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August 17, 2021

Highway Department 2021 Budget Request

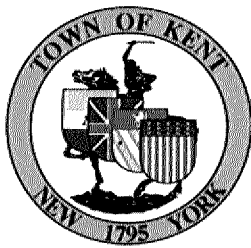
5 Year Fleet Replacement Plan 2021-2025

Facility Capital Improvement Plan

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Basic Budget Request

Section I

The Highway Department budget has been tweaked for the past six years and it seems we have reached an effective and realistic number. My recommendation is to stay with the same exact basic 2020 numbers as long as we bond for another two - three years maximum. I believe at this point we will have made major strides in rebuilding our infrastructure and we can revert to funding our road projects out of the tax base and CHIPS money alone. Listed below listed are essential Kent main roads that must be paved as soon as possible for public safety. This includes tree and rock ledge removal, telephone pole setbacks, failed culvert pipe and catch basin replacement, all before paving takes place.

**Ressique Street - 1.11 miles
Bowen Road - 1.14 miles
Long Hill Road - .82 miles
Drew Road - .49 miles
Seven Hills Lake & Associated Roads - 1.25 miles
Nichols Street Phase III - .82 miles
Richardsville Road 2.31 miles
Pudding Street 1.74 miles
Hortontown Hill (west of Taconic Parkway) 1.06 miles
Gipsy Trail Road - 1.84 miles
Chief Nimham Drive & Circle - .77 miles
Schrade & Associated Roads - 2 miles
Sagamore Road - 1.10 miles**

The above roads total mileage comes to 32.90 lane miles.

This does not include Lake Carmel, which has a total of 9.7 miles of roads with 59% of the Town population living here. We are in the process of replacing all drainage and repaving it section by section. It is a slow process but it has to be done this way for a proper job.

**35% of Kent Residents live on 89% of the public roads.
59% of Kent Residents live on 11% of the Lk Carmel public roads.
6% of Kent Residents live on private roads.**

Bridges & Large Culvert Spans

The following small bridges need to be replaced. They were constructed pre-WWII and are dangerous. I have devised a method of safely rebuilding many of these for about \$20,000.00 apiece to last another 75 years. I can do this with the bond money. Some are beyond our means and I am pursuing Bridge New York Grants to fund this.

I cannot emphasize the importance of this for public safety.

In House Projects –

- **Churchill Road Bridge – Future Kent HWY**
- **Hortontown Road Bridge – Done – Kent HWY 2020**
- **North Horsepound Road Bridge – Done – Kent HWY 2015**
- **Nichols Street Culvert Span – Good Condition**
- **Whangtown & Schrade Road Bridge – Future Kent HWY**
- **Dean Road Bridge – Future Kent HWY**
- **Miller Hill Road Bridge – Future Kent HWY**
- **Mooney Hill Road Bridge – Future Kent HWY**

Bridge NY Grant or Town Funded Bid Projects –

- **Nimham Road Bridge – Major Project**
- **East Boyds Road Bridge - Major Project**
- **Sagamore Road Bridge – Major Project**
- **Lake Louise Bridge – Major Project**
- **Kent Shore Drive Bridge – Major Project. Emergency Repairs by Kent HWY 2018.**

My request to keep the Highway Budget at the 2020 level combined with the CHIPS and Bond money will allow me to proactively attack the above listed infrastructure problems and I promise good results.

5 Year Fleet Replacement Plan

2021-2025

Section II

2021 -		
-	Dodge 3500 Heavy Plow Pickup Truck	\$40,000.00
-	Dodge 5500 Small Dump Plow & Sander	\$80,000.00
2022 -		
-	International Heavy Dump Plow & Sander	\$280,000.00
-	Cat 930 Loader (Smokey Hollow) Lease 5 Yr.	\$40,000.00
2023 -		
-	International Heavy Dump Plow & Sander	\$280,000.00
-	Dodge 3500 Heavy Plow Pickup Truck	\$40,000.00
2024 -		
-	Bob Cat Excavator (Trade in)	\$100,000.00
-	Bob Cat Skid Steer (Trade in)	\$80,000.00
2025 -		
-	International Heavy Dump Plow & Sander	\$280,00.00

Notes:

- Keep \$35,000.00 in the new equipment line for military surplus purchases only. Our two wood chipper trucks are 36 years old and 34 years old respectively. They are starting to do their death dance. These are necessary trucks but they do not have to be state of the art and I am presently working on replacing them with military surplus from the Federal Surplus Office in Albany. We have already fulfilled some major holes in our fleet very lucratively in this way.
- The Cat Loader listed for the year 2022 is one size down from the one we just purchased on lease. This is slotted to replace the one at the 301 / Smokey Hollow Garage, which is 30 years old and on its last leg. All parts & accessories for both machines are interchangeable. This machine will service the remote areas of Kent & is essential, especially during extreme weather events.

Facility Capital Improvement Plan

Section III

I have been working to get a grip on our antiquated facility situation and prioritize our needs since I took office in 2014. I offer for Public Record, the below listed serious concerns that need to be addressed very soon at the main garage, 62 Ludington Court.

- One-half of the front parking lot of the Highway Department is on private land. Also part of the septic system is also on private land.**
- There are various encroachments of town property onto adjoining lands and vice versa. Why these instances still exist after 52 years of occupation is beyond comprehension to me.**
- These lot line adjustments need to be addressed. There is a possibility of purchasing surrounding land that would solve this issue and it could be very advantages to the town.**
- We need to build a lean-to structure to house the sanitation and highway trucks. During winter storms, we have to idle them outside for hours at a time in order for them to keep going. Additionally, we need to get the garbage trucks out of the main garage where we live. Keeping mice and rats out of our quarters is a constant battle. I have attached a realistic site plan with this proposed building on it with the estimate of such in your booklet that I compiled in 2014. I have included dated backup material from 2014 onward. A solid budget number would be \$750,000.00.**
- The main building was constructed in 1968. There are holes in the roof and walls, and it is falling apart. I have also included the estimate and cost to "re-skin" the roof and walls and replace the supporting steel beams. This is a lot cheaper than building a new structure. I estimate the cost to be between \$375,000.00 - \$425,000.00. The 2014 antiquated estimate is attached.**
- The 301 / Smokey Hollow garage is in excellent shape. It has a new roof, drilled well, windows, generator, salt storage cover & concrete block storage bins for material. Additionally, through forensic surveying & deed research, contradictory property line issues were verified, clarified and resolved forever between the Town and neighboring properties. The same needs to be finished at the main garage right now. We are 1/3 of the way to making it into a safe & efficient municipal public works & highway facility.**

Chronological List of Facility Assessment Memorandums & Solicitations Section IV

- 1) – February 10, 2014 Estimate options from “Metal Building Restoration Company” (MBR) of Brewster, NY for proposed “re-skinning” & steel column replacement of Main Garage at 62 Ludington Court.
- 2) – March 17, 2014 Correspondence to Town Board. Please see item #12 request for facilities, town encroachment onto private property, septic systems, and garbage trucks etc... etc...
- 3) – July 31, 2014 Estimate from MBR for construction of proposed lean-to building for sanitation & highway trucks. Optional extension to existing mechanic shop included.
- 4) – August 5, 2014 Correspondence to Town Board reporting on deteriorating condition of main building & need for a sanitation / highway truck lean-to building.
- 5) – June 23, 2016 Conceptual site plan for main garage site - new buildings, submitted to the Board.
- 6) – September 27, 2017 Letters to NYS Senator & Assemblywoman Sue Serino & Sandy Galef asking for help with the buildings, I copied the Board.
- 7) – January 2, 2018 Letter to Patterson Crossing Developer Paul Camarda asking for help for the buildings. Board copied.
- 8) – July 22, 2019 Correspondence to Board asking to form a committee to address the deteriorating building situation. Please see the last paragraph.

I respectfully submit to you for the Public Record, this infrastructure & facility report and my 2021 budget request. I look forward to working with you as a team in resolving these serious issues. Thank you.

Richard T Othmer Jr.

Highway Superintendent.



Project:
Town of Kent Highway Department

Presented to:



Richard Othmer



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February 10, 2014

Richard Othmer
Town of Kent Highway Department
62 Ludington Court
Carmel, NY 10512

Re: Re- Roof Budget Proposal

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with budgeting pricing on re-roofing your pre-engineered garage building. I am providing an option to roof directly over your existing roof and also the option to remove your existing roof.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please feel free to contact me at 914-400-9115 or via email at john@mbrbuilders.com. Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Best Regards,



John Conti
MBR

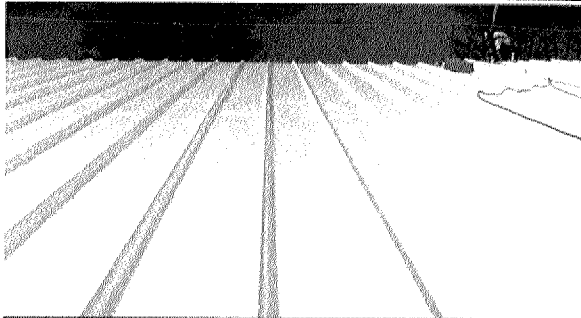


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Butler MR24 Roof Over -Re-roof Systems



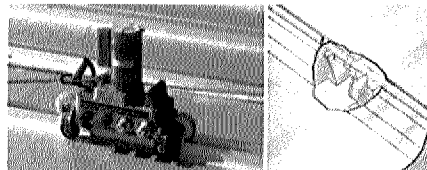
Re-Roofing Systems

Butler MR-24



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Butler MR-24



Town of Kent Highway Dept Re-Roof Budgets: Approx Roof Area of 7,000sf

- **High Profile Metal over Metal Option : \$85,000.00**

*** This option assumes that the building is approved for the roof over solution***

- **Tear off then Installation of the MR24 roof directly over the existing purlins : \$115,000.00**

Roof Area: Approx 7,000 actual dimensions will need to be taken to finalize the scope and budgets

1. Removal and disposal low eave hangover, related trim and ridge ventilators.
2. Installation of MR24 Standing Seam clips on a grid for attachment of the new roof to the structure. Depending on the structural layout either a low profile (clips installed directly in the building purlins) or high profile (channels installed to the roof then clips attached to the channels) system will be used for attachment.
3. Unload all trucks with related Butler Materials



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4. Layout new roof system, install clips with thermal breaks, insulation and new MR 24 roof per Butler Building Specifications.
5. Install Optional Items such as Gutters and Downspouts, Vented Ridge Cap and snow retention system as agreed upon.

Energy Saver Ceiling and Wall System Budget: \$49,424.00

Budget Price: included is a R25 Option for both the ceiling and the walls. This system uses the strongest facing available, is installed tight to the purlins and leaves the mainframe beams exposed. The vapor barrier comes the full width of the frame spacing eliminating the need for seams between panels. You do not lose any ceiling height with this option.

Additional R values might be available if the purlin cavity is larger than we estimate it to be currently.

Metal Interior Liner Panel Would also be a good option for the bottom 4' along the perimeter.

Structural Steel Painting Budget: \$20,000.00 □ The price above includes light prep of each beam and two coats of paint.

Structural Evaluation for re-roof - Typical- \$6,000.00: This work is recommended to be completed prior to proceeding with a roof over □ re-roof option. The Scope of this work is essentially an onsite audit of frame sizes, locations and density of the steel that was used. If original building plans exist for these structures please provide them prior to our visit. Most structures are approved for the additional weight of the roof over option.

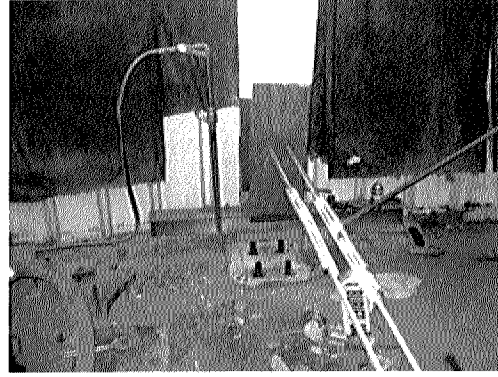
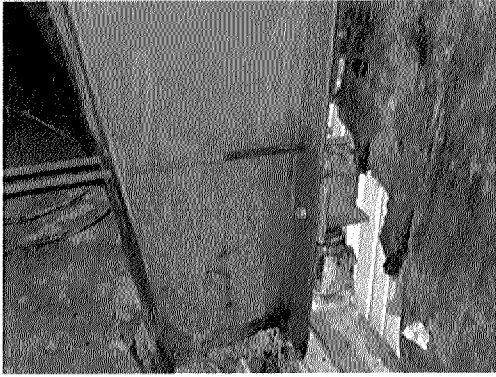
Structural Evaluation of Deteriorated Steel- \$3500.00: This evaluation can be done at the same time as long as the steel is cleaned and exposed for the engineer to look at. This will include a mapping of the frames and the approved engineered fix for each frame location. The fix for secondary steel (roof purlins and wall girts) is generally replacement. All 12 endwall columns and 10 mainframe column bases would need to be accessible for the inspection.



