

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

**Oneida County Courthouse, County Board Meeting Room
Thursday, October 29, 2020 8:00 a.m.**

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

Also Present: Bruce Stefonek/Highway Commissioner, Mike Romportl/Land Information, Brian Desmond/Corporation Counsel (via phone), and Dan Gleason/Highway.

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

1. Approve agenda

Motion by Holewinski/Paszak to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on October 15, 2020.

Motion by Holewinski/Almekinder to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on October 15, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

Cushing offered both persons present and those participating via Zoom an opportunity to comment. No public comment.

4. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

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

5. Discussion/Act on request to use of CTH H right of way for snowmobile trail from Bucktail Gentleman's Club to the Vilas County line

Stefonek explained there was a request to use the right of way along CTH H for a snowmobile trail from Bucktail Gentleman's Club to the Vilas County line noting that although the road extends into Vilas County, Oneida County maintains the road to its junction with STH 70. Holewinski questioned if there was a trail to get there previously. Stefonek stated he viewed the right of way and there was highline on both sides of the road, three places with fiber optic coming out of the ground and two transformers that are 11 feet from the blacktop with a hill to the back. Stefonek stated there was hardly room for snowbanks let alone a snowmobile trail. Stefonek suggested they contact the landowners along the road.

Motion by Holewinski/Cushing for the Commissioner request that the owners of the Bucktail try to find access over private property. Holewinski stated he would research how snowmobiles previously reached the Bucktail. Motion carried.

6. Discussion/Act on request by adjoining landowner Regnier to purchase excess county lands adjacent to County M, Town of Schoepke, Part of Parcel # SC-524-3 in the NE-SE, Section 24, T35N-R11E

Romportl commented the request would reduce the right of way to the standard of 33 feet on either side. Stefonek agreed with reducing the right-of-way to 33 feet noting it was a relatively straight section of road.

Motion by Holewinski/Cushing to approve item 6 of the agenda. Motion carried.

7. Discussion/Act on resolution to accept dedication of right-of-way for County Highway Q as shown on the Preliminary County Plat of Pelican Lake Shores Plat located in Government Lot 3, Section 22, Township 10 East, Town of Enterprise

Romportl stated any dedication of road right-of-way must be approved by the County Board so the resolution establishes title to the County noting it was currently right-of-way by use without deed.

Motion by Holewinski/Paszak to approve the resolution and forward onto the County Board. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on Road Construction Referendum Options

Stefonek reported he met with Cushing, Holewinski and the Finance Director to discuss options for a resolution. Corporation Counsel created two resolutions noting the first one should go to County Board to increase the 2021 tax levy for the purpose of addressing necessary road and bridge construction with the second reflective the April 6th ballot.

Holewinski recommended adding language indicating how much the referendum would increase taxes on a \$100,000 home and demonstrate how funding has not increased to reflect the increased costs of road construction. Holewinski commented the Commissioner should contact the County Board Chairman regarding providing a presentation at the County Board meeting. Cushing recommended having another meeting on November 4 to approve the revised resolution to meet the November 5 deadline.

Motion by Cushing/Holewinski to go through with the referendum options as discussed and present the initial referendum to the County Board in November and referendum 2 if passed to go on the January County Board. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Act on Presentation of 2020 Chip Seal Operation Analysis

Motion by Holewinski/Timmons to postpone until the November 19 meeting. Motion carried.

10. Discussion/Act on Acceptance and Award 2020 Ventilation Upgrades for Rhinelander Facility

Stefonek reported two bids were received noting he previously worked with each company and was equally happy with both.

- Tweet/Garot Mechanical \$84,900
- J.F. Ahern Co. \$85,400

Motion by Holewinski/Paszak to approve the Tweet/Garot Mechanical for the Oneida County Highway Department 2020 Ventilation Upgrades. Motion carried.

11. Discussion/Act on Closed Session: It is anticipated that the committee will go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1) (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges,

which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data (Topics: Equipment Operator Leave of Absence)

Motion by Holewinski/Cushing to enter into closed session at 8:40 a.m. Roll call vote: all 'aye'. Motion carried.

12. Discussion/Act on Return to Open Session

No action taken in closed session.

Motion by Cushing/Paszak to return to open session at 8:48 a.m. Roll call vote: all 'aye'. Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Report/Discussion:

Operations Report

- The DOT provided a presentation for the staff regarding salt use.
- Lisa Charbarneau met with staff to remind of safe practices for Covid 19.
- Paid time off requests for staff would approved on a case-by-case because of Covid 19.
- Other counties, departments, local companies and a former LTE have been contacted regarding snow plowing in the event of an emergency in the event a majority of the crew becomes sick or is quarantined.
- Brine Building: Floors to be poured the following week and trusses should be set after the floor is poured.

14. Future Meeting Dates:

- November 4, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
- November 19, 2020
- December 3, 2020
- December 17, 2020

15. Future Agenda Items

- CTH H Right-of-way for snowmobile trail
- Resolutions for referendum
- Chip Seal Operations

16. Public comments

No public comments

17. Adjourn

Chairman Cushing adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary