

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

**Oneida County Highway Department Conference Room
Thursday, September 21, 2023 8:00 a.m.**

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

Also Present: Alex Hegeman/Highway Commissioner, Lisa Jolin/Solid Waste Director, Dan Gleason/Highway and John Sweeney

Chairman Ted Cushing called the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was ADA accessible and posted according to Wisconsin open meetings laws.

1. Approve agenda

Motion by Fried/Roach to approve the 2nd amended agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held September 7, 2023

Motion by Fried/Roach to approve the minutes from the September 7th meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Future Meeting Dates:

- October 5, 2023
- October 19, 2023

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5. Discussion/Act on the Proposed Tower at the Solid Waste Facility

Sweeney reported they were working with the airport commission and getting through the necessary permits noting the tower site was within airport safety zone. Sweeney commented Vertical Bridge was pulling the permits, which was in the County's interest, adding he had met with the airport commission director as well as Karl Jennrich and Scott Ridderbusch. Sweeney commented they would facilitate a review of the county code in relationship to the application and once they receive FAA's data it would move along. Timmons noted the application would need to be rejected before a variance was granted. Sweeney commented the variance was in the County's interest noting the equipment would be of benefit to Fire, EMS and law enforcement as well as the Solid Waste Department. Jolin commented this was being brought to the committee as an update and confirmed she did not expect any problems moving forward with the project.

6. Solid Waste Report /Discussion

Jolin reported trailer was removed on Tuesday and the contractor was contacted regarding the start of the paving project. The PVC roofs that were replaced over the course of the past couple years have developed small holes so she was in contacted the vendor. Jolin commented with business slowing they were doing a lot of clean up and getting ready for fall. Jolin reported recycling prices were still down but there were some companies coming into Wausau and doing RFP's which may provide better pricing. After trying 4 different options, Appleton was the most advantageous but she would be meeting with Eagle River to discuss options after trying a couple trial loads. Jolin reported compost was sold out but the compost on the pad should be ready in about a week for those that were on the waitlist for the fall. Jolin commented she met with Foley's regarding grinding and screening to get a jump start on getting the pad laid out for the following spring.

7. Future Agenda Items

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

8. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Roach to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers.
Motion carried.

B. Invoices Paid Report

Hegeman commented the Invoices Paid Report was comprised of the August vendor vouchers previously approved by the committee.

C. Budget vs. Actual Report

Hegeman commented the report was from the first to the last day of the month which does not align with the departments month end which was based upon either a 4 or 6 weekly basis so the report may not be available as of the last day of the month.

Motion by Fried/Roach to accept the Invoices Paid Report and the Budget vs. Actual Report. Hegeman confirmed construction funding would be close and general maintenance will be over budget but there was money from previous years continuing appropriations. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Act on Worker's Compensation Report

Hegeman reported there was a claim for a hernia rusting from lifting a box of toilet paper, and safety glasses and shield were in use for the claim for material in the eye.

~~10. Discussion/Act on Budget vs. Actual Report~~

11. Discussion/Act on "No Engine Braking" Request, CTH J & STH 70

Hegeman reported he received the request from a resident noting the speed limit was 35 mph. Fried recommend the resident either develop a petition or request a recommendation from the Town of Newbold. No action taken.

12. Discussion/Act on 2024 CIP Request Update

Hegeman reported the CIP Committee recommended:

- Moving forward with the request for \$1.1 million of ARPA funds to purchase patrol trucks in lieu of the loan and use the loan to place the order for the next round of patrol trucks
- Using \$1.2 million from the General Fund and \$400,000 from ARPA for construction

- Using \$77,000 from the General Fund for matching funds for the design of the bridge projects with support to continuing using the General Fund for the approximate \$600,00 of matching funds required for the upcoming bridge and STP projects

13. Discussion/Act on Equipment Updates

Hegeman reported they will start setting up a few trucks for winter in the next few weeks and the resolution to purchase the skidsteer was moving on to County Board the following week.

14. Discussion/Act on 2023 Sand Quotes

Company	Location	Cost/Ton
James Peterson Sons	Aframe Pit USH 51 Harshaw	2.75
Pitlick & Wick	Blue Lake Pit, Minocqua	3.25
Pitlick & Wick	Rocky Run Pit, Cassian	2.25
Musson Bros	Lund Pit, Rhinelander	2.50

Hegeman reported quotes were received for salt sand production noting there was not enough sand in the Blue Lake Pit so his recommendation was to produce in the Rocky Run pit rather than setting up twice in different pits.

Motion by Timmons/Cushing to go with the quotes that were most advantageous to the County. Motion carried.

15. Discussion/Act on Complaint Status Report

Hegeman reported there were some shoulders and some brushing that they planned on going after.

16. Discussion/Act on Generator Design Report

Almekinder reported he developed a list of specifications for the project at the Minocqua Shop along with an estimated cost.

Motion by Timmons/Roach to put the specifications in a formal bid document with the correct verbiage for the rest of the contract as either a quote and/or bid.

Hegeman commented he would incorporate the specifications in to the bid document to bring back to the committee. Fried noted the Minocqua facility project would only need to be bid if the expected cost was more than \$25,000 if ARPA funds were not used. Timmons suggested getting the recommendation of the finance director as to what would be the most advantageous to the County. Motion carried.

Hegeman reported Corporation Counsel confirmed they could terminate the contract but they may come after the County for the remainder of the contract, however, Fugle did not feel that was in the Samuels Group best business interest.

Motion by Fried/Cushing to terminate the contract with the Samuels Group as costs got too high. Motion carried.

17. Discussion/Act on Traffic Study Quote for Speed Limit Reduction on CTH Q

Hegeman reported following a request from the Pelican Camp Ground, there was a formal request from Town of Schoepke to lower the speed limit on CTH Q, which by State Statute, requires a traffic study as the speed limit was already reduced by 10 mph.

Motion by Timmons/Fried to have the Town of Schoepke pay for the speed study. Fried instructed Hegeman to notify the Town that the committee would consider the request if the Town paid for the traffic study. Motion carried.

18. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported he just received an email the repairs to truck 158 were complete with the new wing anticipated to be delivered in mid-October and the repairs to the dome roof were complete. The crew was working on mill and fill on CTH C, the screening of sand, the Minocqua Bridge DMA with plans to start salt sand on October 2nd. Hegeman commented the Legislative Breakfast was scheduled for October 6th and he would need to know which committee members would like to attend by the end of the following week for registration and/or hotel rooms. Hegeman commented there was a request from the WCHA for any topics committee members would like to see on the agenda for Winter Road School. Roach commented weight limits should be looked at. Hegeman noted currently the topic focused reducing weight limits was on the State roads. Cushing noted the 20 foot bridge/culvert issue needed to be sped up. Hegeman commented currently it looked as though the bridge inspectors would be hired to do an assessment and then rank the structures noting if done correctly there may be money in the next budget. Hegeman reported the 2024 RMA would be out in a month or two but the 2 percent anticipated increase was not included but would rather be used to backfill the winter reserves. Hegeman questioned if the committee wanted a DOT representative to attend the meeting. Hegeman provided a description of the LRIP selection process and how the funds were distributed.

19. Future Agenda Items

- Complaint report
- Generator Project updated design
- Utility Permit and Policy

20. Public comments

None

21. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary