

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room
Thursday, November 3, 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, Dan Gleason/Highway and Barry Seidel/Public

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 Timmons/Almekinder to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held October 20, 2022

Motion by Timmons/Cushing to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022 Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

No public comment.

4. Future Meeting Dates:

- November 17, 2022 Cushing noted he would not be attending the November 17th meeting
- December 1, 2022, December 15, 2022 and December 29, 2022

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers

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

6. Discussion/Act on award Resolution for Co-mingle Recycling Trash Compactor

Jolin reported she worked with finance and counsel to bring the resolution to the November County Board. Jolin explained the resolution approved the funding and authorized the finance department to restructure and amend the loan, then award in 2022 with appropriation in 2023 contingent upon passage of the budget.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the resolution and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

7. Discussion/Act on replacing rams on the Excel Baler

Jolin reported the recycling building was filling up with recycling because the rams of the baler were failing. Jolin explained they were trying to limp the baler along until the new compactor was installed, however, the rams have developed a leak rendering the baler unusable. New rams could be installed the following week at a cost of \$18,474. Jolin noted if the old rams could be repacked the cost could be less, or a refurbished baler could be purchased for approximately \$58,000.

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to approve the replacement of the rams not to exceed \$18,500. Motion carried.

8. Solid Waste Report /Discussion

- **Demo Site Issues**

Jolin reported issues with non-demo trash getting dumped at the demo site and as a result staff is now inspecting every incoming load. Jolin commented she had billed the cleanup cost to an individual who was identified as dumping non-demo items. Discussion of the addition of a camera for surveillance to help identify offenders and a sign warning of penalties for illegal dumping.

- **McNaughton LTE employee**

Jolin reported she contacted the Sheriff's Office regarding a complaint that one of the former workers was in after hours and took some minor items in addition to other issues with other McNaughton employees. Jolin commented she would be meeting with the HR director to discuss restructuring.

- **Office Building Update**

Jolin reported the roof should be on by Friday, the windows and doors would be delivered that day with the interior walls to start on Monday, followed by meetings with the subcontractors and the security guy once the wiring was complete with an completion anticipated for the end of December.

9. Future Agenda Items

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

10. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

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

11. Discussion/Act on equipment updates

Hegeman reported trucks were getting set up for winter and once the 2023 budget was approved he planned on bringing back the proposed 2023 equipment purchases.

12. Discussion/Act on work for townships

Cushing commented the question was raised at the previous meeting by Fried if work for townships may be a potential revenue stream. Hegeman commented counties that are able to replace their equipment do town work noting Langlade, Forest and Lincoln pave, crack seal and chip seal, and Vilas replaced culverts and plowed for a town. Hegeman explained ideally you want three pieces of the pie; county, state and town in order to keep the equipment moving. Timmons questioned why the department stopped working for Woodboro. Hegeman commented he was told Woodboro wanted to continue working with the County but it was the committee that made the decision. Cushing commented the

decision to discontinue working for the town was because the department was not keeping up with work on county roads and questioned how the department could take on additional work without being fully staffed. Hegeman commented at Green County there were 26 plow routes but 40 employees because there was enough town work to justify the extra employees that could also be used on the brushing crew or in the shop when needed. Almekinder questioned if two or three more employees could be completely funded with other work in addition to the extra revenue from the equipment. Hegeman noted there were variables but the goal was to keep the equipment running, however, at current the department did not have enough trucks to take on additional beats. Cushing noted the conversation centered on culverts. Hegeman reported the department replaced culverts for Nokomis and Newbold at cost significantly lower than quoted prices from two other contractors. In addition to producing and providing towns with salt sand at a lower cost, the department could crack seal noting when the department stopped working for Woodboro, two positions were eliminated through attrition. Cushing recommended Hegeman develop and bring back a plan to the committee. Almekinder commented he felt it was worth looking into as long it was profitable without affecting the county work. Hegeman explained any additional labor costs from additional employees would have no effect on the dollar amount received from the levy. Hegeman expressed concern it would be unsustainable to ask for additional loans from the general fund if the department was unable to generate enough revenue to replace equipment. Hegeman commented he had met with the chief of the bureau of highway maintenance and one of the accountants that determines the equipment rates who was exploring how to make those formulas more equitable. Hegeman commented adding a couple of extra positions would also allow employees to take time off citing two employees that were off for extended periods of time for Family Medical Leave the previous year. Cushing directed Hegeman to move forward with developing a plan.

