

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: August 8th, 2013

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
CHARBARNEAU/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, RUMMEL &
SORENSEN/NOKOMIS ATV CLUB, ANDERSON/LAKELAND TIMES**

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:** Timmons/Shidell to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to approve the minutes of the July 25th, 2013 meeting. All ayes.
4. No vouchers or personal expense vouchers.
5. Committee did not go into closed.
6. Committee discussed requests for speed limit reductions on CTH L and CTH P. Committee reviewed the Speed Modification Procedure approved in 2008. Bennett explained that in the past, the county could lower a speed limit by 10 MPH without a traffic study; but that is no longer the case. All reductions must now have a Traffic and Engineering Study that would cost approximately \$5-6,000. Revisions will be made to the procedure to have the town of jurisdiction more involved. The committee would like the requests to come from the townships, not from one or two residents along the road. The town would also be responsible for any fees involved. This will be on a future agenda.
7. Discussed ATV crossing request on CTH L. Bennett said he would go out and survey the area in question for any visibility issues at the potential crossing. He will update the committee at a future meeting.
8. Committee discussed the delay on the CTH Y project. Bennett said he is waiting for a definite answer from the WisDOT as to whether we will lose the money if the project is not completed this year. Holewinski said the damage is done; this project is now going to cost a lot more because the option to use the town road is out. Bennett said if the project is put off until next year, the cost could significantly increase because of oil and fuel costs. Bennett told the committee that he will have to pave over the culverts that were already replaced because they just have gravel over them and the Harley Fall Ride is coming up; safety issue. This money spent for labor, equipment and materials will then be torn up and replaced when the road project is able to continue.
9. Discussed Highway budget. Bennett explained that the Maintenance account is in very poor shape for the end of 2013. He planned on having the crew on the CTH Y construction job three weeks ago, but because it has been put off, he has had the crew doing county maintenance. Something he wasn't planning on. Then take into account the terrible winter of early 2013, things are looking pretty grim. The state is helping a little by allowing us to do some crack sealing and shoulder work for them. Paint striping on roads will be eliminated this year to help get by. Hoping for a mild October, November, and December. All this is, and not knowing when CTH Y will continue, is making it very difficult working on the 2014 budget. Committee will receive 2014 budget for review at next meeting.
10. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities.

11. Future meeting dates:
 - August 22nd, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - September 12th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - September 26th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
12. Future agenda items:
 - 2014 Budget
 - Speed limit reduction procedure
 - CTH Y update
 - ATV use on county roads/Insurance
 - ATV crossing on CTH L
13. No Public comments
14. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary