

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

December 27, 2017

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

Also in Attendance: Bruce Stefonek/Highway, Lisa Jolin/Solid Waste, Dan Gleason/Highway, Lisa Charbarneau/LRES and Evan Pretzer/Lakeland Times.

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: Timmons/Cushing to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried.
2. Motion: Cushing/ Paszak to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Public Works committee meeting. All ayes; motion carried.
3. Jensen stated Winter Road School is coming up and the committee members that are attending are planning on returning for the county board meeting. He noted the topics on the agenda were divided by those things that were more for commissioners and others for board members. Jensen noted there was some confusion as to the county's closure days for the holiday and suggested reminding the public of closure days. Jensen informed the committee the commissioner would be on vacation February 5th through February 15th and Ben Rich would sit in if a meeting is scheduled for that time.

Solid Waste Department

4. General Business:
 - A. Motion: Cushing/Jensen to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
 - B. Motion: Timmons/Cushing to approve the credit account application for People State Bank. All ayes; motion carried.
5. Jolin presented a report on the quotes for 2018 disposal prices. Cranberry Creek assured Jolin they would provide a quote by December 27, however, she was unable to retrieve and include the quote in the handout because she was locked out of her computer. She stated now that she has the rates for disposal, she would start working on trucking prices. Depending on what they get, they will try to put together a contract on their own. Otherwise, she would do RFP for hauling and disposal if necessary. Jolin confirmed the cost of \$45.23 per ton for the current contract for disposal and hauling which expires June 30. She noted there would be time to do an RFP if needed.
6. Solid Waste Report/Discussion
 - Jolin reported the power supply that feeds the water pump kept shorting out so it was replaced but the problem persisted and it was determined the pump was the problem. Jolin requested direction as to replace the 5 hp. pump with a residential 1 ½ hp. pump. Stefonek noted the Hazmat sprinkler system is the reason that the higher horsepower pump is required.
 - Jolin reported at the last meeting she estimated \$55,000 of increased revenue for 2017 but is now expecting the increase to be over \$65,000.

Highway Department

7. General Business:

A. Motion: Paszak/Jensen to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion approved.

8. Jensen stated there are implications that affect more than just the Highway Department if the hours of the exempt employee work week are changed and since Holewinski was not present he would prefer to postpone action. Charbarneau stated there are departments with positions within the county that require management to work a 40-hour workweek. Now that the Highway Department employees are working a 40-hour workweek it makes sense management should also. Charbarneau explained the Sheriff's Department was moved step-for-step when increased. Cushing stated after reviewing the information he would have no problem supporting option 1 noting morale and what was done for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion: Cushing/Jensen to move option 1 for reconsideration by the LRES committee. All ayes; motion approved.

9. Timmons requested Stefonek provide all costs including insurance, delays and issues with vehicles. Motion: Jensen/Cushing to postpone item 9 to a future meeting. All ayes; motion approved.

10. Stefonek reported he would like to trade-in two vehicles; a 1999 Ford 2-wheel drive with almost 200,000 miles that was not road worthy and a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado with 204,000 miles explaining the vehicle is only used as a last resort.

Motion: Cushing/Jensen to trade-in the trucks as outlined; number 113 at \$700 and number 122 at \$4,000. All ayes; motion passed.

11. Commissioner's Report:

- Stefonek reported in separate incidents during the last storm, the wings of 2 patrol trucks were hit by vehicles passing on the right-hand side. Stefonek noted hardly any damage to either county vehicle but significant damage to the other vehicles. A third truck, while at a stop, was almost struck by a vehicle sliding sideways on Highway 17 south but the driver of the car managed to correct. Stefonek explained these accidents put them behind by about an hour-and-a-half for the required drug and alcohol testing of the operators. Discussion of what can be done to reduce accidents including the use of a second truck in tandem. Stefonek noted the progressive storms that go on for extended periods are the issue and the state has approved use of a second truck.

12. Future meeting dates:

- January 11, 2018
- January 25, 2018

13. Future agenda items:

- Prescription safety glasses

14. Public Comment: None

15. Motion: Cushing/Timmons to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary