

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: October 25th, 2012

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
DUTCHER/PATROL SUPT, ROMPORTL/LAND INFORMATION,
FRIED/COUNTY BOARD MEMBER, McCUE, BRONSON,
STAFFORD/WISDOT, HARTZHEIM, HEIL/TOWN OF MINOCQUA,
DOLCHECK/TJ BUTCHER BLOCK, J. TONNE, M. TONNE/PAUL
BUNYAN RESTAURANT

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/Holewinski to approve the minutes of the October 11th, 2012 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve vendor vouchers #551-601 for a total of \$175,884.57. All ayes.
5. **Motion:** Paszak/Timmons to approve the 2013 WisDOT Routine Maintenance Agreement. All ayes.
6. WisDOT revised jurisdictional transfer of right of way property on Highway 51 in Minocqua was discussed at great lengths. Original paperwork referred to parcel #16 when it should have been #33. Discussed two land owners losing property access on Highway 51. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve the WisDOT revised jurisdictional transfer as presented with the exception of any previously conveyed property if needed. All ayes.
7. CTH J intersection discussed. A proposed overview drawing was presented to show how the intersection of USH 51 and CTH J will look after the DOT is done with construction. Holewinski questioned the DOT as to why the county has to cost share on our intersection and the town does not. The county has one intersection and the town has many, but they are not told to cost share. Stafford explained that it has to do with volume and width. Stafford told the committee that the reconstruction project the county had proposed long ago for the short stretch of CTH J is not dead yet. He is working on trying to allow the county to rebuild the road without using TRANS 75, Bike and Pedestrian Accommodations.
8. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of activities for the last few weeks. Bennett mentioned that, effective November 1st, the DNR is anticipating allowing him to approve culvert permits for townships that are 36" or larger, all the way to bridges. Salt sand went great; produced an average of 2200 ton a day. Cost off the belt stayed the same at \$6.50/ton but off the pile dropped \$1.90/ton to \$10.70/ton. Enough left in small tools to purchase pressure washer for Monico shop. Keeping the equipment clean is the best way to make it last longer. An ad was put in the paper today for LTE snow plow drivers that will only be used if we are not able to get enough of our own guys to cover beats.
9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to purchase a new patch truck from Scaffidi Motors for \$30,117.50 and have them refurbish and reinstall box for additional \$5,222.00. All ayes.
10. Discussed trucking for townships. Bennett and Desmond are still working on details. Holewinski commented that prevailing wage should not be an issue unless the project is over \$234,000. Bennett said there is a State Statute that says a county can enter into intergovernmental agreements.

11. Discussed privatization of county work. A county board member has brought the subject up asking that departments not privatize county work. He wants to keep the county employees working. The item has been sent to the Administration Committee.
12. Future meeting dates:
November 15th, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - only meeting in November
December 13th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
13. Future agenda items:
 - Trucking for townships
14. Public comments
 - Fried, County Board member and Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, said that B & G wants to enter into negotiations with the City of Rhinelander regarding storm water run off, and asked if the Highway facilities would like to be included in negotiations. The committee agreed that Bennett should go along to negotiations to represent the Highway Dept.
15. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to adjourn at 10:00 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary