

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room
Thursday, February 9, 2023 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 and Dan Gleason/Highway

Chairman Ted Cushing called the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was ADA accessible and posted according to Wisconsin open meetings laws.

1. Approve agenda

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the agenda. Motion carried; Roach not present.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held January 26, 2023

Motion by Timmons/Cushing to approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held January 26, 2023. Motion carried; Roach not present.

3. Public Comments

No public comment.

4. Future Meeting Dates:

February 23, 2023, March 9, 2023 and March 23, 2023

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers

Motion by Almekinder/Cushing to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried; Roach not present.

6. Discussion/Act

Jolin noted the blank agenda item 6 Discussion/Act was an oversight.
Roach joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

**7. Solid Waste Report /Discussion
Transfer Quonset RFB update**

Jolin provided the anticipated timeline:

- Bids are due on February 22
- Bid opening at the February 23 meeting
- Administration Committee for consideration on March 13
- County Board for consideration March 21

Jolin reported the completion date was extended from October 1 to October 31.

Office Building Update

Jolin reported process was held up by the subcontractor responsible for finishing the drywall.

AT&T Tower Inquiry

Jolin reported there was discussion with John Sweeny regarding AT&T installing a tower at Solid Waste. Jolin noted potential benefits to the County included the running of fiber optic, use of the tower for placement of an antenna for their radios in addition to no cost broadband and revenue for the County.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Office Building Update

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

9. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

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

10. Discussion/Act on Equipment Updates

Hegeman reported:

- The sign truck was should be delivered by the end of the month.
- The funds available for 2023 equipment purchases were significantly less than expected at about \$345,000. However, there were PBM funds available and some of the purchases came in under the original estimates so the purchases were covered.

11. Discussion/Act on 2023 Road Construction Specifications

Hegeman provided funding sources and cost estimates for CTH B, CTH D and CTH K with the option of either 3 ½ inches or 4 inches of asphalt for both CTH K and CTH D. Hegeman recommended bidding out the those projects and if there was money enough remaining bid out the reconstruction of CTH G from the City limits to USH 8. Hegeman commented they could continue to patch the areas where the asphalt was crumbling on CTH G until funding was available. Cushing agreed the 4 inch option was appropriate if the funds were available and continue to consider for future reconstruction projects. Timmons commented they would need to continue to monitor roads for damage and noted they may need impose seasonal weight limits if necessary.

12. Discussion/Act on Seasonal Weight Limits

Hegeman provided a list of roads with seasonal weight limits and his recommendations of the following roads which might be considered to remove those limits:

Highway	Limits	Current Status	Recommendation
A	USH 45 to STH 17	Posted	Possible No Posting
C	STH 17 to Tenderfoot Road	Posted	Possible No Posting
D	USH 51 to STH 47	Posted	No Posting
H	CTH D to STH 70	Posted	Possible No Posting
J	Fishers Landing Road to STH 70	Posted	No Posting

Hegeman noted he would not recommend removing the postings from roads that run through swamps. Roach commented the commissioner would need to document the reasons for making the changes so the committee could look back in the future if problems arose. Hegeman commented other roads could be reviewed in the future when looking at reconstruction specifications. Timmons recommended not opening the questionable roads unless requested by a business. Hegeman recommended not opening CTH H because of age and CTH A because of tenting, however, CTH C was reconstructed three years earlier and was in good shape.

13. Discussion/Act on 2023 Chipsealing

Hegeman requested the committee's recommendation on how to move forward with the 2023 chipseal project. Timmons expressed concern that the County only hauled the stone but was also responsible for the contractor applying the oil. Almekinder commented the previous year's project was awarded to the private sector as the bid was less than the commissioner's estimate. Hegeman noted the department performed all aspects of the project except for spraying the oil. Gleason commented chipsealing generated a lot of revenue from the equipment and noted the other two bids were significantly higher than the department's estimate. Hegeman confirmed the operators that run the chip spreader were experienced noting they typically chipseal between 7 to 12 miles of Oneida County roads and 20 to 40 miles per year for Lincoln and Price Counties with the exception of 2022 because of high oil prices. Cushing commented they asked the commissioner to find ways to generate revenue adding they could continue to request bids. Timmons commented the County would still need to buy the materials from the same companies bidding the project. Almekinder commented if the project was bid and was awarded to the private sector the trucks would then sit idle. Hegeman commented there would be close to a week's worth of additional trucking and confirmed the project was not required to be bid. Cushing directed Hegeman to pull the numbers together and bring back to the committee.

14. Discussion/Act on Fuel System Update

Hegeman reported the lab analysis found elevated levels of benzene so REI would put the report together to submit to the DNR asking for closure of the site. However, he felt as though it was likely the DNR would require the installation of 3 to 5 monitoring wells at an estimated cost of \$3,500 each.

15. Discussion/Act on Radio System Upgrade and Planning

Hegeman reported there was one repeater at the Sheriff Department noting they were unable to communicate effectively with the crew within the County. Timmons suggested talking to John Sweeny regarding other technologies that may be part of upcoming projects. Hegeman stated even cell phone coverage has been an issue adding he had spoken with Chief Deputy Dan Hess about adding 3 or 4 channels to the Sheriff's 9 towers then pay a monthly maintenance fee which he seemed receptive.

16. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported:

- The crew was cutting brush on CTH D from Pine Lake Road to STH 17.
- The application deadline was the following Wednesday for the operator positions with interviews to follow.
- The CTH P project SOQ were due on 2/20 so they need form a selection committee.

- Cushing reported he contacted Representative Swearingen and Senator Felzkowski regarding the tenting on USH 8 but was informed there was nothing to be done since the road was scheduled for reconstruction in 2024. Hegeman commented he was contacted by the DOT and the plan was to install rough road signs and an advisory speed limit until the road is reconstructed in 2024.

17. Future Agenda Items

- 2023 chipseal project
- Radio System Upgrade and Planning
- Fuel System Update

18. Public comments

19. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary