

## MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, SCHROEDER/MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, JENNRICH/PLANNING & ZONING, FREUDENBERG/CO BOARD**

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:** Cushing/Timmons to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Jensen to approve the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Timmons/Cushing to approve Highway vendor vouchers #194 -226 for a total of \$90,804.50 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Schroeder, MSA Professional Services was present to update the committee on the CTH J construction project between USH 51 and STH 47. The original estimate for reconstruction started at \$1.8 million. This project is a Federal project, and funding is split 80/20. We are responsible for the 20 %. There were some major issues with the DNR and the storm water system. The project has been reduced to a rehabilitation project. Cost is now estimated to be \$1.2 million. Because of this, only 3 or 4 land owners will be impacted, instead of the original 12-13. A resolution will be presented at the next county board meeting stating that the county is aware of TRANS 75 and will have paved shoulders on the project. There will be only a short section of sidewalk on one side of the road. Hoping to have the project approved by the DOT in summer or early fall. Then we can proceed with acquisitions of land and grading easements. The committee has a choice as to what firm they would like to choose to do the acquisitions, but if they chose MSA, they can add this to their original agreement. Bennett suggested adding the acquisition process to MSA's original contract. This will be on the next agenda. The intersection of CTH J and Hanson Road is being moved and will be an 80/20 split between the State/Fed and the Town of Minocqua; with Minocqua paying 20%. Construction on J is expected to be done in fall of 2015. Bennett explained the \$87,000 that we are responsible for the intersection of CTH J and USH 51 that is part of the WisDOT USH 51 project and not part of the CTH J project.
6. Jennrich, Oneida County Planning and Zoning, was present to discuss white directional arrows on county highways. He showed pictures of groups of signs on county highways, with many being non-conforming and/or illegible. The matter was brought to his attention from a local township. Jennrich feels this should be a highway or town issue and not a P & Z issue. Bennett explained that the county uses the same guidelines as the DOT. Timmons suggested the towns take responsibility. Jensen said, with GPS, arrows are really not needed. Many of the signs' residents or businesses are no longer in existence and would probably have no problem with us taking them down. Holewinski suggested Bennett and Jennrich work together and send a letter to the towns asking them what they would like to do. If they don't want responsibility, we can take them down.

7. Discussed a Newbold culvert that the county replaced under Bridge Aid last fall. The culvert failed because of erosion underneath it. We plan to dig it up, put in clean fill provided by the town, compact it, and put it back in; at no cost to the town. The approximate cost of \$1,600 will come out of General Maintenance.
8. **Motion:** Cushing/Holewinski to accept the Highway Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes.
9. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities. Discussed time card options.
10. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve Solid Waste vendor vouchers for a total of \$45,148.02. All ayes. Bennett gave the new committee members a breakdown of the Solid Waste Dept operations. Discussed the scale shack and the possibility of asking the High School Trades class to build a new one.
11. Discussed the remaining 6,000 yards of bark from the Tomahawk Paper Mill that Musson Bros. will begin screening for Solid Waste on Monday. Highway and Solid Waste will truck the material from Tomahawk to Solid Waste. Bennett explained that the finished topsoil is an excellent product. Local garden centers are buying in large quantities. Topsoil is being sold by the yard or by 50# bags.
12. Discussed 80% Solid Waste employee. The last 80% employee has been moved to 100% and time is being split 35/65 between Highway and Solid Waste. When the Highway Office Manager retires in January, the current Secretary will take her place and the split employee will begin 65/35, with 65% Highway and 35% Solid Waste. An LTE at Solid Waste has been brought up to 80% employment, and another LTE has been hired.
13. Discussed loader rental for Solid Waste. This issue was tabled until Bennett can get a purchase price from the vendors.
14. Future meeting dates will include Solid Waste
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
  - June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
  - June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
15. Future agenda items:
  - CTH Y update
  - Loader rental for Solid Waste
16. No Public comments
17. **Motion:** Cushing/Timmons to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary