



TIOGA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Thursday, May 7, 2026  
9:00 am

○ ATTENDANCE

➤ Legislators

- David Cantella, Public Works Committee Chair
- William Standinger, Public Works Committee
- Jo Ellen Rose, Public Works Committee
- Ray Bunce, Public Work Committee

➤ Staff

- Gary Hammond, Commissioner
- Justin Ruggiero, Deputy Commissioner
- Tammy Hummel, Secretary to the Commissioner

➤ Guests

- Jackson Bailey, County Administrator
- Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
- Peter DeWind, Esq., County Attorney

➤ Absent

- Tracy Monell, Legislative Chair
- Jason Anderson, Project Technician

○ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting was made by William Standinger, seconded by Ray Bunce. All in favor. Motion carried.

○ FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Summary was shared with the committee.

○ OLD BUSINESS

- None

○ NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hammond reported on Buildings and Grounds

- A new pressure washer and wall mounted vacuum was installed in the wash bay at P.S.B. A new heater has been ordered.
- The work is continuing on the 56 Main Street HVAC project and is in the final stages with start up scheduled next week.



- Post-winter lawn repairs are being done at all buildings.
- The mowing operations have started for the season.
- The Dental Van was moved from Newark Valley to Candor.
- There were some issues at P.S.B. We are currently remediating those concerns.

➤ Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Department.

- Road shoulders were cut on Day Hollow, Montrose Turnpike, Stanton Hill, West River and Oak Hill.
- Ditching was performed on Day Hollow and Oak Hill.
- The catch basins were cleaned on Pennsylvania Avenue.
- A mulching head for the excavator was rented and tested on East River. A larger one will be purchased as soon as we get a sales agreement.
- Tree work was performed on Glen Road and Oak Hill.
- Bridges are being washed to remove accumulated sand/salt.
- Roadway intersections are being broomed to remove sand.
- Road patching is underway.
- Trucks are being washed at Delphine Street.

➤ Mr. Hammond reported on the Buildings and Grounds Capital Projects.

- The Courthouse roof asbestos abatement scope of work is being finalized with Delta Engineers. The project start date is scheduled for late summer.
- Equipment for the car wash is being ordered and quotes on construction are still being obtained. The new garage door is out for bid. Roof replacement is out for bid now.
- The Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building North Wing HVAC Upgrade project is moving forward with minimal disruption. Equipment commissioning is expected by the end of the month.
- The Public Safety Building Utility Roll-Up project received no bids. Local contractors have been contacted for quotes on the work.

➤ Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Capital Projects.

- The Glenmary Drive over Thorn Hillow Creek Bridge Replacement project is expected to be executed in the 2027 construction season.
- Day Hollow Road Culvert design is complete. Right-of-way incidentals are being finalized.
- Brown Road Bridge over East Branch Owego Creek is in final design phase.
- Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek is in preliminary design phase.
- Halsey Valley Road Culvert is in preliminary design phase.

○ PERSONNEL



- None
- RESOLUTIONS
  - Award Additional Construction Administration Services to Delta Engineers for HVAC System at 56 Main Street North Wing
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Approve Third Change Order for 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Construction Project
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Approve Fourth Change Order for 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Construction Project
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Approve Fifth Change Order for 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Construction Project
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Award Asbestos Abatement Inspection and Supervision Service to Delta Engineers for Courthouse Roof Replacement
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Authorize Use of ARPA Funds for Vehicle Wash Equipment
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Award Construction to J.P. Dugon Construction, LLC for Glenmary Drive Bridge BIN 3335110
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Authorize the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project and Appropriating Funds
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Authorize Salary Increase for Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Appropriate Funds in the 2026 Budget
    - William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  - Authorize Position Reclassification for Maintenance Mechanic III

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- William Standinger (aye), Jo Ellen Rose (aye), Ray Bunce (aye), David Cantella (aye)
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Mr. Hammond brought up the issue of beaver dams and blocked culverts/bridges as an increasing problem for the Highway Department. Several dams have accessibility issues for removal. In researching appropriate equipment for culvert maintenance, only one (sole source) product was discovered to accommodate the need, durability, and capabilities required to thoroughly and efficiently open culverts and bridges for maintenance purposes involving nuisance wildlife. A demonstration video for Battle Armor Designs patented excavator attachment was provided for committee members. A discussion ensued on the merits and the feasibility of adding a late file resolution for purchase to be put before the Legal/Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
  
- PROCLAMATIONS
  - None
  
- ADJOURNMENT
  - A motion to adjourn was made by Jo Ellen Rose, seconded by Ray Bunce. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Hammond".

Gary Hammond, P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works