

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 23, 2015 **TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Van Raalte, Zunker
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Bradley. Corp Counsel: Tom Wiensch

OTHERS: Lynne Town Board: Jeff Viegut, Denny Sattler, Dave Witthun

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 1:30 p.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order, noting that it had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION— It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Mott, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

<Viegut called the Lynne Town Board meeting to order. All aye. Motion carried.

Wiensch summarized the issues: Payment for past materials taken from the Wilson Road Pit, future use of the Wilson Road Pit, and maintenance of Willow Road and Turcott Road.

The amount of materials taken has been calculated at \$9,662.41. Witthun felt that was too high, based on prior years' gravel use by the Town. Bilogan explained how the amount of gravel was calculated, based on measurements of the increased size of the pit.

<Viegut asked for a roll call vote from the Town Board members, all aye. Town of Lynne entered closed session>

<Town of Lynne members returned from closed session>

Viegut stated that the Board does not agree with the amount of material taken; they wanted to reduce the amount by \$3500. He presented a contract drawn up by himself. He stated that if it were signed, the Town would pay the requested amount. Wiensch stated that he would not recommend the County sign a contract without the required legal clauses. He suggested the Town simply note what they do not want in the contract he had presented to them in the fall and he would edit the contract, then present to the Forestry Committee for approval.

The first item discussed was Willow Road. The Lynne members agreed Willow would remain a class A road for the next two years, but felt it did not belong in this contract. The sticking points of the current contract as written are Willow Road, Turcott Road and reclamation of the pit.

There was discussion of the wording of the contract. There was agreement to removing the "whereas" statements relating to the roads and adding that any materials given to ATV and snowmobile clubs would need to be used on sponsored trails. There was further discussion about compliance with the Oneida County 15 Year Plan.

Sorensen asked whether the contract would expose the County to any liability since the Town of Lynne has no legal counsel. Wiensch felt there was no significant risk to the County.

Bilogan suggested the date of the Turcott road repairs be extended to September 30, 2017. That will give them three full construction seasons to complete it.

Willow Road references were removed, subject to committee approval.

Reclamation of the Wilson Road Pit was extended to end of the contract, thus allowing the Town to take material for road repairs.

Van Raalte moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public fund, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and pursuant to section 19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is, or is likely to become involved. The topic will be a contract between Oneida County and the Town of Lynne concerning past and future use by the town of the Wilson Road gravel pit, payment for such use, the classification of Willow Road, and the maintenance of Turcott Road. Mott seconded. Roll call vote, all aye.

Committee returned from closed session. Mott moved to accept changes to the contract, leaving in the “whereas” statements about Turcott Road. The dollar amount remained the same. Van Raalte seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

The contract was presented to the Lynne Town Board for approval.

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Viegut stated that they agree with the contract as presented, however they want a copy of the contract signed by the County prior to their signatures. Wiensch will send two original copies, and the town will sign and return one copy with the check.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments noted.

ADJOURNMENT

Van Raalte moved to adjourn, Mott seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Jack Sorensen, Chair

Jill Bradley, Recording Secretary