

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, HENKEL, WHITE,  
ARTS/ATV RIDERS

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:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Timmons/Baier to approve the minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Baier/Timmons to approve vendor vouchers #358-405 for a total of \$51,026.53, plus personal to approve the personal expense voucher presented. All ayes.
5. ATV riders were present to request the eastern CTH N from CTH K to USH 8 be opened to ATVs. They would like patrons to be able to access Circle K Bar & Grill on CTH K, cross CTH K onto CTH N, ride down all of CTH N. Then they can access the short piece of Crescent Road on the north side of USH 8 that is already open to ATVs; then they want permission to cross USH 8 and connect to the Crescent ATV route on Crescent Road on the south side of USH 8. Crossing of USH 8 would be in the exact location that snowmobiles cross in the winter. Crescent Road then connects to trails leading all the way to Lincoln County. The riders present told the committee that because Crescent does not have an official ATV Club, Nokomis ATV Club agreed to take them under their policy. No one was present from the Nokomis ATV Club to confirm this. Bennett mentioned that the ATV agreement says a county route must be trail to trail. This scenario would not be; it would be tavern to tavern. Also, three individuals Bennett spoke with at the DOT said that crossing USH 8 is not likely to be approved. Bennett also said that the Forestry Recreation Coordinator and the Director of the Health Dept was against the idea of ATV's crossing USH 8. The committee asked the commissioner to get accident data for the location intersections of USH 8 and Crescent Road and CTH K and CTH N. They also would like the ADT's for roads in Lincoln County that are open to ATVs before making any decisions.
6. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of activities for the last few weeks. Holewinski mentioned that he has received complaints about the brushing crew on CTH H leaving cut off tree limb sticking out. Bennett said he would have them trim them back. Bennett said he is trying to get the CTH J project declared a 'No Build' and transfer the money to CTH Y. Shidell suggested using the WisDOT language, State Statute, that refers to 'No Build' qualifications. Holewinski suggested calling local legislators also.
7. **Motion:** Shidell/Baier to approve the Bridge Aid request from the Town of Hazelhurst for a culvert replacement on Sylvan Shores Road. All ayes. Holewinski, Sugar Camp Town Chairman, said if we run short on money for Bridge Aid, his townships request for aid could be put behind Hazelhurst, or his town may even try to push their culvert replacement back until next year.
8. Discussed options for underwater bridge inspections. **Motion:** Baier/Shidell to approve hiring an underwater bridge inspector for county bridges this year. All ayes.
9. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to get quotes for snow-plow blades. All ayes.

10. **Motion:** Shidell/Baier to move forward with hiring LTE snow-plow drivers for the winter. All ayes.
11. Update on CTH Q project. Two pulverizers started on Monday; shaping crew had two miles done by 8:00 a.m. today. Soft spots being found and fixed immediately. Paving began this morning.
12. Discussed use of county inmates to remove invasive species along the highway. Jean Hansen, Conservation Specialists, has obtained a grant to help fund the cleanup. Bennett is still trying to reach Sweeney, Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Dept, to see if this is possible.
13. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to approve the Asst Patrol Supt and the Shop Foreman attend the WCHSFA Conference in Wausau September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Commissioner, Patrol Supt, and Highway Committee members attend the WCHA Winter Conference in Wisconsin Dells in January. All ayes.
14. **Motion:** Timmons/Baier to approve the Commissioner and Committee attend the WCHA Fall Commissioners/Committee Conference October 26<sup>th</sup> in Marathon County. All ayes.
15. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to approve Alpha Terra conducting MSHA training for highway employees in 2013 for \$1,575.00. All ayes.
16. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(f) Wis. Stats for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Roll call vote taken. All ayes.  
**Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to go back into open session. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. No action taken.
17. Future meeting dates:
  - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
  - September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
  - September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
18. Future agenda items:
  - CTH J Project; Use of county inmates; ATV Policy
19. No Public comments
20. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to adjourn at 9:45 am. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary