

**JOINT ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE/PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT/LABOR RELATIONS & EMPLOYEE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room
Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:00 a.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Mike Timmons	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		
Mike Roach	X		
Billy Fried		X	

Also Present: Alex Hegeman/Highway Commissioner, Lisa Jolin/Solid Waste Director, Michael Fugle/Corporation Counsel, Tina Smigielski/Finance Director, Dan Gleason/Highway, Steven Schreier/County Board Supervisor, Moria King/County Board Supervisor, Linnaea Newman/County Board Supervisor, Brian Jopek/The Lakeland Times, Leon Holewinski/Energy Wise Builders, Pete Cody/Public and Jackie Cody/Public.

Ted Cushing called the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was properly posted and ADA accessible.

1. Approve agenda

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to approve the agenda. Motion carried (Roach absent).

2. Discussion/Act on election of Committee Officers

Chair: Almekinder/Timmons to nominate Ted Cushing. Motion to close nominations by Timmons; motion carried. Voice vote in the affirmative with none opposed (Roach absent).

Vice Chair: Cushing/Almekinder to nominate Mike Timmons. Motion to close nominations by Cushing; motion carried. Voice vote in the affirmative with none opposed (Roach absent).

Secretary: Timmons/Cushing to nominate Bob Almekinder. Motion to close nominations by Timmons; motion carried. Voice vote in the affirmative with none opposed (Roach absent).

3. Public Comments

Leon Holewinski requested permission to speak regarding agenda item 5. Cushing confirmed he would be allowed to comment during the discussion.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

4. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers. Motion carried (Roach absent).

5. Discussion/Act on bid received for the Solid Waste Scale Office Project

Cushing reported this item was previously approved by administration then pulled from the County Board agenda and sent back to the Public Works Committee.

Fugle commented it was sent back to reconsider the funding noting the committee could do what they wished with it in that regard.

Cushing commented they discussed funding the project through the general fund and using the ARPA funding for other projects.

Smigielski commented normally a project of this size would be considered in the fall by the CIP Committee, or the budget process noting there was confusion regarding the concept that the project would need to be delayed if not funded by surplus department

dollars. Citing public discussions about safety concerns for both customers and staff, Smigielski commented there was the sense something should be done sooner than later. Smigielski stated the committee could request a one-time transfer of general fund surplus that was not subject to repayment, or an additional loan could be requested with either option requiring a two-third majority vote of the county board.

Timmons questioned Smigielski about the negatives to using the ARPA funds.

Smigielski commented there were quarterly reporting requirements noting the general fund was only restricted by county code and state statutes.

Smigielski estimated between \$5 million to \$7 million was being returned to the general fund.

Leon Holewinski stated he would have no problem if the county used money from the general fund but was concerned about the paperwork associated with the ARPA funds. Holewinski commented he did not want to get involved with a conflict of interest stating if he thought it would be a problem he would not have bid it.

Both Cushing and Timmons agreed there was no conflict of interest.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to send it back to Admin and go for the one-time shot out of the general fund.

Fugle noted that he did not believe there was a conflict of interest but the prudent thing was to have this come back before this committee to make a new discussion.

Holewinski added materials were hard to get and windows were 20 weeks out.

Cushing noted it would need to go before the May County Board on the 17th with Admin meeting on May 9 or possibly earlier.

No further discussion. Motion carried.

6. Solid Waste Report/Discussion

- **General Business**

Jolin reported there were 5 compost preorders.

7. Future Agenda Items

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

8. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to accept the vendor vouchers. Motion carried.

B. Out of County Travel for Committee Members and Commissioner to attend the 2022 WCHA Summer Road School at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, June 6-8, 2022

Motion by Cushing to approve the attendance of the commissioner and any supervisor who wants to attend. Motion carried

9. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman provided an overview of the department including staffing, construction projects, funding sources for roads and bridges, equipment with cost analysis, and both summer and winter maintenance with historical costs. Hegeman noted he would be happy to go into more detail and answer anyone's questions at the next meeting or on an individual basis if they wanted to stop in.

10. Discussion/Act on 2021 line-item transfers

Hegeman requested to postpone this item until the next meeting.

11. Discussion/Act on approval of contract with Northwest Petroleum to remove fuel storage tanks

Hegeman reported in addition to the work performed by the department, the cost to remove the tanks was \$13,112 noting the expertise and testing required. Hegeman commented Corporation Counsel reviewed and requested language be added regarding the insurance requirements and are awaiting Northwest Petroleum's response. Hegeman noted there was approximately \$100,000 remaining in the budget for the removal costs.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve pending corporation counsel's review. Motion carried

12. Discussion/Act on brine building update

Hegeman reported they have been waiting for the pumps since December or January so that all of the required materials are on site at the time of the installation.

13. Discussion/Act on Closed Session: It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, §19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility (commissioner performance evaluation). A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session

Motion by Cushing/Timmons to closed session at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote all affirmative. Motion carried.

14. Discussion/ Act: A roll call vote will be taken to return to open session

Return to open session at 8:59 a.m. Roll call vote all affirmative.

15. Announcement of any action taken in closed session

Motion by Timmons/Roach to forward the Commissioner's paperwork to LRES in agreement with the rankings and goals as presented. Motion carried.

16. Future Meeting Dates:

- May 5, 2022
- May 19, 2022

17. Future Agenda Items

Cushing commented committee member should contact either the commissioner or the chair with potential agenda items.

18. Public comments

No public present

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary