

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room
Thursday, June 24, 2021 8:00 a.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Scott Holewinski		X	
Mike Timmons	X		
Sonny Paszak	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		

Also Present: Lisa Jolin/Solid Waste, Alex Hegeman/Highway, Bob Mott/Town of Schoepke, Mike Romportl/Land Information and Dan Gleason/Highway.

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

1. Approve agenda

Motion by Timmons/Paszak to approve the amended agenda with the ability to move around the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held June 10, 2021.

Motion by Paszak/Almekinder to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held June 10, 2021. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

No public comment.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

4. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

5. Discussion/Act on hourly wage for McNaughton employees

Jolin reported the Work Release Coordinator requested an increase from \$10/hour to \$12/hour noting if the increase was approved she would expect higher skilled workers to bail and move recycling rather than working the sort line.

Motion by Cushing/Almekinder to approve the McNaughton hourly wage at \$12/hour. Motion carried.

6. Solid Waste Report/Discussion

Jolin reported the recycling building was full so they stopped accepting recycling from one contractor so they could continue to accept from other contractors that are also bringing trash. The steel pile was removed and the proceeds will be used to offset other costs.

Recycling prices were up so as soon as the recycling is bailed they would begin trucking. Demo 3 was at capacity and would need to be closed, however, Demo 4 was not up and running as all of the conditions were not met noting the letters of credit increased cost of \$3,000. Cushing instructed Jolin to inform the finance director the department has the money and they need to move forward with opening Demo 4. Jolin reported the new loader was scheduled for delivery later that day with training following delivery.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

7. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on Request by adjoining landowner of Lot 56, Pelican South Shore Resort Plat (PIN EN-999) to clear title to lands north of County G right-of-way in Gov Lot 6, Section 26, and Gov Lot 1 Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 10 East

Mike Romportl explained in 1909 the lots were laid out along the existing road then in 1924 the road was relocated with a right of way of 66 feet. In 1950 the new right of way of 45 feet was laid out with lots 54 and 55 receiving a deed for the area between the northern and southern right of way lines north of CTH G. Romportl recommended providing a quit claim deed for any interest they have in the new certified survey map for the amount of \$100 plus the recording fee.

Motion by Timmons/Paszak to approve developing a resolution to clear title as presented. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Act on Town of Schoepke request for double chip seal of Meister Stockley Road

Bob Mott commented the town recently requested the County submit a bid on a double chip seal of a town road but did not receive a bid from the County. Mott recounted he then spoke with the commissioner who explained there was some reluctance on the part of the committee regarding chip sealing noting concern based upon a previous experience with a double chip seal in the Town of Pelican. However, the department would be interested in assisting towns with other jobs in the future. The town hair of Schoepke later contacted the commissioner regarding the County performing a sample chip seal on a stretch of Meister Stockley Road which would be pulverized and fine-graded. Cushing commented the County cannot provide a quote and Hegeman noted cost would be based on time and materials. Timmons noted concern if there was a problem with the base that was pulverized and graded by another company. Mott explained they have a cost per foot based on the bids already received along with bid specs for the pulverization and grading noting the work could be looked at by the commissioner prior to chip sealing. Hegeman commented double chip seals do not provide much structure but the road was relatively dry and he would like to help townships in addition to keeping the crew busy.

Motion by Almekinder/Cushing to authorize the commissioner to look into the double chip seal Meister Stockely Road. Motion carried.

10. Discussion/Act on proposed 2021 equipment purchases

Hegeman reported the existing tractors and mowers were getting older and were inefficient so State mowing work was being taken away and any given to adjacent counties. Hegeman proposed purchasing a new disc mower to install on the New Holland tractor to help prevent losing more work as well as being more efficient on County roads.

Motion by Paszak/Timmons to approve the purchase of a new disc mower. Motion carried.

11. Discussion/Act on 2021 Garage/Salt Brine Mixing Facility update

Hegeman reported he met with WPS to go over the gas and electric hookups; the plans were drawn up, and WPS will set a new pole when the electrician hangs the panels. Varitech has provide a quote of \$21,700 to reinstall the brine equipment in the new building. Hegeman commented the quote was for all new fittings and connections but anticipated some could be reused. Timmons questioned if there may be any interest from towns for the old brine equipment. Hegeman offered to send a letter out to see if there was any interest in the equipment. Hegeman noted permits were in process and materials were being ordered by Teschendorf & Shrock.

12. Discussion/Act on county owned land, Parcel PE-69, for possible aggregate site

Hegeman reported this parcel of land was being discussed as a possible site for the fair. Three test holes were dug seven or eight years earlier but Hegeman commented he would like to explore in the southeast corner to assess as an aggregate site.

13. Discussion/Act on off premise signs on County and State highways

Cushing question if the Highway Department was authorized to pick up signs placed in the right of way of County and State highways. Hegeman commented the State considers the signs litter but believed the County does not have a policy regarding signs in the right of way adding he intended to develop a policy this winter.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to remove any sign from of the right of way. Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Report/Discussion

- CTH D: Hegeman reported shouldering would begin the following Monday.
- Chip sealing was scheduled for the week following July 4th but Musson does not have the full amount of chips because their plant was down for three weeks. Pitlik and Wick has 11,000 tons available to stock pile close to the job site. Cushing stated a penalty needs to be included in the bid documents adding they should take the aggregate from Musson to stock pile near the next project.
- The Town of Pelican reached out regarding financial assistance from the County for Lassig Road reconstruction. Cushing instructed Hegeman to include on the next agenda.
- About \$178,000 was spent to date on County brushing for 2021; more than 2019 and 2020 combined.

15. Future Meeting Dates:

- July 8, 2021
- July 22, 2021

16. Future Agenda Items

- Brine Building Construction Update
- County assistance for Lassig Road

17. Public comments

No public present.

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary