

**COMMITTEE DAY
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
MONDAY
AUGUST 22, 2011**

Members present:

Bob Edwards, Bill Farber, Barry Hutchins, Rick Wilt, Brian Towers, Ermina Pincombe, Clark Seaman and Neil McGovern

**PTEDP
COMMITTEE
9:30 AM**

Also present: Pete Klein

Bill explained that Amy Kristiansen had to be in Albany today so they switched out the Central Government Committee Meeting for an Economic Development Meeting to talk about the Regional Council.

They found out Friday the Regional Council will be broke out into work groups. Bill passed around a map showing how the Adirondacks will be broke out. Hamilton County is now in the North Country Region.

Bill discussed how the work groups will be set up.

Ermina entered at this time.

Bill discussed further and mentioned that the Adirondacks are very well represented on the North Country Region. Gary Douglas and Tony Collins co-chair the work group. Both are very supportive of Hamilton County and Gary's North Country Chamber has a big portion of the County by virtue of the dual membership of the Indian Lake and Speculator Chamber.

**INTERNAL MANAGEMENT
10:00 AM**

Also present: Tish Biesemeyer, Mark Crawford, Kim Parslow and Pete Klein

Barry introduced Tish and Mark from Burnham Financial.

Mark and Tish reviewed the handout called the stewardship report. This is a snapshot of their relationship with their clients. What they have done, what they have looked at and projects that have been completed.

Mark wanted to point out on the County's health plan, Burnham misunderstood that there is a co-pay of \$100.00 in addition to the office visit co-pay; if you go to the doctor's office and if they perform some sort of surgery at the office. It was Burnham's understanding that the co-pay was just your office visit. However, it is not considered just

an office visit; it is an office visit plus \$100.00 co-pay. Any employee that has had an issue with this and has come to Kim is getting reimbursed the \$100 from Burnham.

Bill thanked them for taking responsibility and reimbursing the employees.

John Frey entered at this time.

John asked if they have researched the high deductible plans. Mark stated that they will be discussing that when they come back in the fall to review rates and other options.

The review continued and then ended with questions and answers.

Tish and Mark left.

Barry stated that they needed to discuss a position in the Personnel Office.

Kim announced that Amanda has accepted another job with the State.

Bill gave a history of the Clerk position in the Personnel Office. Originally the position was for 20 hours per week; then it was changed to 35 hours per week to cover WIA. It was noted that the hours were not being spent for WIA so the Board decided to cut the hours back to 30.

Barry asked Kim what she would need. Kim would like to see it stay at 30 hours. She stated that if Ann could get more employers she will have more work. Bill stated you can't get to 30 hours using WIA.

Barry stated if we have the opportunity to do part-time, this is the time to do it.

Ermina asked if there is a County employee that is being underutilized that could be shared. This option was discussed.

Bill asked if anyone has a problem with advertising for a part-time position.

Kim reported that she will need coverage for her wedding. She can do a ten day letter and use Amanda's payroll line to pay them from.

**SOLID WASTE
11:00 AM**

Rick left at this time.

Also present: Tracy Eldridge and Pete Klein

Tracy handed out a preliminary draft from Barton and Loguidice of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Tracy would like to keep this an internal document and not put it out to the Towns yet and would like any comments back to him from the Supervisors by September 19th. Then he will have a document for the Town Boards to review.

Tracy reviewed the draft plan with the Committee.

Tracy wanted to talk about Solid Waste equipment replacement within the next five years. They need to replace the backhoe at the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station. He would like to purchase a backhoe with a grapple on it. Money for equipment replacement can come from what they collect with the tipping fees. This is something that doesn't need to be appropriated, this was planned for. He would like to order the backhoe this year for 2012, the State contract is running out October 31, 2011 and he feels they won't extend it. The price is \$99,000 with the grapple.

We currently have around \$36,000 in our reserve fund, but the 2011 money is not in there yet and when we get that it should be around \$60,000.

The other piece of equipment that will need to be replaced is the bailer at the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station. He will hold off and look for grants; he thought it could wait for a couple of years.

The contract is going well in Inlet. Tracy asked John how the bailer was working at the Inlet Transfer Station. John stated the bailer is still an issue, but everything else is going well.

Tracy reported that they will need to replace the roll off containers at Lake Pleasant Transfer Station for our bulk metal. He did receive two quotes, around \$6,300 for replacement.

The Committee agreed the backhoe and Grapple purchase is the type of thing the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve was setup for.

Tracy updated the Committee on what they are doing.
Hope Falls Road – clearing trees and shoulder work.
Moose River Plains – a couple of guys finishing up.
Fletcher Brook Bridge – Doing final requests
Abanakee & Fourth Lake Bridges – Doing final requests

For Buildings:

Boiler quotes and also tank removal quotes.

Tracy reported that the local Seed Committee would like to plant a clump of three Blue Spruce trees by DMV. Brian and Ermina opposed.

There have been a couple of near misses with people going in and out of DMV and/or Treasurers. Tracy wants to put up a temporary railing system in front of DMV and the Court House and would also like to block off between DMV and the Court House.

Bill stated that if they posted “no public parking” from the bridge toward DMV that should help with a lot of the problem of people walking between the two building.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.