

AGENDA – DIVISION 175 – COUNCIL MEETING

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I. CALL TO ORDER. *January 31, 2014, 12:15PM, Friendly's Hornell*

II. ROLL CALL: K. Button, E. Coyne, P. Burnes, J. Jobson, A. Puleo

III. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

LAST MEETING WAS: *12:15PM, 10-31-2013, Hornell*

CORRECTIONS: *None*

MOTION to: ACCEPT: KB SECOND: AP APPROVED: All

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT –

Treasurer Report:

Available funds as of 1-31-14: Andrew \$576.71 Kathy \$3,184.93 Total \$3,761.64

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – List of Committee Members can be found at:

<http://www.pef175.org/officers/>

1. Audit - *No report*

2. Budget - Budget Committee Report:

New budget due by April 1st. Will be working on new budget soon.

3. Website (www.pef175.org) – *updated as needed*

4. Bulletin Board – *Members are encouraged to post appropriate material at will.*

5. Constitution – *Research of our Division's Constitution remains a work in progress*

6. Grievance – *Management is directing some staff here in Region 6 to begin Cease & Desist action regarding Out of Title work for members. A. Puleo has advised Regional Director that 'selective compliance' in regarding to GOER Cease and Desist directives has the potential to be a point of contention if the C & D action does not prove to be uniform. Some members have presented dismay with the possibility that their own OOT, Out of Title assignments may be discontinued while others are permitted to reap the financial reward of continued OOT assignments.*

7. Health & Safety – Health & Safety Committee Report:

Met on 1-21-14 (See attached meeting minutes)

8. EAP – EAP Report:

Met on 12-11-13 (See attached meeting minutes)

9. Social Committee – *The Social Committee will be charged with changing up the raffle gifts to be more in line with labor issue, maybe literature or DVD's? It was also suggested that maybe a community themed Social could be planned, like clean a park, or do a car wash or some type of Charity bake off event???*

10. **Parking-** *The parking list has been posted on our Divisional Website, anomalies and all.*

11. **Communication:** *SEE PEF HQ HOMEPAGE*

VI. Local Labor Management – *The minutes of these meetings can be found at www.pef175.org/. The agenda for next years State office Building Meeting is currently under way.*

VII. Statewide Labor Management – *A S/W L/M agenda building meeting was held 1-22-14 in Syracuse. The S/W L/M STICC/ICS Subcommittee's first meeting was held January 30, 2014 at PEF HQ.*

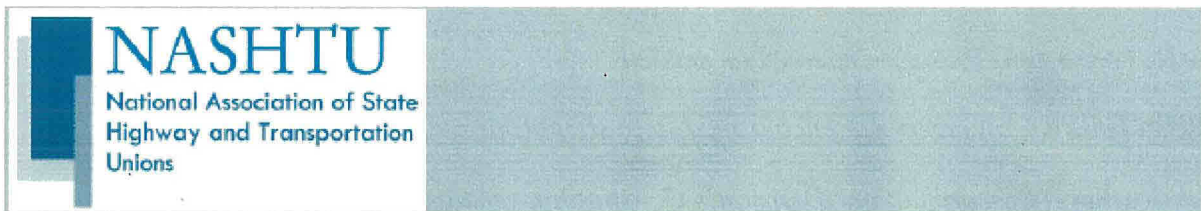
VIII. PAI/PAL – *No report.*

IX. Regional Coordinator – *No report*

X. E-board Rep. – *A. Puleo requested J. Jobson vote "Yes" regarding Division 175 annexation issue which should be on the next E-board agenda.*

XI. Field Rep. – *PEF Region 2 Field Office is receiving notice of OOT final payments after the final payment date and greater than 10 days from the last payment. This creates is a problem because when we re-file to again allege out of title work, we can only go back 10 days for pay from the date of the grievance.*

XII. NASHTU –



NYT: Use of Federal Contractors Result in Delays, Overruns, and Unmet Public Needs

The *New York Times* recently editorialized against the "increasing extent" in which (federal) government work has been contracted out to private-sector companies. Currently, according to the *New York Times*, the federal government spends about \$500 million a year on private sector contracts, more than twice the amount spent in 2000. While conceding that it is legitimate to outsource when the government does not have the expertise for a certain task, the *New York Times* questions the "current practice of contracting out vast swaths of government work indefinitely – with little or no attempt to develop the needed technical and managerial expertise within the government or to enforce labor standards – [which] has

created a bloated federal-contractor sector in which the public good is often subservient to profit.”

Availability Payments Shift P3 Risk Back to Taxpayers

In light of the many Public-Private Partnerships (P3) where overly optimistic traffic projections caused toll roads to struggle and fail financially, P3 investors are pressuring states to pay regular guaranteed payments in lieu of keeping toll revenue. MAP-21, the current transportation authorization, formalized the approval of availability payments, which can be funded through tolls and/or a state’s transportation budget, as an acceptable mechanism to finance P3 transportation projects.

But as this [recent Bloomberg article](#) shows, Congressional approval does not necessarily translate to being a good deal for taxpayers. The article explores P3 deals in Illinois, Indiana, and Florida where the use of availability payments is “decreasing the risk for [private] operators” and transferring the risk to taxpayers because while projected toll revenue should fund the guaranteed payouts, the state may “have to augment it with money from their operating budgets should traffic fail to generate enough to cover costs.”

XIII. Steuben/Livingston County Labor Council – *A. Puleo attended the annual SLCLC Holiday party, December 4, 2013, 6PM at the Radisson Hotel in Corning NY. Local politicians Tom Omara and Phil Palmesano were in attendance and discussed a large variety of topics in this informal setting.*

XIV. R&GV ALF, Rochester & Genessee Valley Area Labor Federation:

The Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation Annual meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2014. David Cay Johnston will be featured speaker on the 22nd :) So, as far as the agenda goes, he will be the featured speaker in the morning. He is a pulitzer-prize winning author and journalist, and his writings include, "Perfectly Legal, the Covert Campaign to Rig Our Tax System to Benefit the Super-Rich and Cheat Everybody Else" and "Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense and Stick You With the Bill". He is also in the process of editing an anthology entitled: "DIVIDED: The perils of Our Growing Inequality". He was quite loud against the media during the Wall St Bailout.

They will then have a political session, and are bringing in candidates in State and Congressional Campaigns. We may have the WDI do a small piece, and Mario Cilento will be drawing in all political conversation with the politicians and wrapping it up into our "Making NY Work" Campaign.

This will be a complete training experience for all members, officers and supporters to kick off our political season. The talking points folks will walk away with after that day will be phenomenal.

After all speakers, we will ask non-delegates to leave so we can have lunch and begin our business portion of the day, which is what we'll wrap up with.

XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None*

XVI. NEW BUSINESS – *New Division 175 Stewards votes have been cast. . . we await results. Nomines are Lynn DeGraff and John Eddy. Good luck to you both!*

XVII. OPEN FORUM – *Proceeded in confidence.*

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN (& Pay Expenses): *A. Puleo*

Second: *K. Button*

Approved: *All*

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: *Thursday February 20, 2014, SOB Room 165*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Andrew Puleo
Council Leader
Acting Secretary