ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Oneida County Highway Department Conference Room
Thursday, August 28, 2026 – 9:30 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 and Chris McDonald/Highway Finance

1. Call to Order

Chair Ted Cushing called the Oneida County Public Works Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting location was noted as handicap accessible.

2. Approve Amended Agenda

Motion by Hess, second by Fried, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting Held August 20, 2026

Motion by Fried, second by Almekinder, to approve the August 20, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Review and Rank 2027-2029 CIP Requests

The committee reviewed the proposed 2027-2029 CIP requests and separated the requests by funding source, including equipment fund, facility, general fund, and highway construction requests. The committee noted that requests of $50,000 or more would require consideration through the Executive Committee and County Board process, while department-funded requests below the applicable threshold could be approved through the committee of jurisdiction.

The committee discussed the need to confirm the available Highway Department equipment fund balance before final funding decisions are made. The most recent working estimate referenced was approximately

Motion by Hess, second by Almekinder, to forward the facility CIP requests funded through department and general funds to the Executive Committee as prioritized by the committee. Motion carried.

The committee separately reviewed the highway construction request, including the previously discussed additional approximately $450,000 associated with construction needs.

Motion by Fried, second by Oettinger, to forward the $2,100,000 highway construction request to the Executive Committee as presented. Motion carried.

6. Future Agenda Items

The committee identified the results of the upcoming CIP hearings as a potential future agenda item.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary