

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 12, 2018

Committee Members Present: Robb Jensen, Mike Timmons, Sonny Paszak and Ted Cushing. Scott Holewinski excused.

Also in Attendance: Bruce Stefonek/Highway, Dan Gleason/Highway, Lisa Jolin/Solid Waste, Brian Desmond/Corporation Counsel, Steve Pletta/Hoggie Doggies, Dean Schwab/Musson Brothers, Fred Williston/Lakeland Times, Scott Tromp/Public and Gerald Anderson/Public.

The following matters were taken up to wit:

Call the Meeting to Order & Roll Call

Chairperson Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion: Cushing/Paszak to approve the amended agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

2. **Approve the Minutes of the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee meeting held on March 22, 2018**

Motion: Timmons/Jensen to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Solid Waste Department

3. **General Business Discussion/Act**

A. **Vendor Vouchers**

Motion: Jensen/Cushing to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

4. **Discussion/Act on Solid Waste Saturday Hours of Operation**

Timmons/Paszak to adjust the Solid Waste Saturday hours of operation to 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

5. **Solid Waste Report/Discussion**

• **Hazardous Waste Safety and Training**

Jolin reported after receiving unidentifiable waste from the school, she notified the school they would not accept anything they could not identify and will require a list prior to receipt so they can contact their recycler to identify any dangers and find out how to handle the waste. Jolin added a representative from WRR would be onsite to train staff on April 18.

• **Eagle Waste & Recycling travel report**

Jolin reported she toured the recycling center noting it processes in one day what Solid Waste processes in a year. She reported she would set up a meeting to discuss different ideas to work with Solid Waste.

• **DNR workshops in Plover report**

Jolin reported Oneida County RU was responsible for educating the public about the recycling laws. Jolin reported Madison does not recycle certain types of plastic noting the lack of a market for the waste. Jolin added she attended sessions on e-cycling, storm management and the recycling unit.

- **1st Quarter 2018 Revenue/Expense Comparison**

Jolin reported:

- Revenue in Compost decreased noting the paper mill started hauling in April verses 106 loads in March of the previous year
- Haz Waste revenue increased noting a commercial account that brought in over \$7,000 worth of material the previous month
- Transfer was consistent
- Demo increase
- MRF decreased quite a bit from 2016 noting she thought this was due to the timing of the sale of materials
- Expenses were average with the exception of Haz Waste

Motion: Cushing/Jensen to acknowledge receipt of the First Quarter 2018 Revenue/Expense Comparison. All ayes; motion carried.

6. Future Solid Waste agenda items:

- **2017 Year End Financial Report**

Jolin reported auditing would be completed that week and she anticipated presenting year-end 2017 at the next meeting,

Highway Department

7. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Vendor Vouchers

Motion: Jensen/Paszak to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

B. Out of County Travel

- **Summer Road School June 4, 5, and 6, 2018 at Wisconsin Dells, Chula Vista for Public Works Committee Members and Highway Commissioner**

Motion: Cushing/Paszak to approve the Highway Commissioner and Public Works committee member to attend the Summer Road School with expenses covered. All ayes; motion carried.

- **Diesel Engine Sessions at Truck Country in Rothschild, Wisconsin on April 18, 2018 for 3 Employees**

Motion: Timmons/Cushing to approve the attendance of three employees for the diesel engine sessions at Truck Country on April 18. All ayes; motion carried.

- **2018 Highway Safety Days & MSHA Part 46 Annual Refresher Training, May 3, 2018, Crandon Community Center for Equipment Operators, Mechanics, Superintendents and Highway Commissioner**

Motion: Paszak/Jensen to approve attendance of the Highway Department employees to attend the 2018 Highway Safety Day Training on May 3, 2018. All ayes; motion carried.

- **2018 Spring meeting of the North Central Region in Stratford, Wisconsin, April 27, 2018 for Public Works Committee Members and Highway Commissioner**

Motion: Jensen/Paszak to have the Highway Commissioner and Public Works committee members attend the North Central Region meeting in Stratford with expenses covered. All ayes; motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on Hoggie Doggie Well Issue

Jensen commented the discussion would be to provide information as related to the meeting of Corporation Counsel and Highway Commissioner with the DOT.

Desmond reported the DOT assistant general counsel indicated his review of the records indicated there was no past precedent related to well issues nor any programs to assist. Desmond commented the assistant general counsel informed them they could contact them with further information, however, reminded them the state is immune from lawsuit. Desmond added from his legal perspective there is no clear answer as to why this occurred.

Jensen commented there needed to be more confirming data to suggest the winter treatment of the roads caused the problem with the well.

Pletta questioned why they felt the data provided by the DNR was not sufficient adding other wells in the Woodruff Township did not have sodium chloride readings as close to those of his well.

Jensen stated he did not feel as though there was enough substantive data to replace the well at the county's expense.

Motion: Jensen/Paszak to deny Hoggie Doggies request to replace the well. Jensen, Paszak and Cushing 'aye', Timmons 'no'. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Act on Close Acceptance of Chip Seal Aggregate Quotes

Motion: Timmons/Cushing to close acceptance of the chip seal aggregate quotes. All ayes; motion carried.

10. Discussion/Act on Opening of Chip Aggregate Quotes

One bid was received from Musson Brothers:

- \$14.75/ton from the shop
- \$10.75/ton from the Roman pit, Theis Road

Schwab stated the pit is in Lincoln County but is only seven-and-one-half miles from where they sit but will likely be the closest they find.

Motion: Timmons/Jensen to have Corporation Counsel review the bid and make sure they are okay accepting the bid for an out of county pit. All ayes; motion carried.

11. Discussion/Act on Award of the 2018 Chip Seal Oil Purchase

Stefonek recommended the low bid from Meigs.

Motion: Cushing/Jensen to approve Meigs as the 2018 chip seal oil provider. All ayes; motion carried.

12. Discussion/Act on On-Site Propane Fill Station

Stefonek reported he contacted three propane vendors regarding information for an on-site propane fill station. Draeger Propane responded favorably indicating they could set up a 500-gallon tank and train the employees. Stefonek stated they use approximately 140 to 160 30-gallon cylinders per year and estimated they could save \$10 to \$12 filling the tanks themselves. The committee directed Stefonek to work to identify any additional costs, include a comparison to 2017 costs and the estimated time to recoup the additional cost, compare to other options such as a service that would supply filled tanks on-site, and work with Corporation Counsel to protect the county from potential liabilities.

13. Discussion/Act on 2017 Year End Continuing Appropriations & Review County Highway Reconstruction Future Costs

Stefonek reported total funding for 2018 was \$2.1 million and the estimated total construction cost are \$2.3 million citing the widening of roads and the additional costs to the CTH A project. Stefonek recommended postponing the Wolf River culverts until the following year, putting short B on hold for the time being and possibly not doing the far-east portion of long B until 2019. Stefonek confirmed he would inform the committee if he felt they would need to back off on any other projects at such time.

Motion: Jensen/Cushing to adjust the 2018 construction funding to hold on short B for \$162,433 and to hold CTH B Wolf River culverts for \$80,000 to 2019. All ayes; motion carried. Jensen requested Supervisor Mott be notified of the decision to delay short B.

14. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

- **Report on University of Wisconsin Madison Road Salt Impact Presentation**
Stefonek reported the presentation included information on the application of salt to highways, city streets and big-box store parking lots noting there was no restrictions on the amount of salt used in those parking lots. The presentation included information on the effects to ecosystems and indicated if less salt was used, the effects could be reversed. Stefonek stated he was asked to comment and spoke to the ways the county and state are working to reduce the amount of salt used including use of automated systems and brine in place of rock salt.
- **Wisconsin Department of Transportation Brine Expansion**
Stefonek reported the state is considering designating a state highway brine only and supplying a large brine machine to a county. If Oneida County is chosen, the shop might require a small addition to house the machine and additives. Stefonek stated the DOT was developing a manual to provide guidelines for pavement temperature, air temperatures and the forecast weather that will help the brine work more advantageously and ultimately reduce salt usage.
- **Resignation of Mechanic & Review of Past Resignations**
Stefonek reported the newly hired mechanic resigned within one month of hire because he found a job that paid better. Stefonek noted in the past twenty months, two employees retired, six moved out of the area and five left for higher wages. Jensen recommend Stefonek reach out to the North Central Region counties and compare wages.
- **Review of Future Kemp Street Reconstruction**
Stefonek reported the roundabout would come right to the intersection of the Highway Department driveway and Kemp Street. Stefonek added the county and city previously swapped maintenance of Lincoln and Kemp streets. Stefonek reported he would be bring back more information in the future and added they may consider an STP project or apply a skim coat to extend the life of the road three to four years.

15. Future Meeting Dates

- April 26, 2018

16. Future agenda items

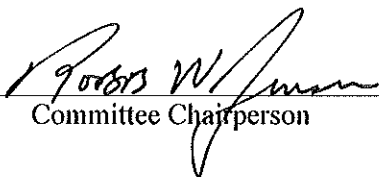
- Review of Highway Department Finance Technician position to Office Manager position
- Review of Safety Instruction provided to LTE's

17. Public Comment

Scott Tromp expressed concern for worker safety and questioned if the two flag trucks were ready. Tromp also voiced concern regarding the shoulders, drifting of snow on CTH K as well as potential for flooding if drains remained covered.

18. Adjourn

Motion: Jensen/Cushing to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. All ayes; motion passed.



Committee Chairperson



Committee Secretary