

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held In Room #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members:
Chairwoman LoBue & Legislators Albano & Othmer

Monday

November 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairwoman LoBue. She requested that Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Albano, Othmer & Chairwoman LoBue were present.

Legislator Othmer made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional information; Seconded by Chair LoBue. All in favor.

Item #3) Approval of Minutes-Physical Svcs Committee Mtg/Sept & Oct-Budget
Chair LoBue accepted the minutes as submitted.

Item #4) Discussion/Walkway-Sidewalk-East Lake Blvd.-Mahopac
Chair LoBue stated that she had been contacted by John and Margaret Scarfi, residents of Mahopac.

Margaret Scarfi stated that they have lived in their home on East Lake Boulevard for three years. She stated that in their time at this residence they have noticed that this is a location that attracts a large number of walkers who travel on that road. Currently there is no sidewalk or even a real shoulder to speak of on the side of the road. Also there is a popular bar/restaurant business along East Lake Boulevard which patrons of the business take up the little shoulder space that there is when they park their vehicles. This results in a person who is walking along the road to go out actually into the road. She stated that she and her husband are very concerned that someone will get seriously injured or even killed along the East Lake Boulevard road if something is not done. She stated that East Lake Boulevard also serves as a cut through for drivers to avoid some of the traffic on Route 6. She stated it is not a safe situation.

Legislator Oliverio questioned if East Lake Boulevard is a Town or County Road.

Chair LoBue stated that it is a County Road. She stated that Highway & Facilities Commissioner Pena and Deputy Commissioner Tully had just joined the meeting. She provided a recap to the concerns that Mrs. Scarfi presented. She stated that Mr. & Mrs. Scarfi have come to the Legislature to request that a Sidewalk be put on East Lake Boulevard from the corner where Route 6 intersects to the opposite point of East lake Boulevard; to the Shell Gas station, where Route 6 insects there.

Mr. Scarfi stated that the bar/restaurant business has a night time clientele. He stated that East Lake Boulevard is not well lit with lamp posts, it is dark and the concern is that there is going to be a horrific accident that will involve a vehicle striking a pedestrian. He stated that a way needs to be provided to allow pedestrians to travel along this roadway safely.

Chair LoBue stated that the Town of Carmel Police Chief Johnson had a speed machine posted on East Lake Boulevard. She stated that the speed machines do serve as a deterrent however they do not solve the problem. She stated that the area along that roadway runs along Lake Mahopac which is a beautiful tourist attraction.

John Scarfi stated that he would suggest looking at the side that Lake Mahopac is on for a future sidewalk. He stated that is the side that most people walk on and the private residences are on the other side of the street.

Legislator Othmer stated that as soon as a Commissioner of Planning is appointed, he recommends requesting that a grant be sought to finance a project like this. He stated that there is no money in the County Budget to cover a project like this.

Chair LoBue stated that she wanted to begin the discussion on this matter, and agrees it is a project to be handled in the Planning Department under the direction of the new Commissioner of Planning.

Item #5) Discussion/Teakettle Lake Park District-Mahopac/MS4

Chair LoBue stated that Mr. Dan Pearsall contacted her asking for assistance with a matter involving approximately 500 residents who are served by the Teakettle Lake Park District in Mahopac.

Dan Pearsall stated that he is a resident of the Teakettle Lake Park District. He provided a brief presentation on the matter. He stated that they have had trouble with aquatic growth, algae, weeds etc... He stated that the lakes are treated with chemicals; however in the past three years or so the situation has been getting worse. He stated that he has tested the water from his home and from all three lakes and there is an elevated nitrate level in the water. He stated that he asked the County to make sure that there is no septic running into the lakes. He stated that it was verified that there is not septic running into that water source. He stated that research shows that elevated nitrates in drinking water can cause health issues. He listed several potential health issues. He stated that he is addressing the County and this Physical Services Committee to see if any of this can be addressed through the MS4 Committee.

Legislator Oliverio stated that it was mentioned that the area being discussed is in the Town of Carmel property. He questioned if Mr. Pearsall has approached the Town of Carmel government.

Mr. Pearsall stated that he did speak with the Engineering representatives from the Town of Carmel. He stated that they are the ones who brought forward the recommendation of this being a MS4 issue and having it addressed by that committee. He stated that he has not received any feedback from the Town representatives.

Legislator Oliverio stated that Home Rule prevents the County from getting involved in a Town issue.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that the procedure would be to approach the EOH (East of Hudson) Corporation. The Town of Carmel has a representative on the EOH Board. He stated that each Town was required to present their list of projects, due every year by

October 1st. The projects are then evaluated by the DEC as being a viable project. He stated that is the process that needs to be followed.

Legislator Oliverio suggested that Mr. Pearsall petition the Town Board to get them to put this project on the Town of Carmel List of potential projects.

Deputy County Executive Walker provided an overview of the DEC review process. He stated that the goal is to improve the quality of the water and meet the Phosphorus Reduction numbers.

Legislator Othmer stated that as it was early stated there is a process that must be followed to have a project evaluated by the DEC. He stated that he would recommend that Mr. Pearsall, along with the 500 residents, approach the Carmel Town Board as a voting block to present your case.

Deputy County Executive Walker questioned how long ago was it that Mr. Pearsall met with Supervisor Schmitt.

Mr. Pearsall stated that it was approximately a month and a half ago.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he does not understand why Supervisor Schmitt would not have put it on his list for consideration by the DEC. He stated that this certainly sounds like it would be a viable project.

Legislator Tamagna stated that the County's Soil and Water Board may be able to help in this situation.

Legislator Albano agreed that Mr. Pearsall should contact the Town of Carmel and request to get this project on the list for review by the DEC.

Item #6) Update/Highways & Facilities Updates/Commissioner Pena

Legislator Othmer made a motion to accept the additional and waive the rules; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

a) Petroleum Bulk Storage/Project-Power Point Presentation

Commissioner Pena stated that he was not going to be presenting a power point. He stated that one of the things, that was not considered in the beginning, is that there is a choice between two types of Tanks to be purchased. The choice is a Steel or Concrete Tank. He stated that the Steel is the basic version, which is included in the initial estimate. He stated that the Concrete Tanks are more expensive, more secure, it can withstand a physical blast and they are bullet resistant. He stated in terms of security he believes that the Concrete Tank should be considered. He stated that they wanted to bring this to the Legislature's attention. He stated the Administration does not believe that the Concrete Tank is necessary for the current locations where the tanks are being removed from the ground and placed on top of the ground. However they wanted to recommend that in the case of some high profile locations.

Legislator Albano questioned what approximately is the difference in cost for the two styles of tanks.

Commissioner Pena stated that the Concrete Tanks costs approximately 20% more than the Steel Tanks.

Chair LoBue questioned where Commissioner Pena believes is a location that would warrant a concrete tank.

Commissioner Pena stated that he believes the Sheriff's Office and this County Building location. He stated that the hope is that we will be able to switch to Gas and this will not even need to be considered. They are researching all possibilities.

Legislator Oliverio questioned how many underground tanks does the County have.

Commissioner Pena stated in the area of 30, he would have to get back to him with the exact number. He stated that some can be removed and not restored and some we are hoping can be converted to gas installation.

Chair Albano stated that in his opinion if they both are estimated to last the same amount of time he supports going with the Steel Tanks.

Chair LoBue requested that Commissioner Pena address the current location that is being worked on.

Commissioner Pena stated that the Planning Department Building is where they are working. He stated that as they were going through the design process that is when they realized that there was this alternate selection. However, this is not a location that they feel is necessary to consider the Concrete Tank for.

Legislator Tamagna questioned since 911 and the Federal Regulations with Homeland Security that have put in place, he questioned if there is a possibility that the County could receive some funding from the Federal Government.

Legislator Albano stated that in terms of Terrorism this is not an explosive issue. He stated that this is an environmental issue.

Chair LoBue stated that for the location that is being addressed, the Planning Department, she agrees the Steel is appropriate. In terms of getting additional funding there is funding available when converting from oil to gas.

Legislator Othmer questioned if there is a reason that Commissioner Pena would want to use Concrete Tanks over Steel.

Commissioner Pena stated based on what he has already explained, he would recommend the Concrete Tank if there is a security concern with a location.

Legislator Albano stated that he agrees with Commissioner Pena's approach to evaluate each site as they are addressed.

b) Parking Deck

Commissioner Pena stated that the installation of the steel rebar has been completed on the Parking Deck. Tomorrow they are scheduled to pour the cement. It will take approximately twelve (12) hours to complete the pouring for the entire parking deck. He stated that they are scheduled to begin at 7:00a.m. tomorrow, November 20, 2012. He stated that there are radiant heat blankets that will be used if needed to ensure that the concrete will cure properly.

c) Lake Gleneida Vegetation Management Plan/DEP Approval

Chair LoBue requested an updated status from the last report on the Lake Gleneida Vegetation Management Plan. She stated it was last reported that there were plans that had been completed and were sent to the County Law Department for review and would then be sent to the DEP for the review/approval.

Commissioner Pena stated they are still working on the draft. They are closing in on a final version that will be submitted to the DEP. He stated that he believes that their proposal contains all of the important points: vegetation management, identifying a species that could be replaced with a species that will have a mature height of 3-4 feet, attempting to make them more maintenance free. He stated that they are committed to sending the final version to the DEP by the end of the work day tomorrow, November 20, 2012. He stated that the designation of a consolidated permanent boat stand and fixed lake access points will improve the maintenance accessibility for lawn mowing and weed whacking.

Legislator Othmer stated that the DEP is open to the concept of the permanent boat stand and such. He worked on a plan with John Tully a few years back. He stated that he and Legislator Albano are both willing to work to make this happen.

d) Peekskill Hollow Road/Weight Restriction

Commissioner Pena read into the record a statement from the NYMTC (New York Metropolitan Transportation Council). He stated that essentially the County has no authority to post weight restriction signs on Peekskill Hollow Road.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the road is utilized as a cut through road to avoid Route 6 and Route 9 traffic. He stated that it is a scenic and extremely windy road. The residents are

concerned. That is why they created a petition expressing their desire to restrict the trucks from traveling on this road. Their petition was accepted by the Town of Putnam Valley, Town of Kent and the County. He stated if there is anything that we can do, he fully supports the restriction. There was further discussion on this topic. He closed the discussion by requesting that Commissioner Pena please forward a copy of the verbiage that he read this evening to Mr. Victor Tiship (contact person for the residents of Peekskill Hollow Road). He stated that Mr. Tiship has contacted him asking for an update on this matter.

Commissioner Pena stated that he has been in touch with Mr. Tiship on this same subject. He stated that he will send a memo to him and provide a copy of the verbiage that he shared this evening. He will also provide a copy to Legislator Oliverio of the correspondence.

6e) First Floor Construction/Timeline/Cost To Date/Projected Costs

Commissioner Pena stated that one side of the first floor project is just about finished, which is the old Finance Department office. He stated that they will have the County Clerk's Department move to the completed side then they will begin working on the current County Clerk's Office.

Chair LoBue questioned if the project is within budget so far.

Commissioner Pena stated that they are within budget.

6f) Closeout of Carmel Sidewalk Project/Final Total Cost of Project

Commissioner Pena stated that they are closing up the books on the project. There are a few quantities still in discussion: excavation and concrete. He stated that they are close to completion and within budget.

Item #7) Approval/Putnam Bikeway II (Stage 2) Supplemental Agreement

Legislator Albano made a motion to approve Putnam Bikeway II (Stage 2); Seconded by Legislator Othmer. All in favor.

Item #8) Correspondences:

- a) Fr: Chair of Physical Services Committee LoBue To: County Executive Odell
Date: November 5, 2012 Re: First Transit, Inc./FYI
- b) Fr: Director Of Purchasing Mazzotta To: County Executive Odell Date: November 7, 2012 Re: County Transit Service/Para Transit Inc./Update
- c) Fr: Legislator Othmer To: County Executive Odell Date: October 23, 2012 Re: Transit Service/Potential Revenue – Park and Rides/FYI

Chair LoBue invited Deputy County Executive Walker to address this agenda item.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that they have met with the President of the Para Transit Incorporated. He stated that he was asked to be part of the task force that will be compiled to research and evaluate the Putnam County Transit matter. He stated also the

contract with Para Transit Incorporated has been extended for one more year. He stated that they are in the process of forming the Task Force. He stated that the recommendation in reference to the County Transit Services will come from the Task Force by June 30, 2013.

Chair LoBue stated that Legislator DiCarlo is the person who recommended that a task force be formed to address this matter. She stated that she would like the Legislature to be involved with the task force and the dialogue.

Legislator Othmer stated that since he sent his memo (referenced in agenda item 8c.) to the County Executive, he has had extensive conversations with Deputy County Executive Walker on the bus and the routes.

Item #9) Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:30P.M., Legislator Othmer made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature- Diane E. Trabulsy