

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2014

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, DESMOND/CORPORATION COUNSEL, HARTZHEIM/MINOCQUA TOWN CHAIRMAN, SCHROEDER/MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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/Cushing to approve the minutes of the Public Works/Solids Waste meeting on November 13th, 2014. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Jensen/Holewinski to approve Highway vendor vouchers #598-646 for a total of \$437,234.53 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Discussed Temporary Land Easements and Land Acquisitions for County Highway J. Schroeder explained that an agreement was sent to each property owner with a \$200 minimum value offer for the easements. He hasn't heard anything back yet. The Hansen Road intersection was discussed in length. Schroeder said a certified appraisal was done on a parcel of land needed to realign the intersection of County Highway J and Hansen Road. It was appraised at \$13,100. He told the committee he needed their approval to offer this amount to the property owner. Holewinski said he thought we were going to offer a land swap; that way we would have the land we need and the property owner would get additional parking in the exchange. Schroeder said land swaps cannot be done as part of the project. Bennett felt the town should pay for it, or cost share, because it is their road and they agreed to pay the county's 20% cost share for the realignment. He said if the county were to buy it, we would be liable if there were any soil contamination, and we would have to maintain it. Schroeder explained that only the county can be involved because the county is the one with the agreement with the DOT. The county could buy it now, and then sell it to Minocqua. Schroeder explained that, if the property owner refused the offer, the county could then condemn the property because of public road improvements. The DOT will not allow the intersection to stay the way it is because it is not up to standard. Hartzheim said the town agreed to pay the 20% for the realignment, but not any land easements or acquisitions. Holewinski felt this was a great deal for the property owner. Jensen said the property owner should be told to stop parking his vehicles on the right away and have it enforced. **Motion:** Cushing/Jensen to accept the appraised offer of \$13,100 and offer it to the land owner in exchange for the portion of property needed to realign Hansen Road and allow the chain of events to continue. All ayes. Bennett asked if he should sign the agreement, and the committee said yes. Hartzheim said he will do what he can to move things along after the property owner receives the offer.
6. Discussed construction specifications used for the County Highway Y project. Bennett said he received specs from 4 area counties and the largest one was seven pages. Two of the counties specs were only one page in length. **Motion:** Holewinski/Cushing to go back to using the old specs, the one that is only seven pages long, and take out the wording on the County trucking and the pre-planned route. Holewinski said these two items are what got us in trouble in the first place. Jensen asked Desmond, Corporation Counsel, if he was comfortable with this. Desmond said he would do what they wanted, but

this is the contract that the county is using for everything. It covers everything for the county; including liabilities, affidavits, notice to proceed. It makes sure everything is in writing. It's a more binding contract. Holewinski asked why we need all this language when all of this stuff is required by law. Desmond responded, to make sure they are doing it. Holewinski suggested adding a few of the documents from the lengthy contract to the short one. Jensen said he wants to make sure the county is protected. Holewinski withdrew his motion. Committee will continue to work on the specs and bring back at a later date.

7. **Motion:** Cushing/Holewinski to approve the Bridge Aid Resolution for the Town of Minocqua for a culvert replaced on W. Squaw Lake Road for a total cost of \$21,850.46 of which the county is responsible for 50% or \$10,925.23 and forward to County Board as a consent agenda item. All ayes.
8. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to accept the Bridge Aid requests from Pine Lake, Stella, Nokomis, and Three Lakes. All ayes. The County puts \$25,000 a year in Bridge Aid. Requests are taken in the order in which they are received and when the money is gone, it is gone.
9. ATV update. Bennett explained that, in two past meetings, the committee denied a request from the ATV Club to override the DOT and open USH 45 to ATV's. The club went to the State and was granted permission to use USH 45 in Three Lakes. With that, Oneida County has no liability.
10. Road Striping. Bennett gave the committee a copy of a letter received from Farhner Asphalt saying they will carry the striping of our roads until spring of 2015. The committee had already agreed to re-bid the county striping next spring and said Farhner Asphalt can re-bid then.
11. **Motion:** Cushing/Holewinski to approve Solid Waste vendor vouchers for a total of \$6,234.18. All ayes.
12. Update on recycling. Bennett explained that recycling has tanked and they have a lot of cardboard to get rid of. Will hold onto until market gets better.
13. Future meeting dates:
 - January 8th, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
 - January 12th – 15th, 2015 WCHA Winter Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI
 - January 22nd, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
14. Future agenda items:
 - County Highway construction specifications
15. Public Comment
 - Jensen asked Bennett about Bike Routes on county roads. Bennett explained that, if a bike club wanted to have a route on a county road or in our right of way, it would have to come to this committee for approval.
 - Hartzheim said he is looking for any contracts that the county might have had with Wisconsin Valley Improvement for any work that was done on any of our bridges. He believes there was one for the Rainbow Flowage a few years back.
16. **Motion:** Timmons/Cushing to adjourn 9:20 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary