ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Oneida County Highway Department Conference Room
Thursday, August 20, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		
Billy Fried	X		
Dan Hess	X		
Greg Oettinger	X		

Also Present: Ben Rich/Highway Commissioner, Heather/Finance Director, Scott Holowinski, Brian Jopek, Dan Gleason/Highway Finance, Chris McDonald/Highway Finance

1. Call to Order

Chair Ted Cushing called the Oneida County Public Works Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., noting the meeting was posted according to Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws and the location was handicap accessible.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Billy, second by Bob, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting Held August 6, 2026

Motion by Billy, second by Bob, to approve the August 6, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Future Meeting Dates

The committee confirmed future regular meeting dates of September 10 and September 24, 2026. The September 10 meeting date was adjusted due to the CIP meetings.

6. Approve Vendor Vouchers

Motion by Billy, second by Greg, to approve the vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

16. Commissioner's Report

Ben reported that $150,000 in state funding had been released for additional work on USH 70, including wedging and mill-and-fill work, after the previously authorized $100,000 was released and supplemented with an additional $50,000. Work was anticipated after Labor Day, and approximately $24,000 in LFA funding was also available for separate bridge-related work expected to begin after Labor Day.

17. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include continued review of the Highway Department CIP and equipment requests, including updated estimates and multi-year project priorities. The four-day versus five-day winter work schedule will also return for further consideration after additional information is compiled.

18. Public Comments

None.

19. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary