

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: April 26th, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: PASZAK, HOLEWINSKI, BAIER, SHIDELL, TIMMONS

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
DUTCHER/PATROL SUPT, SCHROEDER/MSA PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES, GAUSMANN/AMERICAN ASPHALT,
ROSEMEYER/NORTHEAST ASPHALT, PITLIK/PITLIK & WICK,
GASIOR/MUSSON BROTHERS

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. Election of Highway Committee Officers:
Holewinski and Baier nominated Paszak for Chairman. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to close nominations for Chairman. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Paszak as Chairman.

Bennett handed the meeting over to Paszak.

Baier and Timmons nominated Holewinski for Vice-Chairman. **Motion:** Baier/Timmons to close nominations for Vice-Chairman. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Holewinski as Vice-Chairman. Baier and Holewinski nominated Shidell for Secretary. **Motion:** Baier/Holewinski to close nominations for Secretary. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Shidell as Secretary.
3. **Motion:** Baier/Holewinski to approve the agenda. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve the minutes of the April 12th, meeting. All ayes.
5. **Motion:** Baier/Timmons to approve vendor vouchers #188-224 for a total of \$63,594.38, plus personal expense vouchers presented. All ayes.
6. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to close acceptance of any additional pulverizing bids for CTH Q. All ayes. Bids received: American Asphalt \$9,635/mile or \$30,832.00; Musson Brothers \$10,216/mile or \$32,691.20; Pitlik & Wick \$11,693/mile or \$37,417.60. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to accept the low bid from American Asphalt for pulverizing, shaping, and compacting 3.2 miles of CTH Q for \$9,635/mile. All ayes.
7. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to close acceptance of any additional hot mix bids for CTH Q. All ayes. Bids received: American Asphalt \$49.65/ton or \$377,340; Northeast Asphalt \$45.65/ton or \$346,940; Pitlik & Wick \$47.13/ton or \$358,188. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to have the Commissioner review the bids for plant location and distance to the project and return to the committee at a future meeting. All ayes.
8. Schroeder explained to the new committee members what has been happening over the years with the CTH 'J' project. Because this is a Federal project, we pay 20% and the Federal Gov't pays 80%, we are subjected to certain standards and regulations. He explained that because of the DNR and WisDOT TRANS 75 the project has escalated to 2.2 million dollars for .9 miles of road. If we were to do it ourselves, without federal money, it would cost approximately \$150,000. He explained that our project on CTH 'J' is contingent upon the USH 51 project proceeding. If the USH 51 project does not go through, our CTH 'J' can be declared a 'No Build' and we will not have to do it. Timmons mentioned that a class action law suit, claiming undo hardships on area businesses, property owners and municipalities, will be coming forward very soon, and will put a halt to the USH 51 project. Shidell was very adamant that he felt we should drop the Federal agreement and just construct the road to our own standards. Schroeder explained

that it would be best to wait. If the road is declared a 'No Build' the county will not be responsible for the remaining \$100,000 due in engineering costs. The committee agreed to just wait on the project.

9. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.

Dutcher discussed:

County work: Crack sealing; washed bridges and repaired approaches; patching; flagged for tree cutting service on J and we cleaned up mess; shouldering work; log truck in Klaver's pit picking rock

State work: Washed bridges; installed concrete aprons on two culverts on 8 West; cleaned up contaminated soil from accident on 8 West; cleared beaver dam on USH 45; patching; cleaning out culvert ends; shouldering work; Minocqua bridge curb and sidewalk repairs done; cleaning out under guardrails

Misc: Shop getting paver, mowers, and excavator ready for summer operations; Dutcher attending Bridge School next two weeks; Bennett, Dutcher, and Rich attended Chip Seal Seminar

Bennett discussed:

Meetings recently attended; utility permits; CTH J issues; walked CTH Q with contractors that bid today; LTE interviews; Kemp St lane closure issues; DNR culvert permits submitted for CTH Q; met with Romportl over easements across Highway property on CTH B; seminar attended showed we could chip seal one mile of road for \$20,000 versus \$165,000 for paving; received WisDOT LFA for \$40,500 to shoulder USH 8 from here to Monico. Committee agreed Bennett could sign agreement and forward to WisDOT. May have to rent a shouldering machine. Committee agreed they would have no objection to Bennett purchasing a road widener. They just requested a courtesy call to the Committee Chairman when equipment purchases are being made; mentioned circumstances that arose from stop sign down March 6th on STH 17 and Old 8 Road

10. **Motion:** Baier/Paszak to approve the request for Bridge Aid from the Town of Sugar Camp. Four ayes; Holewinski abstained.

11. **Motion:** Baier/Shidell to approve the \$170 cost, originally set at \$100, to send 10 employees to training in Forest County. All ayes.

12. Future meeting dates:

- May 10th, 2012, 8:00 a.m. road trip to view recent CTH "C" paving job and upcoming "Q" project
- May 24th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

13. Future agenda items:

- Hot mix bids
- WCHA Summer Conference June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Wisconsin Dells
- Intergovernmental work – trucking for private contractors on Town jobs
- CTH J Project
- Road trip to CTH "C" to view last years paving project. Holewinski said he doesn't feel the county crew is qualified to lay blacktop roads. He feels the "C" project proves it. He said the quality of the job is terrible. The road was done last summer and already had to be crack sealed. Holewinski said the road will not last 10 years.

14. No Public comments

15. **Motion:** Baier/Shidell to adjourn at 10:55 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary