

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: May 10th, 2012

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, RICH/ASST
PATROL SUPT, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, DESMOND/CORPORATION
COUNSEL

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Paszak called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Baier/Shidell to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(g) Wis. Stats for the purpose conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Roll call vote taken. All ayes.
Motion: Holewinski/Baier to go back into open session. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. No action taken in closed session.
4. The committee traveled various county roads. Committee returned at 10:25 a.m.
5. **Motion:** Shidell/Baier to approve the corrected minutes of the April 26th, meeting. All ayes.
6. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve vendor vouchers #225-266 for a total of \$102,035.22, plus personal expense vouchers presented. All ayes.
7. Bennett explained his analysis of evaluating all hot mix bids received at the last meeting and compared prices and distance to each pit location. **Motion:** Timmons/Baier to approve the bid from Pitlik & Wick with material coming from the Theis Road Pit for \$47.13/ton because of price and traveling distance to the pit that made the bid most advantageous to the county. All ayes.
8. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the April Highway Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes.
9. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.
Rich discussed:
County work: Shouldering work; repairing washouts; Adopt-A-Highway pickups; patching; crack sealing complete on 'J', 'D', and now on 'N'
State work: Ditching job done on 47 and River St; shouldering work; patching on 51; tree cutting
Misc: Did some dirt work for Land Information at the old shooting range; hauling material for Solid Waste; drains to be repaired for Lake Tomahawk next week
Bennett discussed:
Meetings recently attended; working with P & Z Director and WisDOT regarding sign regulations and policies; mechanic position issues; went to Rockford II to view and purchase shouldering machine; submitted Q culvert permits; asphalt comparisons; worked with Desmond on WisDOT LFA and accident info; Beaver issues on Q; house moving permit
Holewinski mentioned a complaint he received about trees extending into the roadway on CTH D between the bridge and Cooper Lane. Bennett said we would take care of it.
Holewinski also received a request for paved shoulders next time CTH D is repaved. Many people are walking along the road because of the many camp grounds in the area.

10. LRES approved making the mechanic we acquired from Solid Waste a full time Highway mechanic. He will be working out of our shop and won't be doing anymore hauling of materials for Solid Waste.
11. Discussed the department and construction. Holewinski commented that a private contractor would be able to pave CTH C for a lot less money, with a much better quality of work. After comparing numbers for paving the 3.1 miles of CTH Q this year, Bennett came up with a savings of \$4,000 if the county did the work versus the private sector. Shidell pointed out that the committee needed to determine whether saving \$4,000 was worth the risk of ending up with another CTH C quality job. He and Timmons did not think it was worth taking a chance. Holewinski felt the county could not do the quality of work the private sector can do; private companies would not have the segregation that CTH C has after less than one year. Baier explained that, for the county to be competitive with the private sector, we would have to hire more people, pave a lot more miles of road per year, and improve our equipment. All of which we cannot do. Bennett was instructed to come back to the committee next meeting with quotes from local contractors to pave CTH Q.
12. Discussed the progress on the CTH "J" and USH 51 project. Timmons informed the committee that the class action lawsuit against the State regarding the USH 51 project is definitely going forward, but has not been officially filed yet. The committee again agreed to hold off on CTH J until USH 51 is settled.
13. Discussed intergovernmental work. Holewinski would like to see the Highway Dept haul hot mix for local contractors who hire trucking companies from outside the county to haul mix on a project while paving town roads. This can be done by having the town reduce the payment of the total job cost to the contractor because of reduced trucking costs; then the town will pay the county directly to haul the material instead. Holewinski said the county would have to lower the equipment rates of the truck below the State rates to be competitive with contracted haulers. This will keep our trucks and personnel busy all summer long. The committee strongly recommended making this work for the Highway Dept. Shidell asked Bennett to figure out how much it actually costs the county to run its Mack trucks. **Motion:** Baier/Timmons to have the Highway Dept enter into Interdepartmental Cooperation Agreements with the towns within the county. Ayes – Baier, Timmons, Shidell, and Paszak. Abstained – Holewinski.
14. Bennett informed the committee that he purchased a used shouldering machine from a company in Illinois for \$25,000 plus \$1,000 for delivery.
15. The Solid Waste Dept has a flatbed we could convert to a water truck. Bennett will check with Evenhouse to see if we could buy it from them.
16. Discussed an 11.5 acre parcel owned by the Highway Dept off N. Rifle Road. 10 acres are on the west side of the road and 1.5 acres are on the east side. The Forestry Dept would like to log off the 10 acres on the west side, and an adjacent property owner would like to purchase the 1.5 acres on the east side of the road. The committee questioned where the funds from the sale would go. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to pursue the sale of the property as described above. All ayes.
17. **Motion:** Baier/Paszak to leave the year-round weight limit restriction on the short stretch of CTH B. All ayes.
18. The committee agreed that, if the Commissioner felt it necessary, he could work the crew 40 hours a week instead of 37.5.
19. The Commissioner and Paszak will be attending the WCHA Summer Conference in Wisconsin Dell June 4th – 6th.
20. Future meeting dates:
 - May 24th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 14, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 28th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

21. Future agenda items:
 - CTH J Project
22. No Public comments
23. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to adjourn at 12:25 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary