

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: May 22nd, 2014

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
SCHOLTES/CORRE INC, EXFERD/MEAD & HUNT, 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:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Timmons/Jensen to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2014 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Timmons/Cushing to approve Highway vendor vouchers #227 -242 for a total of \$13,062.08 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve the committee's attendance at the WCHA Summer Conference in Wisconsin Dells June 2nd – 5th, 2014. All ayes.
6. Discussed the power lines being buried in the CTH J construction area. Bennett said he learned that if WPS buried the lines along the road, then they would have to bury the lines to each resident along the road; that would cost Public Service a lot of money. Holewinski said they are burying the lines along CTH D right now; at not cost to the property owners. Bennett said he would continue to try to contact someone at WPS.
7. Bennett said he is working with Land Information and would like to take the excavator to the 259 acres that the county owns off USH 8 to dig some test holes for gravel. The land was purchased by the county for an industrial park that never developed. The property is land locked but permission was granted from Oldenberg for access from their property. Holewinski suggested testing both sides of the property. **Motion:** Holewinski/Jensen to have Bennett work with Land Information and proceed with testing of land off USH 8. All ayes.
8. **Motion:** Timmons/Cushing to transfer the Bridge Aid money that was earmarked for Kafka Road to Lone Pine Road in the Town of Sugar Camp. Ayes: Jensen, Timmons, Cushing, and Paszak. Holewinski abstained. The Lone Pine Road culvert failed and had to be replaced immediately.
9. Bennett distributed a copy of the Assembly Bill 743, Act 316, enacted April 16th, 2014, relating to all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles on highway bridges. It simply states that, if a county, town, city or village has an ordinance regulating ATV and UTV use, and they allow them on a road, the vehicles are allowed to cross any bridge less than 1,000'. They may not do so if the road is not open to ATV use. The committee had no problem with this because it still leaves to decision to the local government body.
10. Bennett explained that a business on CTH L would like to place a sign 54' into the right of way. State Statutes says it's not allowed and Corporation Counsel suggested against it. CTH L has a 100' right of way, on each side of the road, because it was originally built as a state highway. Most county roads have a 50' – 66' right of way. Holewinski suggested selling the excess right of way to the property owner. Cushing said we should offer it to all the property owners where there is excess right of way. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to have Bennett meet with Land Information and research selling all excess right of way to adjacent property owners. All ayes.

11. A restaurant on CTH K that is using the county right of way for parking would like to move a row of rocks 8' closer to Townline Lake to allow for another row of parking since the beach is no longer maintained by the county. Bennett told the committee that this area is another instance where there is excess right of way because the road was moved years ago. The committee asked Bennett to contact the owner and tell him he is not to move the rocks, but let him know that we are looking at the possibility of selling off our excess right of way in the future.
12. Committee/Supervisor discussion of department construction and/or maintenance activities. The committee told Bennett that he and the supervisors no longer need to do activity reports for them. The new poly patcher and tar kettle are going to be on display at the WCHA Summer Conference in Wisconsin Dells, and then coming here.
13. **Motion:** Holewinski/Cushing to approve Solid Waste vendor vouchers for a total of \$6,117.01. All ayes.
14. Highway trucks and the Landfill truck have been hauling bark daily from the Louisiana Pacific Lumber Company in Tomahawk to Solid Waste.
15. Discussed renting a loader for Solid Waste. Bennett received three quotes:

Fabco, Inc	\$ 3,500/month	\$ 165,000 to purchase - 100% or rent applied to purchase price
Nortrax, Inc	\$ 4,500/month	\$ 135,000 to purchase - 100% or rent applied to purchase price
Aring Equipment	\$ 4,995/month	\$ 152,995 and \$ 159,995 to purchase – 100% of first months rent and 80% of second and third months rent applied toward purchase price

The committee agreed to try it out for a few months before purchasing it.

Motion: Holewinski/Cushing to rent the loader from Nortrax, Inc. for three months as described above. All ayes.
16. Future meeting dates will include Solid Waste
 - June 2nd, 2014, traveling agenda
 - June 12th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 26th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
17. Future agenda items:
 - CTH Y update
 - Solid Waste funds
18. Public comments
 - Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, Inc. was present to ask the committee to keep his company in mind when engineering projects arise.
 - Nick Scholtes, Town of Pine Lake Supervisor, told the committee his township was approached by the ATV club wanting the town's blessing to run CTH C with ATVs and asked what the committee needed. The committee informed Scholtes that the towns need to send the county a letter of approval before the county will even look at opening a road to ATVs. Scholtes also informed the committee that the town will be submitting a request for bridge aid for 2015 for a culvert that is failing on Timber Lost Lane. They intend to have the county do the work and are waiting for an estimate from the commissioner.
 - Scholtes, Corre Inc. asked the committee to keep his company in mind for any upcoming engineering work.
19. **Motion:** Cushing/Holewinski to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary