

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: April 12th, 2012

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
DUTCHER/PATROL SUPT, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR,
SCHROEDER/MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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:** Paszak/Wolk to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to approve the minutes of the March 22nd, meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Paszak/Wolk to approve vendor vouchers #168-187 for a total of \$22,060.40, plus personal expense vouchers presented. All ayes.
5. Discussed the CTH J project. The DOT's new estimated cost for the project, for reconstruction of .9 miles of road, because of DNR swale requirements and TRANS 75 sidewalk requirements, total \$2,290,000 with the county paying 20% or \$458,000. In addition to this cost, we would be responsible for estimated re-engineering costs of \$20,000 and additional estimated Temporary Land Easements payments of \$10,000. Now Bennett has just received word that the DOT wants the county to contribute \$250,000 toward the reconstruction of the intersection of USH 51 and CTH J. Something that we new nothing about, and is not a part of our project; it is the DOT's project. This puts our total 'known' costs to date at \$738,000, of which only \$136,780 was budgeted for in this STP account. O.C. Finance Director, Sorenson, told Bennett yesterday that we could transfer the CHIP and CHIP D funds set aside for CTH Y into this STP account and we would find the rest of the money we need. Recently Bennett said he received a verbal agreement that the DNR would loosen their restrictions on the storm water swales. That would reduce the cost of right of way purchases and Temporary Land Easements. Both the Town of Minocqua and Woodruff are against the sidewalks, because neither town has the money to maintain them. Bennett said he is working with the DOT to try to have the TRANS 75 thrown out because of the hardship it will put on the county because of increased costs, and the refusal of the area townships to maintain it. If this happens, it can also reduce the cost of the project. Bennett is also going to talk to the DOT about refusing to contribute the \$250,000 to the intersection reconstruction, because it was never mentioned that we would have to pay anything for it, it is not our project, and the townships are not paying for their intersections, so why should we. If the committee were to drop the project, we would be responsible for the Federal portion of the engineering costs, or \$95,131. The committee was all in favor of dropping the project if the DNR does not knock down the swale requirement and the DOT eliminate the sidewalks. Then it was mentioned that a class action lawsuit against the State may be in the works because of the Highway 51 project.
Motion: Holewinski/Wolk to hold off on the CTH J project until it is definite that the USH 51 project is a go. All ayes.
6. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve the \$100,000 line item transfer to correct budget adjustment. All ayes.
7. March Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis were not discussed.

8. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.
Dutcher discussed:
State work: One full call-in for snow and ice; one in for a fuel spill cleanup from an accident on 8 West; shoulder repairs; guardrail clean up; replaced 90 feet of culvert on STH 47; cut trees; patching; sweeping; remove beaver dam on USH 45; two culvert ends need to be replaced on USH 8 West; getting portable message boards ready for use
County work: Patching; crack sealing; brought salt sand in from outside shops; reclaiming Klaver's pit
Misc: may be doing some mowing for the Town of Newbold
Bennett discussed:
Spent a lot of time on CTH J issues
Working with Rady, Forestry, on snowmobile trails
Signs have arrived for the ATV trails
Worked with Dutcher and Rich on stream morphology on CTH Q
Dealing with CTH D culvert replacement. Turns out the State DNR was the one who originally installed the road and culvert on D many years ago
Met with Office Mgr and Finance Director regarding major shortfalls in budget for CTH Q project. Previous Commissioner forgot to add in culvert replacement costs and hot mix costs when estimating the project last year. Sorenson told Bennett not to be afraid to ask for additional money if needed.
Employee rushed to hospital last evening for nausea and breathing problems
9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to advertise for bids for the pulverizing and hot mix purchases for 3.2 miles of CTH Q. All ayes.
10. Discussed interdepartmental staffing. Bennett explained that our new mechanic we received from the Solid Waste Dept has only worked for our department 2 days since he has been employed by us. He has spent most of his time at Solid Waste.
11. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to sign and approve the revised ATV Policy. All ayes.
12. Future meeting dates:
April 26th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
13. Future agenda items:
Flat bed
CTH Q bids
CTH J Project
14. No Public comments
15. **Motion:** Hoffman/Wolk to adjourn at 9:40 am. All ayes.