

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2014

Call to Order by Chair Szukala at 1:36 P.M.

Minutes from January 13th meeting were approved. Motion by AG,
Second by SK.

Members in attendance: Stacy Szukala, Stephanie Kiyak, and Andy Gonzalez

Also in attendance: Tony Gugino, Ron Szot, Sue Chiappone and Representatives
Raj Selvaraj and John Partsch from Siemens Energy.

- Note Mike Porpiglia from Streets Dept did not attend as planned.

A power point presentation was given by Siemens about work and possible
upgrades at the city WWTP. A printed copy for council members will be sent
in a couple weeks.

Siemens was asked about one year ago to get involved with the WWTP to see
what new technologies were available and what funding options the city
had.

Article 9 law was passed by NYS in 1994 allowing municipalities to do
work as long as it was funded within the budget using the savings. The project
is budget neutral allowing work to be done without increasing taxes.

Savings can allow for upgrades in infrastructure such as:

energy savings

O+M Savings

Landfill costs

Chemical Costs

Lifecycle replacement Costs

Increase revenue

WWTP challenges are the current process being used, equipment, efficiency,
increased O+M, chemicals and corrosive environment. Dependency on
the landfill is also a concern.

Suggested improvements are to install an aerobic digester, install centrifuges,
(replacing current press operation that does not use lime), a main plant bypass

valve, a bar screen upgrade, and chlorination system replacement.

Also suggested are using rubber diffusers for aeration, lighting controls, solar exterior lighting, outdoor lighting retrofit and building envelope upgrades.

Szukala stressed the importance of the need to have a breakdown of each upgrade with the cost attached. The city does not have the financial ability to take on a large scale project at this time. However doing some upgrades within the existing budget is possible. Siemens said those numbers will be provided as soon as they have a chance to compile them.

Everyone in attendance agreed that being pro active rather than reactive was important. But there are many current projects the city is still dealing with. The city only has Approx. \$100,000 in current budget.

A cost comparison was then given. The current costs for operating the plant are \$640,761 and by doing the upgrades the process would cost \$344,790. This is per year. A 20 year (3.9%) and 30 year (4.5%) project term were discussed.

The next steps the city needs to do if project goes forward are a memorandum of understanding, project the scope of work, secure design, issue design agreement, lease purchase financing, implement work, commission project.

Szukala then asked about city street sign project. Gugino responded that half of first ward and most of fourth ward was still not completed. The signs are being produced at a savings to the city. The reflectiveness with new signs has increased.

Kiyak asked why we didnt budget enough for signs? Gugino responded that he did request correct amount but the amount given was cut. Kiyak expressed her desire to have accurate and real numbers at budget time.

The idea of stickers being put on items that are out to curb on wrong day. Recycling items would be stickered and left. The tag would let homeowner know items are to be put out on Monday recycling NOT garbage day. Its a huge issue and council supports the workers leaving the items. Council wants this practice to be implemented. Szukala feels the stickers would be effective and could be done inexpensively. She added that she has offered to drop off recycling calendars to residents and that they are available in city hall or info on city website.

Out of city garbage pick up was discussed. Mark Woods gave a list of current accounts out of city. This discussion will continue. If there is not an account set up, the pick up will cease. Ron Szot said something was in the code allowing this practice to be done for a fee approved by council. However there is a process to follow and it should be a tipping fee and a fee on top of that.

Putting recycling process out to bid again should be done. Randy Woodbury will be working on this.

Next up for discussion was a protocol being put in place for website. Issues between equipment from Mike P to Tim G was being talked about. This should be a priority so that residents can be up to date on issues.

The walkability study was brought up by Szukala. There were a few items that could be fixed easily. (sign posts) She will give list to Gugino.

Adjournment 2:32. motion by SK, second by SS.