13. Discussion/Act on brine building update

Hegeman reported Varitech was scheduled to be on site on 11/2 – 11/3 to finish set up and programming but rescheduled to 11/14 – 11/15.

14. Discussion/Act on fuel system removal update

Hegeman reported the excavation of the contaminated material was complete and was awaiting the final report for the DNR.

15. Discussion/Act on staffing updates

Hegeman reported an offer was made for the equipment operator position, however, the applicant declined as he received a better offer so the position remained open. Hegeman commented Vilas County's wage study was approved by their County Board in October noting the differences between the Oneida and Vilas wage schedules noting even with the proposed wage increase, the Oneida County operator's wage was still less the Vilas County operator's wage. Cushing noted other positions were lower. Hegeman explained the department was appealing the placement of several positions, and if approved those positions would also be higher than Oneida County.

16. Discussion/Act on restricted access from CTH J on a CSM 2830 for parcel WR 92-1

Barry Seidel explained the request was to construct a driveway from CTH J on the western portion of the property where the property was level noting there was better vision than the

eastern portion of the property where the shared driveway was originally granted. Timmons explained Mike Roach wanted to know why Bob Moss originally requested restricted access to all the properties to the west of Arbutus Drive. Hegeman noted spoke with Land Information and Zoning but he could not find anything other than the letter from Moss restricting access but without explanation. Almekinder commented he could not see a reason why the driveway could not be moved to the western portion of the property noting he did not see any issues with vision or speed. Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to approve the request to construct the driveway as presented. Motion carried.

17. Discussion/Act on BIL funding, future funding and future projects

Hegeman reported the CTH L STP rural project contract with Westbrook Engineers was signed and surveying could begin the following week, and although the DOT had not discussed the scheduling yet but he was hoping for 2024. Hegeman commented the finance director recommended requesting the County's share of approximately \$600k from the general fund in addition to the \$1.2 million for construction. Hegeman added if he knew if it was feasible it would have a significant impact on the budget process. Cushing recommend contacted the chair of the CIP committee.

Regarding the CTH P STP urban project, the DOT had not discussed the scheduling yet but he was hoping for 2025 as USH 8 was scheduled for 2024. In addition, Hegeman stated he would like the rural portion of CTH P completed in 2025 using County construction dollars.

Hegeman reported once the selection committee met they could rank and submit the proposals to the DOT for the CTH D Bridge with an anticipated construction year of 2026. Hegeman reported he also anticipated the CTH L Bridge project for 2026, and although the design funds were not authorized yet, he expected that process would start the next fall.

The DOT was also doing a new solicitation for the local bridge program and a bridge on CTH C had dropped to a sufficiency rating of 40 making it eligible for replacement.

Hegeman reported a RFP was sent to six or seven consultants to assist with the application process.

Hegeman commented since the DOT was slotting new STP solicitations between \$250k and \$500k with only \$2 million available statewide so he did not feel it was worth while pursuing Short B.

18. Discussion/Act on resolution for Bridge Aid reimbursement, Town of Woodboro, Oneida lake Road/Little Rice Creek

Hegeman reported the amount was closer to the initial estimate rather than the lower estimate as requested by the committee but noted sufficient funding was available.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the resolution for Bridge Aid reimbursement, Town of Woodboro, Oneida lake Road/Little Rice Creek. Motion carried.

19. Discussion/Act on resolution to place order to purchase three patrol trucks plus attachments for budget year 2023

Hegeman reported the draft resolution was under review by corporation counsel noting he would bring to a committee member to sponsor once approved.

20. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported the crew was working on mill and fill on STH 70/USH 51 and on USH 8/STH 17 with work scheduled for Forestry that afternoon. Salt sand production was

complete and he was happy with the results. Hegeman reminded any committee members interested in attending the Leadership Development meeting the deadline to register was November 7 and Winter Road School was scheduled for January.

21. Future Agenda Items

22. Public comments

No public comment.

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary