

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: May 16th, 2013

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, DESMOND/CORPORATION COUNSEL, HENKEL, WHITE, AND YOUNG/CRESCENT ATV CLUB, KIRBY/THREE LAKES ATV CLUB, ANDRES/TRUCK EQUIPMENT, QUINLAN/QUINLAN'S EQUIPMENT, LEACH/NORTHEAST ASPHALT, EXFERD/MEAD & HUNT

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:** Shidell/Baier to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the minutes of the April 25th, 2013 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve vendor vouchers #225-277 for a total of \$122,098.79 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Committee discussed a request to open eastern CTH N from CTH K to Nose Lake Road. Bennett explained that the club does not have insurance as of yet. Also, the county is not responsible, and has no authority to approve crossing USH 8. That permission the club will have to obtain from the DOT.
Motion: Baier/Holewinski to approve the ATV route on eastern CTH N from CTH K to Nose Lake Road once an official club has been established, insurance is obtained, and a public informational meeting has been held. All ayes. The commissioner will be able to shut down any ATV route when deemed necessary.
6. Discussed Three Lakes Nicolet ATV Club's request to open CTH A, D, and H. The Three Lakes Nicolet Club has agreed to take on all responsibility for these roads; they have the insurance requirements covered. They would like CTH A open in Three Lakes and Sugar Camp, CTH D from STH 17 to CTH E, and CTH H from the Vilas County Line to CTH D. Bennett mentioned that CTH A has a rather large ADT, 1,400 cars a day; the other two are quite a bit less; and that should be looked at also when determining to open a road to ATVs. Sugar Camp Town Chairman, Holewinski, asked that the committee hold off on approving any routes going through Sugar Camp until the next town meeting where the matter will be discussed.
Motion: Shidell/Holewinski to give the Highway Commissioner the authority to approve a requested ATV route on Oneida County Trunk Highways that meet all the requirements; application must be submitted by an official club, insurance must be obtained, a public informational meeting must be held, and approval from the township in which the route is located. The commissioner also has the authority to shut down the route whenever he deems necessary. All ayes. Safety for all traveling public will play a large part.
7. Discussed a request by the Wolf River Riders ATV Club to open CTH Z from the Oneida County Line to Mole Lake Road. Bennett explained that, of all the highways in Oneida County, this would be the best road for ATV. Z has the lowest ADT in the county. The committee agreed that if the club meets all requirements from above, and there are no safety issues, the commissioner has the authority to approve the ATV route on CTH Z.
8. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to close acceptance of any additional patrol truck bids. Approve the commissioner open the bids after meeting, compare to make sure all specifications are met, and bring recommendations back to the committee next meeting. All ayes. Dealers present were asked to return at 11:30 a.m. and bids would be opened and publicly read.

9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to close acceptance of any additional patrol truck attachment bids. Approve the commissioner open the bids after meeting, compare to make sure all specifications are met, and bring recommendations back to the committee next meeting. All ayes. Equipment dealers present were asked to return at 11:30 a.m. and bids would be opened and publicly read.
10. Committee discussed bids received at last meeting for asphalt, pulverizing, and paving of CTH Y. Bennett explained that, at the last meeting when bids were read, Northeast Asphalt's price was \$1,400 less than Pitlik & Wick. But, Pitlik & Wick received permission from a township to run one of their roads with empty trucks, also taking liability for any and all damage done to the town road, thus making the distance to the project 6 miles less per truck, per trip, one way. Desmond explained that Northeast Asphalt was the low bidder and it's the county's responsibility to take the low bidder. Pitlik & Wick may look less when you figure in the different mileage, but they went outside of the specs. The bid specs did not specify that town roads were allowed to be run. Holewinski said the specs did not say that they could not use town roads. Desmond said that no other contractor had the chance or the option do this. The lowest bid was Northeast and that is what the county should choose. Shidell said a contractor should not be punished for taking the initiative to try to save the county money. Bennett said he did not put this option in the specs, because he asked both town chairmen before the specs were complete if we could run their roads, and they both said no. Pitlik was able to change their mind because he has the contract to re-pave this particular town road that would be used. They will put off re-paving the road until after we are done running it. Holewinski contended that Pitlik will also be cheaper in the long run because the cost to use their trucks on the finish course is \$7/per truck cheaper than Northeast. We have to use some of the contractor's trucks because our 8 trucks are not enough. Desmond explained that, bottom line; Pitlik changed the specs by using an alternate route. Leach, Northeast Asphalt, said in a county or state bid, they would never figure in using a town road, unless it said specifically in the specs that they could do so. When they found out Pitlik got permission from the town to run the road empty, they got permission also. Another figure in all this is that our paving can lay 220 tons/hr and because of that, the job will be done in much less time, saving the county money. Desmond explained that, if you look at the initial bids, Northeast Asphalt is lower. The fact that Pitlik can put off the construction on the town road is outside and irrelevant for these bid specs. Desmond said the safest legal approach is to accept the low bid from Northeast Asphalt. Baier suggested re-bidding the project and spell out the route. Because if we don't select Pitlik now, they will go ahead with re-paving the town road, and no one will be able to use it. Bennett explained that a decision has to be made soon because we are using State money for the asphalt purchase of this project, and if it is not spent by the end of the year, we will lose the money. Shidell and Baier suggested re-bidding with the exact route specified. Desmond did not recommend this. Northeast could ask for an injunction, your construction will be halted, could be tied up in court for a long time, and you will lose the money. Shidell told Leach, we have absolutely nothing against Northeast Asphalt, they do great work, but there are a lot of variables that would benefit the county if we went with Pitlik & Wick. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick as most advantageous to Oneida County. Pitlik & Wick's bid was made in the spirit of the bid specs. Discussion continued. Shidell asked Desmond which is the least risk, re-bid or accept Pitlik's bid. Desmond said we will most likely get sued if we choose Pitlik, but maybe not if we re-bid. **Motion:** Paszak/Shidell to postpone a decision on the bids for CTH Y until next meeting. All ayes.
11. Quotes received for security cameras at all highway locations: Paladin Security \$11,843.00; Per-Mar Security \$14,400.00; Dream Systems \$19,038.00. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to accept the low bid from Paladin Security for security cameras at all highway locations for \$11,843.00. All ayes.
12. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to approve the First Quarter 2013 Highway Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes.

13. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities.
14. Future meeting dates:
 - May 30th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 13th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 27th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
15. Future agenda items:
 - Forestry mowing contract
 - CTH Y bids
16. Public comments: Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, was present to say hello to the committee and invite them to visit their booth and hospitality room at summer road school in Wisconsin Dells next month.
17. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary