

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: HOLEWINSKI, PASZAK, TIMMONS, CUSHING, JENSEN

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,  
CHARBARNEAU/HUMAN RELATIONS DIRECTOR

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Cushing/Jensen to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. Election of Highway Committee Officers:  
Timmons and Cushing nominated Paszak for Chairman. **Motion:** Jensen/Cushing to close nominations for Chairman. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Paszak as Chairman.  
  
Bennett handed the meeting over to Paszak.  
  
Paszak and Timmons nominated Holewinski for Vice-Chairman. **Motion:** Jensen/Timmons to close nominations for Vice-Chairman. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Holewinski as Vice-Chairman. Paszak and Timmons nominated Jensen for Secretary. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to close nominations for Secretary. All ayes. A unanimous ballot was cast for Jensen as Secretary.
4. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. All ayes.
5. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve vendor vouchers #167-193 for a total of \$47,631.30 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
6. **Motion:** Timmons/Jensen to approve the resolution for CTH J and the absence of need for sidewalks along the upcoming project as a consent agenda and forward to Corporation Counsel and then County Board. All ayes.
7. **Motion:** Holewinski/Cushing to having no objection to bike route signs being placed on CTH N and River Street as requested by the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council. All ayes. Bennett explained that he was told by Dave Meurett, Transportation Planner for WisDOT, that the county would not be liable if a county highway is posted as a bike route. Wisconsin Statutes state that a bicycle is defined as a vehicle and a bicyclist is granted all legal rights for riding on a public roadway. Under these statutes, a bicyclist is allowed to ride within the travel lanes of a roadway regardless if paved shoulders or other bicycle accommodations are provided. He also stated that the County would not be obligated to add paved shoulders to the county highway segments with bicycle route signs in the future., if we use county funds. The Trails Council will supply the signs and will reimburse the county for the installation of the signs and posts that the Highway Sign man will install.
8. Bennett updated the committee on a culvert the Highway Dept replaced a few years ago on CTH D. The DNR had sent a letter saying the installation was non-compliant. The new culvert was installed in exactly the same place as the old culvert. The old road base from many years ago was installed by the DNR because the road used to be a DNR State Forest Road. Therefore, the new culvert should have been ok

because it was put in the same exact spot as the old one. The DNR recently sent a letter confirming that the culvert is in compliant.

9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Cushing 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.  
**Motion:** Holewinski/Cushing to go back into open session. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Discussed personnel issue. No action taken in closed session.
10. Bennett informed the committee that he selected Corre Engineering to do the bridge inspections for the county. He had checked with five different firms and Corre had the insurance coverage requirements. Cost is \$180.00/bridge or \$7,740.00 for all 43 bridges in Oneida County. The county is only responsible for paying for 14 bridge inspections on county highways; the townships and city pay for their own bridge inspections. They will also pay \$180.00/bridge.
11. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities: Holewinski asked when CTH A was on the schedule for reconstruction. Bennett said 2017; A quad truck blew a front tire on the highway and did severe damage to the truck; Committee listened to a message from a resident in the Town of Woodboro asking the county to return to snow plowing their roads. Bennett explained that, because of ACT 10, we could use LTE snow plow drivers to do their roads, and would not have to worry about finding work for those employees during the summer. It would save the town money also. Cushing said maybe we could start with this township, do the math, and see if it works. Freeman will contact the resident and have him talk with his township. The town would have to come to us with the request.
12. Discussed the Legislative Breakfast on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Marathon County. No committee members plan to attend.
13. Discussed WCHA Summer Conference in Wisconsin Dells June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioner, Paszak, Cushing, and Jensen will attend.
14. Bennett explained that we have ten 2008 Stihl chainsaws. Bob's Power Center offered \$100 for all ten of them; that's \$10/ea. Bennett felt they were worth much more than that. The committee suggested he check with Gregg's Small Engine Repair to see what they would give us for them. They also discussed checking auction sites and Wisconsin Surplus. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to sell the ten old chainsaws. All ayes.
15. Future meeting dates will include Solid Waste
  - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
16. Future agenda items:
  - CTH Y update
17. No Public comments
18. **Motion:** Cushing/Timmons to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary