

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: JANUARY 26th, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: HOFFMAN, WOLK, PASZAK, HOLEWINSKI, SHARON

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
DUTCHER/PATROL SUPT, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, LITTLE RICE ATV
TRAIL REPRESENTATIVE, NESEMANN/ RIVER NEWS

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Wolk/Paszak to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Paszak/Wolk to approve the minutes of the January 12th, 2012 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Wolk/Holewinski to approve vendor vouchers #009-044 for a total of \$149,950.11, plus personal expense vouchers presented. All ayes.
5. Bennett updated the committee on the progress with the map being created showing the current and potential ATV trails in Oneida Co. He is meeting with the Oneida County Recreation Coordinator, Little Rice, and Nokomis ATV Club members later this morning to work on map. Map will be completed by next meeting. Checked with area counties, and so far Forest and Langlade Counties have no issues with their trails that are located on county trunk highways.
6. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.
Dutcher discussed:
State work: Busy plowing snow; hauling salt to outside shops; Brine tank busy on curves and intersection prior to any precipitation; State inspection of salt sheds and brink tanks done this week. No results yet.
County work: Plowing snow and pushing back shoulders; hauling salt/sand to outside shops; blue mower is back out on 'Q'
Misc: Still cleaning out obsolete parts from the parts room; waste oil tank spill containment area built; attended first County Board meeting; working with Frank on Shop Foremen duties and storm call-ins
Bennett discussed:
Update from WCHA Winter Road School Convention: big discussions on Act 10 regarding FLSA rules. Almost every county is doing it differently. We are doing everything properly on our end. Feds are going to be drastically reducing the percentage of gas tax money that goes to the State; Coordinating closely with the DOT and area counties on when to go out on these storms; meeting yesterday with MSA Professional Services, WisDOT officials, and Cedar Corp regarding the 'J' project. On conclusion, if the Hwy 51 project is not done, then 'J' will not have to be done. Will wait for the end of March when a decision is made on the Hwy 51 project before proceeding with 'J' plans; Did a presentation for the Rotary Club about what the department and our equipment can do; Was a speaker for the Town's Association meeting last evening.
7. Discussed Trans 75 and the upcoming CTH "J" project. Bennett said because of the paved sidewalk requirements, the road width would now be 68', plus swales beyond the sidewalks. We will wait for the end of March when a decision is made on the Hwy 51 project before proceeding with 'J' plans. If Hwy 51 is declared a 'No Build' then we should be able to declare 'J' a 'No Build'.
8. Bennett received a letter of Non-Compliance from the DNR regarding the culvert we replaced on CTH "D" by the cranberry marsh. The county replaced the culvert in exactly the same location it was in, because it was failing and a very serious safety issue. The DNR wants the culvert lowered. Doing so would

considerably lower the lake levels on North Nokomis Lake. The committee expressed their disapproval with lowering the culvert. They want to wait on any action, and have a public informational meeting in the spring, to inform the residents on the lake what the DNR is planning. Holewinski suggested getting the Secretary of the DNR involved, as well as all area Legislators and Assemblymen.

9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve sending the Dutcher to Compass Training in Wisconsin Rapids July 11th, and 12th. All ayes.
10. **Motion:** Wolk/Sharon to approve Bennett attending Commissioner's Training in Warrens, WI February 21st and 22nd. All ayes.
11. **Motion:** Paszak/Wolk to approve Dutcher, Rich, and Bennett attending Seal Coating School in May. All ayes.
12. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to approve the Dutcher attending Utility Training in Wausau February 23rd. All ayes.
13. Future meeting dates:
 - February 9th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
 - February 23rd, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
14. Future agenda items:
 - Work Week/Pay Period
 - ATV Requests
 - CTH J Project
15. Public comments
 - Nesemann introduced himself and was looking for some information on the 'J' project. Hoffman suggested doing a story on the 'D' culvert as well.
16. **Motion:** Wolk/Holewinski to adjourn at 9:05 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary