

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS/ SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

November 9, 2017

Members Present: Robb Jensen, Mike Timmons, Scott Holewinski and Sonny Paszak. Ted Cushing excused.

Also In Attendance: Bruce Stefonek/Commissioner, Dan Gleason/Highway, Jeri Cooper/Highway, Evan Pretzer/Lakeland Times and Scott Tromp/Public.

The following matters were taken up to wit:

Chairperson Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.

1. Motion: Paszak/Holewinski to approve the amended agenda. All ayes; motion carried.
2. Motion: Holewinski/Timmons to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2017, and the October 26, 2017, Public Works/Solid Waste committee meetings. All ayes; motion carried.
3. Jensen reported the decision regarding the reorganization of the Highway Superintendent position as well as the exempt employee workweek would be revisited at the next meeting noting it could then be taken to the County Board meeting in December.

Solid Waste Department

4. General Business:
 - A. Stefonek stated he would like to hold back payment of the Per Mar bill pending the decision of whether or not to continue with their services.
Motion: Holewinski/Jensen to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers except for the Per Mar bill. All ayes; motion carried.
5. Stefonek informed the committee Jolin was attending training in Eau Claire and will return on Friday. He reported the Solid Waste employees were back to a 37.5-hour workweek, letters were sent to the pharmacies regarding the Sharps Program and quotes were received to repair the furnace.

Highway Department

6. General Business:
 - A. Motion: Timmons/Holewinski to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion approved.
 - B. Motion: Jensen/Paszak to approve out of county travel and expenses for committee members and commissioner to Winter Road School on January 15, 16, 17, 2018. All aye; motion carried.
7. Stefonek stated if the decision is made to replace the vacant superintendent position with two supervisor positions it will affect the number of take home vehicles required. Stefonek added he had also altered the use of his vehicle explaining he takes the vehicle home when needed. Holewinski stated whomever is on call should have a truck. Paszak added the decision should be at the discretion of the commissioner. Jensen directed Stefonek to continue to document when the vehicle was taken home noting they were following county code and no motion was required.


8. Stefonek stated at a previous meeting he reported the estimated additional amount for the 2018 GTA was \$117,160 and the committee indicated they would like that money applied toward the construction account. Stefonek noted the previous year's GTA was \$781,067 for an estimated total of \$898, 227.
Motion: Timmons/Holewinski to allocate the additional \$117,000 to the Construction Account. All ayes; motion passed.
9. Stefonek reported the plan included 2017 projects but not for 2022, confirming they were looking at spending \$3,264,700 for 2018 with \$1,746,200 for construction and \$195,500 for maintenance. The committee discussed the proposed projects and estimated costs for 2018. Stefonek noted the cost to replace culverts and chip seal projects would be paid for with funds from the Maintenance Account. Jensen requested Stefonek finalize project costs including the additional funds and make recommendations for projects that should be moved to 2018 including "Short B" and anything else that might be in the best interest of the county.
10. Stefonek stated it was requested the option for installation of stainless steel hydraulic lines for the new truck be brought back to the committee. He noted it was since discovered in work previously performed by Casper's Truck Equipment the stainless steel lines were included. Stefonek added Marathon are using those lines and have had good results.
Motion: Timmons/Holewinski to approve the additional \$1,300 for truck accessories. All ayes; motion passed.
11. Stefonek reported a recently hired employee resigned noting he was offered a position in Wausau at a higher rate of pay. Jensen directed Stefonek to keep track of the employees' reasons for leaving.
Motion: Holewinski/Jensen to waive the vacancy review period and fill the position. All ayes; motion passed.
12. Motion: Holewinski/Paszak to approve the resolution for the Bridge Aid for Shepard Lake Creek and forward onto the County Board for their approval. All ayes; motion passed.
13. Holewinski questioned if the balance in the Pits & Quarries account was for crushing gravel. Cooper explained the balance is available to crush gravel as well as for salt-sand production, and although the funds in Pits & Quarries are reduced during salt-sand production, it increases as the salt-sand is used. Cooper noted the figures were from 2016 but she did not have the figures for 2017 at this point. She explained the balance for fringe benefits was for PTO, insurance etc. for all employees. Stefonek confirmed the cost estimate for all 3 phases of the fuel system upgrade was \$81,000. Cooper explained how the accounts are funded and for what the accounts are used.
14. Commissioner's Report:
 - Stefonek reported a timeline for implementation has been established by ITS. He noted there was a lot of work to complete for this project in addition to regular duties so he approved overtime for both Cooper and Gleason.
 - Stefonek reported quotes for the utility truck purchase are due November 27, which he will review and bring back to the November 29 meeting.
15. Future meeting dates:
 - November 29, 2017
 - December 14, 2017
 - December 28, 2017

16. Future agenda items:

- Bring back the 5-Year Highway plan for 2018

17. Public Comment: None

18. Motion: Holewinski/Timmons to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. All ayes; motion passed.



Committee Chairperson



Committee Secretary