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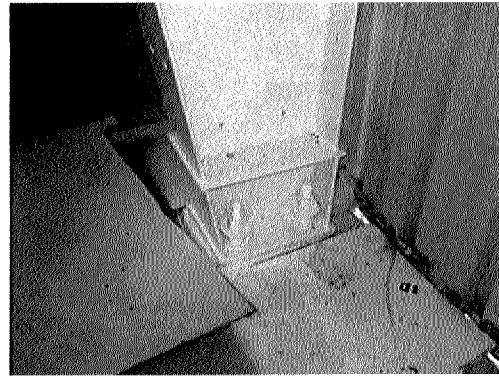




Deteriorated Main Frames Getting Prepped for Replacement



Failing Gable Column and Base Angle



Repaired Beam from Above

Assumptions:

- Prevailing Wage Rates
- 7 day per week access
- Permits and or related Fees if needed by owner
- Non winter conditions

From the site visit it is clear the building is in need of structural repairs at the column pier locations. These structural issues need to be addressed regardless of whether or not the new roof is put on. The town may want to look into stripping this building down the primary and secondary steel members and re-insulating, re-roofing and residing.



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March 17, 2014

Honorable Supervisor Fleming & Members of the Town Board;

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Once again thank you for scheduling a special Town Board meeting concerning Highway Department issues. There are so many items to discuss it would have been impossible to do so during a regular meeting. I just need to have your input and thoughts so I may figure out a strategy to proceed with my duties. Following are the agenda items for discussion on March 24, 2104.

- 1) Equipment & Safety Training / Risk Management
- 2) New York Department of Labor Violations / Remedies / Costs
- 3) New Chips Road Adoptions
- 4) Salt Shed Replacement / Insurance Claim
- 5) Master Crew Chief Position / Non Filling of Deputy Highway Superintendent
- 6) Summer Help Program / 2-2014
- 7) Cornell Intern / No Unemployment / Macro Study, No Risk to Town
- 8) Storm Water Requirements
- 9) Open House May or June For Town Board & Residents
- 10) Radios
- 11) Budget Strategy
- 12) Executive Session / Highway Facilities Master Plan
 - Surveys / Town Encroachment on Private Property
 - Repairs to 311 Garage Building, Steel Skin, Concrete Floors / Long Term Strategy
 - NYS Violation Garbage Trucks Inside Building / Rats & Mice
 - Well Water / Non Plotted Septic Systems
 - DEP Violations 311 Garage / Permeable Paver Installation
 - Building Appraisals Bob's Garage Study
 - 2013 Fund Balance / New Equipment Snow Blower, Trucks, Roller...
 - Finance Bonding / Facilities, Equipment, Sensible Affordable Plan

Thank you all for your attention to these most important matters.

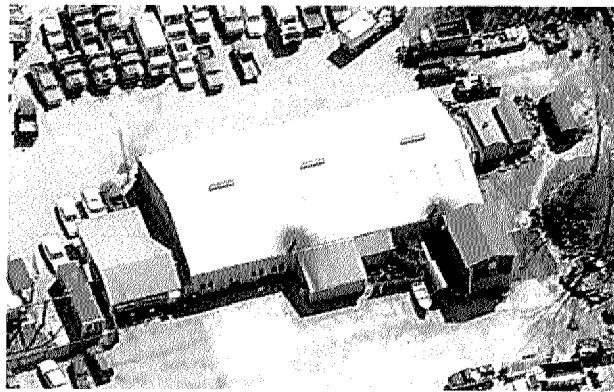
Respectfully Submitted;

Richard T. Othmer Jr. Highway Superintendent



Project: Mechanic Building Addition & Truck Storage
Building
Town of Kent Highway Department

Presented to:



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July 31, 2014

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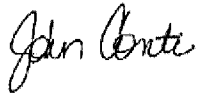
Re: Metal Building Quotes

Dear Richard,

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide with a budget for your mechanic shop addition as well as a single slope truck storage building.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please feel free to contact me at 914-400-9115 or via email at john@mbrbuilders.com. Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Best Regards,



John Conti
MBR

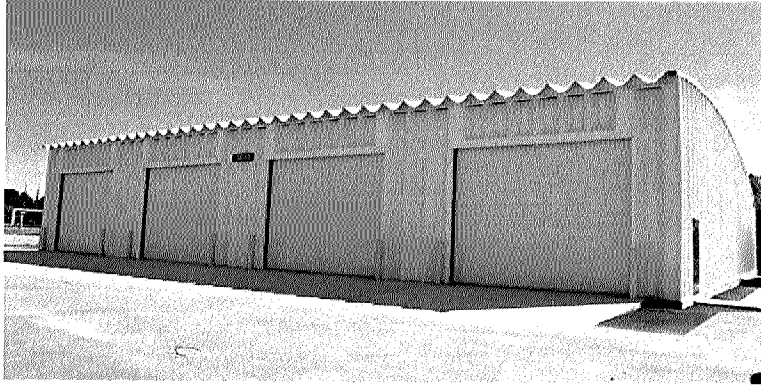


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Town of Ken Highway Dept. Building Budgets



Truck Garage Supply and Erect Budget: \$750,000.00

- 13,200sf Single Slope Truck Garage – 60' wide x 220' long
- 12 Framed Opening for Garage Doors (Doors not included)
- 2 Single Man Doors
- Standing Seam Roof
- Blanket Insulation
- Site work, foundation and interior slab allowance
- Electrical Allowance for Perimeter Outlets and Lighting

Mechanic Shop Addition: \$250,000.00

- 1,200sf one bay mechanic shop addition – 20' x 60'
- Open sided out door area – 20' x 30'
- 2 Framed Opening for Garage Doors (Doors not included)
- 1 Single Man Doors
- Standing Seam Roof
- Blanket Insulation
- Site work, foundation and slab allowance
- Electrical Allowance for Perimeter Outlets and Lighting

Exclusions:

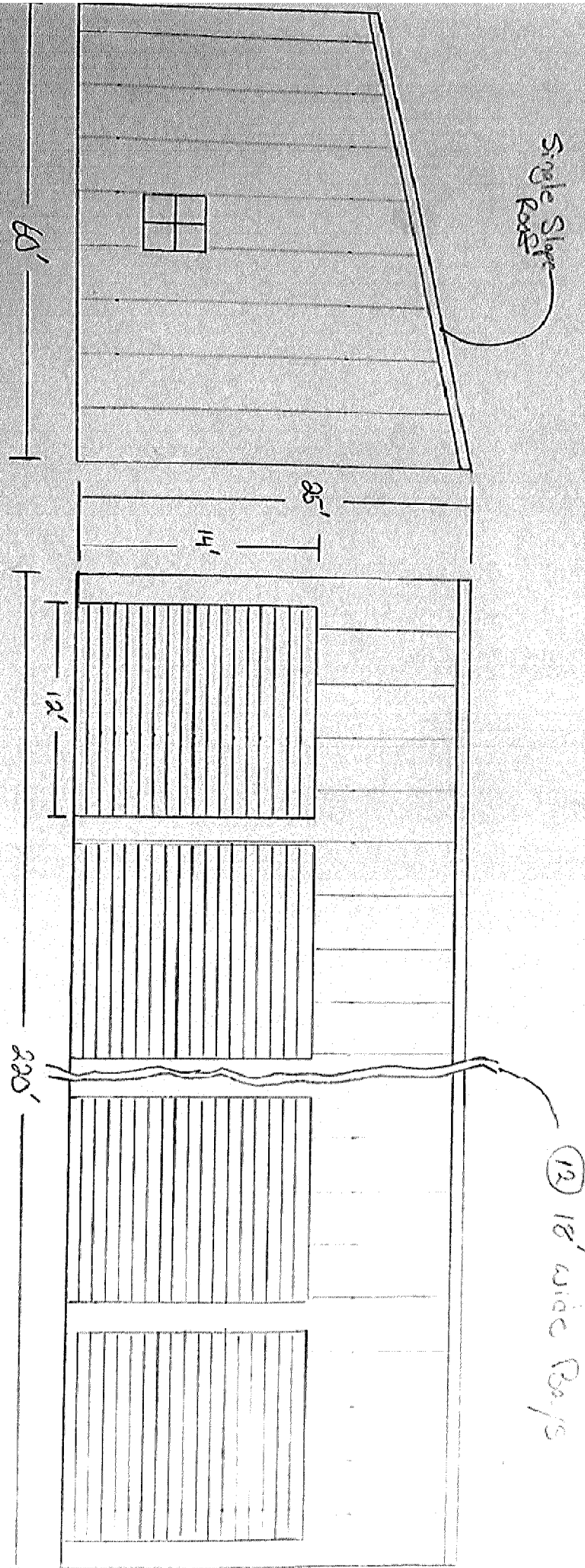
- Site Work
- Permits
- Non winter conditions
- Garage Doors



