

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: January 9th, 2014

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
SCHOLTES/CORRE ENGINEERING**

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Holewinski 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/Timmons to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Shidell/Timmons to approve the minutes of the December 05th, 2013 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Shidell/Timmons to approve vendor vouchers #693-723 and 001-002 for a total of \$180,954.60 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Topic: Highway/Solid Waste Employee compensation and Highway employee issues.
Motion: Shidell/ to go back into open session. Roll call vote taken. All ayes.
Motion: Shidell/Timmons to approve a resolution to increase the Solid Waste Account Technician position from 60% to 100% with time being shared between Solid Waste and Highway accordingly, for training purposes, and forward to LRES, then to County Board. All ayes.
6. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities. Shidell asked Bennett if he was still keeping track of the time he spends on Solid Waste issues versus Highway issues. Bennett said yes, and the matter is being brought forward on the next Solid Waste Committee agenda.
7. Discussed selling an old 1996 one-ton truck to Solid Waste. Bennett said the truck has no box, has over 201,000 miles on it and Highway can no longer use it. Bennett would like to sell it to Solid Waste for \$500.00. They could put a wooden flat bed on the back and use it to haul firewood for the new wood burner; it would never leave the grounds. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to sell the old dump truck to Solid Waste for \$1.00. All ayes.
8. Bennett informed the committee that the ATV routes are open on CTH M and Z in the Town of Schoepke, connecting to Forrest and Langlade County trails. The Mole Lake Tribe is very appreciative and would like to donate \$2,000 to the Highway Dept for their help in opening the roads to ATV's. Corporation Counsel is fine with it and Bennett said he would like to purchase a new broom for a patrol truck with the money.
9. Bennett updated the committee on ATV routes on CTH D, O, H, and A. The Town of Sugar Camp sent a letter saying they have no objections to opening these roads in their township. Bennett said he is ok with D, O, and H, but not A. CTH A is has many factors, including a high ADT, that does not make it a good fit for ATV's. Shidell suggesting checking with other counties that have ATV trails on roads with a similar ADT. Bennett is working with the club to possibly open a trail off-road along CTH A.
Motion: Shidell/Timmons to approve opening CTH D, H, and O to ATV's and bringing back CTH A at a later date. All ayes.

10. Bennett explained that he is checking on prices for oil, for hot mix. So far he has gotten one price of \$530.00/ton. Waited for other quotes. Just wanted to see if it would be cheaper for us to buy our own oil.
11. Update on CTH Y. The hearing is set for January 27th at 1:15 p.m. Bennett explained that, even with all the funding that is being received for construction on CTH Y, we will still be 2 miles short of completing the whole road. This portion will have to be done at a later date when funds become available in 2015. Shidell suggested borrowing the extra \$500,000 from the General Fund so the whole road can be done at the same time. This will save a great deal of money doing it all at once and we would get a better price from contractors. When funds become available in 2015, the General Fund can be paid back. The committee also asked Bennett to contact the DNR to see if they would open their pit on CTH Y to contractors for the construction project.
12. Future meeting dates:
 - January 23rd, 2014, 8:00 a.m. only if necessary
 - February 13th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 - February 27th, 2014, 8:00 a.m. only if necessary
 - March 13th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
13. Future agenda items:
 - CTH Y update
 - CTH A to ATV
14. Public comments
 - Scholtes, Corre Engineering, Inc. was present to ask the committee to keep his employer in mind when looking for any upcoming engineering work..
15. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary