

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: March 13th, 2014

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, CODY/ONEIDA COUNTY BIKES AND TRAILS

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/Shidell to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2014 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to approve vendor vouchers #075-127 for a total of \$144,382.85 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Discussed bike route request from the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council to sign CTH N from CTH K to Washburn Lake Road and River Street from the City limits west to Larsen Drive. Bennett said he is waiting for information from Corporation Counsel regarding any liability the county would incur if the road was posted a bike route. Bennett told the committee that someone had already installed 'Bike Route' signs on CTH N without permission from the county. The committee told Bennett to send a letter to the Trail Council instructing them to remove the signs or the county would remove them and the Trails Council's will pay for the county's labor to do so. Cody argued that, if ATV's can ride on CTH N, bikes should be able to also. Holewinski explained that bikes can be ridden on any road without it being designated a 'Bike Route'. The committee just wants to wait to hear from Corporation Counsel before it makes a decision.
6. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to receiving the 2013 Year-End Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes.
7. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to receiving the 2013 Financial Booklet and forward to County Board. All ayes.
8. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to approve the 2013 and 2014 Line Item Transfers. All ayes.
9. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to approve the Bridge Aid Resolution for the Town of Newbold for a culvert replaced on Wilderness Trail for a total cost of \$4,150.50 of which the County is responsible for 50% or \$2,075.25. All ayes.
10. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to approve the APHIS Beaver Contract and forward to the Administration Committee for waiver of insurance. All ayes.
11. Discussed DNR gravel pit on CTH Y. Bennett was told that it was DNR policy that only the State could use the DNR gravel pits. He was told the DNR will work on getting something in writing to allow counties and even townships to use a DNR gravel pit. The committee suggested calling Senator Tiffany for his help. They also suggested the Commissioner write the specs for the CTH Y project to reflect using the DNR pit or other pits. The committee felt we may have to wait on the project until the DNR pit becomes available.

12. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to purchase a newer crack-filling machine for \$63,000-\$67,800 with a trade in of \$4,800 for the old machine. All ayes. The current county crack-filling machine is 23 years old. The newer one will have two wands instead of one, two pumps, and is auto-loading.
13. The DNR will be changing the angle that the Bearskin Trail enters onto CTH K to a 90 degree angle to make it safer for crossing the road. There's a possibility that in the future ATV's may be allowed to use the trail.
14. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to purchase a poly-patching machine for \$49,900. All ayes.
15. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities. Bennett told the committee that he and four other commissioners are going in on ordering 6 new tandem axel patrol trucks. This way they will get a much better price. Bennett explained that in the Carlson-Dettman study, the Highway Dept Leadman position was not listed. Holewinski said they never intended to have that taken out; was just overlooked. The committee had no objection to having LRES add the Leadman position back in. Seasonal weight restrictions will be going into effect soon; but not before March 21st.
16. Future meeting dates:
 - April 10th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 - April 24th, 2014, 8:00 a.m. only if necessary
 - May 8th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 - May 22nd, 2014, 8:00 a.m. only if necessary
17. Future agenda items:
 - Closed Session
 - CTH Y update
 - Specs for CTH Y construction
18. No public comments
19. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary