ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Oneida County Highway Department Conference Room
Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Mike Timmons	Phone		
Bob Almekinder	X		
Billy Fried	X		
Dan Hess	X		

Present: Alex Hegeman/Highway Commissioner, Dan Gleason/Highway and David Scott/Waste Management

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

2. **Approve agenda (order of agenda items at Chairperson's discretion)**
   Motion by Hess/Fried to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. **Approve minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held February 20, 2025**
   Motion by Hess/Almekinder to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comments**
   None

5. **Future Meeting Dates:**
   - March 20, 2025: Cushing and Fried confirmed they were excused from the meeting, however, they noted they would be available by phone if necessary
   - April 3, 2025
   - April 20, 2025

6. **Vendor Vouchers and Invoices Paid Report for February 2025**
   Motion by Cushing/Almekinder to approve the vouchers and invoices paid report as presented. Motion carried.

7. **WisDOT DMA for STH 17**
   Hegeman explained the DMA was to crack seal STH 17 from Pollyanna Road to STH 70 in Vilas County. Hegeman confirmed the department provided an estimate and the DOT added a contingency, however, the RMA would likely cover any additional cost if needed.
   Motion by Hess/Almekinder to approve the DMA as presented. Motion carried.

8. Sign Request – CTH D & Pine Lake Road

Hegeman reported the Town of Sugar Camp did not feel additional signage was warranted. Motion by Fried/Cushing per the town of Sugar Camp's recommendation to deny the sign request for CTH D & Pine Lake Road. Motion carried.

9. Equipment Updates

Hegeman reported:

- Several repairs were made to some of the older plow trucks in order to keep those trucks ready.
- A plow truck rolled onto the passenger side after sliding on ice down a super into the soft shoulder. The operator was uninjured and truck will be sent out to assess the damage and for repairs.
- Although there were not any spare trucks available for most of the previous day's storm, one spare was now available.

10. Review of Five Year Road Plan

Hegeman moved up reconstruction of CTH E to 2026 because by reducing the number of miles of construction on CTH K planned for 2026. Hegeman recommended applying for STP funds to upgrade the remaining section of CTH K in the future noting the pending reconstruction of the intersection of CTH K and USH 51 in addition to the increased traffic near Rondele Ranch and the school.

Hegeman also reported:

- The remaining small portion of CTH N would be completed the following year after resolving an issue with the right-of-way.
- He was working with the DOT on High Risk Rural Road for CTH H that included applying for STP funds noting there was a plan in place regardless of the funding awarded.
- The CTH L STP project bid results should be available the following week.
- The CTH D Bridge sixty percent land review estimate came in approximately $250,000 higher than anticipated adding they would apply for funding to offset some of the County's increased costs.

11. 2025 Road Construction Specifications

Hegeman reported the .42-mile section of CTH Q would be paved at the same thickness as the rest of the road at 3.5 inches and then match the pavement thickness with 4 inches for CTH G and the other portion of CTH Q toward Lincoln County.

12. Review of Seasonal Weight Restrictions

Hegeman suggested moving the seasonal weight restricted portion of CTH N East from USH 8 to Crescent Road rather than Beyer Road to allow access to a farmers field and gravel pits for both North East Asphalt and Musson Bros. noting that both the road thickness increased and the oil was improved when reconstructed the prior year. Cushing noted a motion was not required update the weight restriction.

13. Complaint Status Report

Hegeman reported

- A resident on CTH H called to report the overuse of the truck box vibrator near his home.

- A message was received instructing the superintendent approximately 200 lbs. of per lane mile on USH 8 should be adequate.
- There was a complaint the brine was not doing enough on USH 51 and salt should be used because USH 51 in Vilas County was clear. However, the patrol superintendent contacted Vilas regarding their portion of USH 51 and he was told it was a newer operator who was likely over-applying brine. Hegeman commented they see a similar situation on USH 8 West with Lincoln County's operator putting down almost a 1,000 pounds per lane mile knowing they would not be back to that section for several hours to apply again. Hegeman commented they are trying be smart both economically and environmentally making the best decisions based upon the weather conditions.

14. Review Patrol Truck Chassis and Attachment Proposals

Hegeman reported the bid specs were opened up a bit in an attempt to receive more quotes noting the quote for attachments from Monroe came in significantly less. Fried noted the truck would be available in 3 months; however, it would be another 15 months before the builder completed the truck and it was available for use. Hegeman recommended moving forward with the Wester Star with the DT-12 transmission from Truck County.
Motion by Fried to forward on to the County Board the purchase of Truck County Western Star with DT-12 transmission for a total cost of $160,800 with the addition of the Monroe attachment proposal for $189,784 for a total purchase price of $350,584. Motion carried.

15. Closed Session: It is anticipated that the Committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility (topic: Highway Commissioner evaluation)

Motion by Hess/Cushing to move into closed session. Roll call vote: All ayes; motion carried at 8:43 a.m.

16. It is anticipated the Committee will return to open session to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda

Motion by Cushing/Timmons to return to open session. Roll call vote: All ayes; motion carried at 9:06 a.m.

17. Announcement of action taken in closed session

Motion made by Fried/Hess to forward the Highway Commissioner's evaluation on to the final evaluation team. Motion carried.

18. Resolution Approving Purchase of Patrol Truck Chassis and Attachments

Motion by Fried/Timmons to forward the resolution approving purchase of patrol truck chassis and attachments for consent agenda. Motion carried.

19. Commissioner's Report

Hegeman reported:

- The crew was continuing to cut trees on CTH E.
- Changes made to the CTH L project required the cutting of some trees.
- As of the end of February, the RMA was 6.1 percent over budget.
- He would continue to forward relevant WCHA information to committee members

20. Future Agenda Items

- Budget to actual report for February
- Facility condition assessment report

21. Public comments

None

22. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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Committee Chairman Committee Secretary