this?

Mrs. Dennison: It's predominately the capital budget. So, the capital budgets- I mean, the new ones would be established in 2019 and there is one capital project that's affected. It's at the bottom of the increase revenue accounts H.5630.25886. That's an existing capital project that will be affected. With the capital projects, if they're not completed in one budget year the

revenues and expenses roll into the next budget year. So, they don't have a specific year assigned to them. They have a year in which they're created, but they're not starting and ending in a designated year. We are affecting the reserve for capital, but again the reserve will roll forward from year to year. Actually, all of these changes will decrease the use of reserve for capital, so we're spending less money after all of the changes because one of the changes in the grant that was received is additional funding for buses. When the capital budget for the buses was created, it assumes that we pay 10% local share for the buses. We actually are getting, as part of this process, getting an additional \$13,800. That reduces the local share that we were expecting to pay for the buses. So, that's why overall we have a decrease in the use of capital. There is an interfund transfer attached to that change. That change can be part of 2019. It will change when we reduce the use fund balance when we reduce that interfund transfer. The short answer to your question is 2019.

Chairman Hemmer: Thank you. Are there any other questions concerning this resolution? All in favor please say aye. Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried*

Mr. Bentley: If I could make one more pitch on the CARTS buses. I don't know if you guys heard but we ran a free fixed route Saturday this past weekend. We ran basically four routes in the Jamestown/Lakewood area and two runs in Dunkirk/Fredonia. I would say it went beyond expectations. We have 328 riders on that day. We do get reimbursed for some of our costs through our STOA grant for fuel and mileage. This is in support of the efforts that George has mentioned a couple of times this year about expanding the services for CARTS and improving what we do. We did a similar promotion on a Friday before Christmas. The feedback we got was to extend the hours and go Saturday. So, we did this as part of the feedback we got back from George and I riding the bus that day. I actually rode the bus for about 3-4 hours on Saturday. Every bus that went from our Jamestown hub to Walmart was full- completely full. Everybody I talked to said please continue this and keep this going and we will use this service. I had young people, I had old people, I had single people. There was not a bus that was empty and at the hub- if you've ever been by there, we have a waiting room and it was completely full with no seats available.

*(Cross-talk)*

Mr. Bentley: I'll just say this- I think going forward this is something that- I haven't had a chance to talk to George yet about what happened on Saturday, but I think there is an underserved need from the people that rode the bus that I talked to. These are people that don't have access to transportation. They rely on our service to get to work, to go do their shopping, and if you know it or not, a lot of the time they will come home from work and be able to ride the bus to Walmart and they have to call a taxi. The taxi service is very poor. They told me they could wait 2-3 hours and it costs them \$9-\$10 to make it back. These are the people that need the service the most. I definitely feel that based on what I've seen, based on what I've heard, personally that we as a County need to start figuring out a way to provide this service. Michelle and I have been challenged to- obviously this is going to take more drivers, more resources, but

we're going to try to do things smarter and more efficient and provide the services that I think the residents need. That's just feedback.

Chairman Hemmer: Sounds like we should (*inaudible.*)

Mr. Bentley: Walmart was the route that was the most full, but the other buses- there were people going to doctors' visits for their daughter, there was a person that was going to a birthday party and his truck had seized up and he wouldn't have been able to go if it wasn't for the bus. It was very engaging and everyone was so supportive of what we're doing. Their sole wish was to move this thing forward.

Legislator Nazzaro: Thank you for that. You're right, there is a need.

Chairman Hemmer: Thank you. Is there anything else to come before the committee?

MOVED by Legislator Nazzaro, SECONDED by Legislator Wilfong to adjourn

*Unanimously Carried (5:12 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
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