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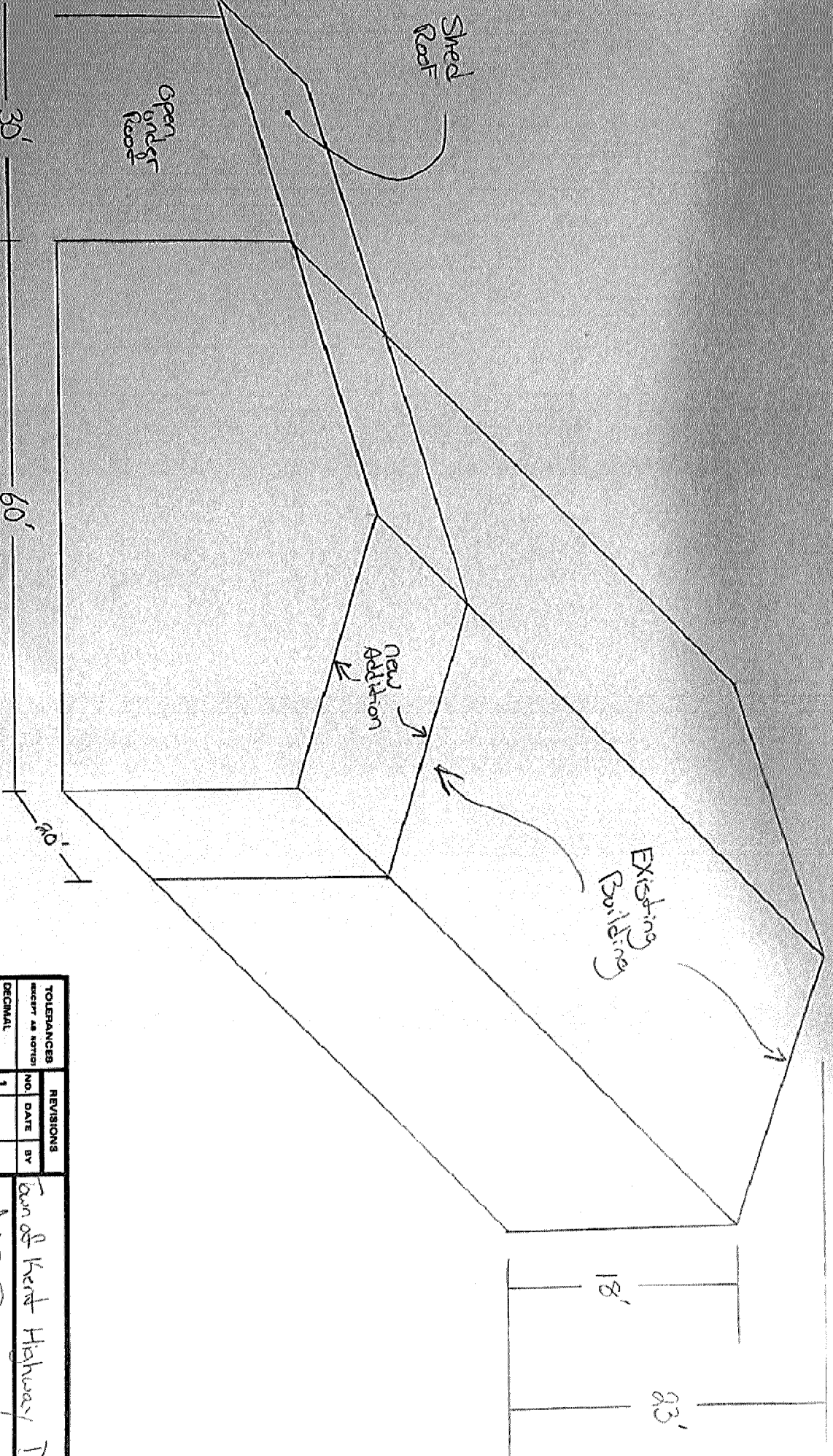
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August 5, 2014

**Proposed Three Year Capital Improvement Plan
Highway Department, Municipal Repairs, Sanitation Department
Submitted By; Highway Superintendent Richard T. Othmer Jr.
Route 311 Garage**

- 1) Legal Fees; Conveyance of Ludingtonville Road and Town property extending into the Kent Nursery property from Putnam County to the Town of Kent; Budget \$10,000.00 from Town Attorney, not verified as of this date.
- 2) Engineering Fees; Design of phase 2 and phase 3 of the project which includes final site plans, DEC & DEP compliance and review and approval of renovation of existing 50 year old garage and construction of a new equipment storage facility on the site. Budget \$30,000.00 from consulting Engineer, not yet verified. Phase 1 is currently underway and financed by Planning Board wetland mitigation money reserved for this and is under the direction of Julie Mangarillo P.E, Town Planning Board Consultant. I recommend that this project stay under the direction of the same Engineer for continuity purposes.
- 3) New domed salt shed; \$200,000.00 for construction of new concrete based salt shed. Presentation given to Town Board 8/5/14. This will replace our present storage facility which has failed 3 times in the last eight years, a waste of taxpayer money. Additionally, we have \$30,000.00 in insurance money reserve from the last roof collapse that will be used for site work preparation separately.
- 4) Butler Building Municipal Repairs Extension; New construction of two bays to match existing building profile with a truck port roof extension to allow work to be continued when inside bays are full. This is direly needed as this Department services multiple Town agencies and simply does not have enough room to operate efficiently. \$250,000.00

- 5) Renovation of existing 50 year old garage; Ripping off existing roof and replacement. Repair of existing steel columns which are structurally deteriorating at the concrete junction base and protective painting. Complete new energy efficient insulation inside of roof & walls. Repair of existing side panels and gutters as needed. Pre Engineering fees. \$325,000.00.
- 6) Construction of new 4800 square foot butler barn building opposite main garage. Will enable Sanitation and Highway to keep most vehicles protected year round, thus extending their productive lives. \$300,000.00

Total of above recommendations; \$1,115,000.00 (One Million One Hundred & Fifteen Thousand Dollars). A new site & facility would cost twice as much as this for a site plan alone. Comparatively, the Town of Carmel bonds 1 million dollars a year for their Highway Department in excess of their budget extended out 20 years. We do not want to go down this path because Carmel has had exorbitant tax hikes recently, this I know because my 87 year old Mom still pays her taxes there! But we can find a simpler more affordable solution.

The above pricings and estimates were collected by me during the last seven months. I have been working with the Planning Board and have made every effort to keep the Town Board aware of our facility situation. I believe in today's market this is a feasible and practical solution to ensure that we sensibly spend the people's money. We have the site and plenty of space to do this. If done, these improvements will benefit the people of Kent for years to come. This is a realistic ball park figure that will have to be tweaked if we decide to go ahead. Of course all these expenses are not just to be incurred by the Highway Department; we live and work with the Sanitation Department everyday and Municipal Repairs services all the vehicles in the Town Fleet so monetary proportions will have to be assigned accordingly.

I respectfully submit this to the Town Board along with my five year Highway equipment procurement plan to review and formulate a realistic financial strategy so we may best serve the residents of Kent, both present and future.

Respectfully Submitted;

Richard T. Othmer Jr.
Highway Superintendent

August 8, 2014

**Addendum to the Three Year Facilities Modernization
Plan**

Distributed August 5, 2014

- 1) The first sentence in the last paragraph should read “five” year Highway procurement plan instead of seven.**
- 2) I neglected to include the cost of resurfacing, leveling and re-pitching the grade of the 50 year old concrete floors in the main building approximately 8,000 sq. ft. \$75,000.00**
- 3) Adjusted total; \$1,190,000.00**

Respectfully Submitted;

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September 27, 2017

Senator Sue Serino
4254 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Subject: Grants for Buildings

Dear Senator Serino,

Thank you for your call it was a pleasure speaking with you. As requested I have enclosed back up for the two projects we spoke about. I also included a site plan of the facility and grounds for your records. Keep in mind that the project quotes are from 2014 so we should add 15% for inflation.

The first project is for the necessary updates to the 1968 Highway Garage Building which is falling apart. The estimate provided from MBR Metal Building Restoration covers the following:

High Profile Metal over Metal Option	\$ 85,000.00
Or tearing off then installing MR24 Roof	\$115,000.00
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If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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September 27, 2017

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
Assembly District 95
LOB 641
Albany, NY 12248

Subject: Grants for Buildings

Dear Assemblywoman Galef,

I am writing to see if you can secure funding for two projects for the Town of Kent Highway Department. I have enclosed back up for the projects and I have included a site plan of the facility and grounds for your records. Keep in mind that the project quotes are from 2014 so we should add 15% for inflation.

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January 2nd, 2018

Dear Paul;

Hopefully you remember me; I am the former Putnam County Legislator & self employed mason contractor from Kent, NY in Putnam County. I am now the Highway Superintendent in Kent and I took over a very defunct & dysfunctional department four years ago that had been ignored for a long time. I am glad to report that we are on the road to recovery with the rejuvenation of our fleet and we are now completing major projects on a regular basis with a highly motivated crew.

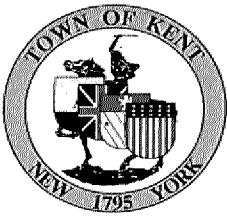
I know you are busy so I will cut to the chase and not waste your time. I was happy to read in the paper about the imminent opening of the Costco shopping complex. It is about time and I know you have gone through hell the past 15 years or so trying to get this approved. I was hoping that we could work out an agreement that would benefit both of us. The following thoughts are what are on my mind;

- 1) The Kent Highway Garage is located right off of Route 311 not far from the back entrance to the shopping complex that runs through the Town of Kent.
- 2) The present highway garage is a steel "Butler Building" that was constructed in 1968 and is literally rusting apart. It needs to be re-skinned & the structural column base sections need to be replaced as well as the concrete floor needs to be removed and re-poured.
- 3) Additionally, I need to build a simple steel lean-to structure to house the town sanitation trucks and larger highway trucks opposite the existing antiquated and inadequately designed main garage.

I want to propose that I could adopt the back entrance to the shopping complex as a town road and take over all the maintenance once completed. In return I would like your company to assist me in refurbishing and building the two highway buildings mentioned above. This would require town board approval of course if this were to become a reality, but I wanted to put in a personal request with you first to see if this is something you would consider. Even though I operated my mason contracting business on a much smaller level than you, I found that the less government was involved the faster things got done. I know this is a bold and pushy request but it is the only way I know how to do things. I could meet with you anytime, anywhere to discuss details. I hope you are well.

Respectfully:

Richard T. Othmer Jr.



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July 22, 2019

Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming
Kent Town Board Members
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Subject: 2020 Bond

Dear Supervisor Fleming and Kent Town Board Members,

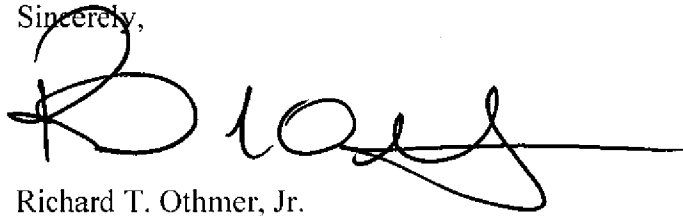
With approval of the 2019 Highway Bond the Highway Department has been able to complete several major road projects like Mooney Hill Road and Denton Lake Road, make infrastructure upgrades to drainage on Horsepound Road and many other roads, have trees removed and rock ledge blasted and removed. We also had a roof structure built over our material bins. We were able to complete work this year that properly prepared roads for paving next year. This would not have been possible without the bond being approved.

I am requesting the board approve a 2020 Bond in the amount of 1.5 million. We would use 1 million for continuing road construction and the balance to purchase a new Bucket truck for \$200,000.00, 2019 International with Plow Package and Stainless Body in the amount of \$230,000.00 and a 2019 3500 Pickup with plow package and aluminum body for \$70,000.00. The current bucket truck is 19 years old and every five years new cables must be installed at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. The General Fund currently funds the Highway Equipment line \$370,000.00. I want to cut that line to \$25,000.00 for purchases of Federal Surplus Equipment only.

Additionally I would like to form a Capital Improvement Committee of myself, Herbert Strickland General Foreman, Nicholas Mancuso Automotive Service Manager and at least two Board Members to research necessary upgrades for the 51 year old Highway Garage at 62 Ludington Court. The building needs to be re-skinned, inner steel supports replaced, insulated and the floors redone as this has not been addressed in past years and the building has deteriorated. We have already upgraded the heating systems. Also I have spoken with Eugene Livulpi, the General Foreman of the Lake Carmel Sanitation Department and his department has funds to put a metal lean to building opposite the main garage to house his large sanitation trucks so they could be covered and not left out in the elements. Highway could partner with Sanitation and the building would also help the Highway Department store trucks out of the elements and aid during winter months. We would not have to have the trucks idling and could leave the plows on the trucks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Othmer, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard T. Othmer, Jr.
Kent Highway Superintendent