

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room  
Thursday, October 6, 2022 8:00 a.m.**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 and Dan Gleason/Highway

Chairman 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/Fried to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

**2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held September 22, 2022**

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held September 22, 2022. Motion carried.

**3. Public Comments**

No public comment.

**4. Future Meeting Dates:**

- October 20, 2022
- November 3, 2022
- November 17, 2022

**SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

**5. General Business Discussion/Act:**

**A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers**

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

**6. Discussion/Act on bid opening for Transfer Trash Compactor**

Motion by Timmons/Cushing to close the bid process for both items 6 and 7 of the current agenda. Motion carried.

Jolin reported two bids were received:

- Ace Equipment: \$228,882.75
- JWR Inc: \$264,756.00 or \$223,896.00 (utilizing repaired current hopper)

Fried noted the bid from JWR was for a 9 cubic yard compactor so it did not meet spec and the bid from Ace Equipment was for a 12 cubic yard compactor and did meet spec.

Motion by Timmons/Roach to select the low bid by Ace Equipment and forward to County Board provided it meets specs and the references check out. Motion carried.  
Fried noted the resolution would need to be submitted to the County Clerk by October, 13<sup>th</sup> and could be offered by any of the committee members.

#### **7. Discussion/Act on bid opening for Co-mingle Recycling Compactor**

Jolin reported two bids were received:

- Ace Equipment: \$229,757.75
- JWR Inc: \$270,745.00

Motion by Timmons/Roach to select the low bid by Ace Equipment and forward to County Board provided it meets specs and the references check out. Motion carried.

Jolin questioned how she should proceed noting this project was part of the 2023 budget. Cushing noted the 2023 budget would not be approved until the November County Board meeting and directed to Jolin to follow up with Corporation Counsel and the Finance Director.

#### **8. Discussion/Act on DNR inspections and compliance reporting**

Jolin reported the only compliance concern was with rills at demo site 3 noting they have taken care of the big rills but a couple small rills remain that will be taken care of that fall.

#### **9. Solid Waste Report /Discussion**

- **Update on new office building**

Jolin reported the walls were up and she was trying to contact the contractor regarding the scheduling of the concrete stating she would be bringing back an anticipated completion timeline. Fried questioned if there was a formal document regarding the delay caused by the windows that indicated the new completion date. Fried questioned if the contract was signed knowing it would not be completed by October 22, how do they formally make sure things were documented. Timmons commented the County caused a major delay because they could not use the ARPA funding as intended because of the way it was written. Fried commented just as a legal formality the dates should be updated. Fried noted it was the responsibility of the contractor to communicate formally so they can document they were notified and approved of any changes. Jolin commented she agreed they should be updated adding Corporation Counsel approved the sale the trailer utilizing the current bill of sale but she could not move forward without an estimated completion date.

#### **10. Future Agenda Items**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

#### **11. General Business Discussion/Act**

##### **A. Highway Department vendor vouchers**

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

##### **B. Out of County Travel:**

- **WCHA 2022 Commissioner's Fall Training Conference for the Commissioner on October 19 & 20, 2022 in Onalaska, Wisconsin**
- **WCHA Professional Development & Leadership Conference for the Commissioner and committee members on December 5, 2022 in Wausau, Wisconsin**

- **WCHA 2023 Winter Road School for the Commissioner, Patrol Superintendent and committee members on January 23, 24 & 25, 2023 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin**

Motion by Timmons/Roach to allow the three as listed under item B for the Commissioner and his designees as well as any of the committee members. Motion carried.

## **12. Discussion/Act on updated Five Year Road Plan**

Hegeman reported based upon the approval of the federal funding for the CTH P and the CTH L projects, not much would change for 2023, however, proposed the following possible changes:

- 2024 Mill and overlay of CTH G from the City limits to USH 8 while the base layer of asphalt is still in good condition.
- 2025 Finish the remaining portion of CTH P with county funds, possibly CHIP or CHIP-D in addition to the portion completed with federal funds.
- 2026 Proposed hiring design for Short B as it would more likely to be approved as a smaller STP project if the design was complete before applying.

Hegeman commented he felt it would be advantageous to identify some of the roads for design so they can be ready for the application process. Hegeman commented he planned on continuing to apply for STP projects noting after 2024 they would begin to fall behind the 6.88 miles of reconstruction required to maintain the twenty-five year cycle. Hegeman confirmed the finance director recommended requesting the matching funds for 2024 as a CIP in addition to the \$1.2 million typically requested for construction. Hegeman reported the bridge inspector stated the rehab funding was becoming less restrictive so he planned to follow up with the DOT the following week to get a better understanding. Hegeman questioned the committee if there was interest in increasing the pavement thickness from 3.5 inches to 4 inches on 2 sections of CTH K and CTH D when reconstructed in 2023 since those roads are not posted for seasonal weight restrictions. Roach commented he would like to work with the commissioner to keep more roads open but noted it was a science and recommended taking cores and exploring the most appropriate asphalt to withstand truck traffic.

## **13. Discussion/Act on sale of used mill head**

Hegeman reported Forest County was interested in purchasing the used mill head for \$5,000.

Motion by Roach/Cushing to sell the mill head to Forest County for \$5,000. Motion carried.

## **14. Discussion/Act on equipment updates**

Hegeman reported the patrol truck proposals were received but the Shop Superintendent would need to confirm the proposals met spec and planned on bringing back recommendations to the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. They would be seeking quotes for the other 2023 equipment purchases once the finance department provided the final numbers.

Hegeman reported Langlade County was looking to sell their paver noting the current paver was not as reliable as he would like. Hegeman commented it would cost approximately \$290 per ton to have Northeast Asphalt do some wedging compared to the department's cost of from \$130 to \$138 per ton noting the paver would only be used for culvert replacements and wedging to extend the life of the roads.

Hegeman proposed reviewing the equipment rates charged to the County in order to ensure the equipment fund was adequately funded for a limited time in order to get over the hump noting several other counties are charging higher rates. Timmons directed the commissioner to follow up with the finance director to ensure it was done properly. Hegeman explained although the rate for paver was quite low and required a lot of asphalt to break even, by adding three or four dollars a ton to the rate, the paver could be profitable and still keep job costs significantly lower.

**15. Discussion/Act on possible gravel crushing bids for Klaver Pit**

Hegeman reported he was planning on requesting quotes for crushing approximately 20,000 tons of gravel in Klaver Pit since construction was planned for two sections of CTH K in 2023.

**16. Discussion/Act on proposal for repair/replacement of salt dome roof and Three Lakes Shop roof**

Hegeman reported the repairs to the office and dome roofs were complete and the materials were ordered for the repairs to the Three Lakes shop roof.

**17. Discussion/Act on brine building update**

Hegeman reported the plumber and the electrician have finished so all that remained was for VariTech to program the system.

**18. Discussion/Act on fuel system removal update**

Hegeman reported the contract was reviewed by corporation counsel and was awaiting REI's response to their changes, with the excavation to begin once the contract is received.

**19. Discussion/Act on staffing updates**

Hegeman reported the new mechanic would start the following Monday noting he did not have a CDL but was enrolled in school at the end of the month. The operator position remained unfilled.

Hegeman commented the proposed wage increases forwarded to LRES had not moved forward so he was waiting until the proposed 7.1 percent COLA included in the budget was addressed. Fried proposed a joint meeting with LRES since the increases were not affordable countywide but needed to be addressed at a department level. Discussion of where wage increases should be applied as to have the most impact.

**20. Commissioner's Report/Discussion**

Hegeman reported the CTH L Bridge did not require a weight limit and funding was approved for 2026. A contract for the design portion of CTH L was in development with the DOT and Westbrook Engineers. Salt/Sand production would begin in Lassig Pit the following week. The mill and fill was completed on the hogs back portion of CTH G with mill and fill on US 51 in Minocqua finishing that day. The contract with the Samuels Group for the generator design was settled and signed with a site visit scheduled shortly.

**21. Future Agenda Items**

**22. Public comments**

No public comment.

**23. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary