

# **County of Albany**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
Cahill Room - First Floor**

## **Public Works Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**Present:** Mickey Cleary, Joseph E. O'Brien, Paul J. Burgdorf,  
Samuel I. Fein, William Reinhardt, Christopher H. Smith  
and Ellen Rosano

**Excused:** Matthew T. Peter and Peter B. Tunny

**1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:****2. AUTHORIZING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AND VERIZON NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW POLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' KNOX SUBDIVISION**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3. AMENDING THE 2023 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET: OVERTIME**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CREIGHTON MANNING ENGINEERING, LLP FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES REGARDING THE CR2 (COLE HILL RD.) OVER FOX CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF BERNE**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5. AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A PAINTED MURAL ON COUNTY PROPERTY ON THE ALBANY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 147 FOR 2022, AS AMENDED,  
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ALBANY  
COUNTY RAIL TRAIL OVER NEW SCOTLAND ROAD (NY ROUTE 85)  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACROW REGARDING A TEMPORARY BRIDGE FOR THE ALBANY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL OVER NEW SCOTLAND ROAD (NY ROUTE 85)

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Public Works Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on July 25, 2023. The Director of Operations, Mr. George Penn, of the Office of the County Executive spoke before the Committee regarding the damaged rail trail bridge and the construction of a temporary rail trail bridge over State Route 85.

The Director indicated that Sessler Wrecking is on-site and will begin demolition of the damaged bridge within the next day and should be completely finished with its demolition by the end of the week. The bridge will be cut down and stored at the Department of Public Works located in Voorheesville, NY.

The Director also indicated that New York State has contracted with the County to put in pipes for drainage along State Route 85 and will have to stop the work until Sessler Wrecking has finished cutting out the damaged bridge.

The Director spoke on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works when he indicated that an agreement with Acrow will allow for the provision of a twelve foot wide temporary bridge for use at the rail trail over State Route 85 in the amount of \$131,000 for a term commencing August 1, 2023 and ending April 1, 2024. He indicated that the temporary bridge will be built with both lanes fully functional by the end of September 2023.

The Director indicated that an Engineer's Report will be provided by the end of next week indicating the cause of the bridge construction failure, which will dictate the next steps of the County Executive's Office. Further, the County will pay for expenses upfront and be reimbursed later by whomever is found to be at fault for the bridge construction failure.

He further indicated that it will take time to rebuild a fully functional newly constructed rail trail bridge over State Route 85, and it should be complete

in approximately nine months.

Finally, after some brief discussion the Director indicated that the County should be able to avoid any lengthy litigation regarding the failure of the rail trail bridge over State Route 85.