

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room  
Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:00 a.m.**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ted Cushing		X	
Scott Holewinski	X		
Mike Timmons	X		
Sonny Paszak	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		

**Also Present:** Alex Hegeman/Highway and Dan Gleason/Highway

Vice Committee Chair Scott Holewinski called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. noting the meeting was properly posted.

**1. Approve agenda**

Motion by Paszak/Almekinder to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

**2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held February 24, 2022.**

Motion by Paszak/Timmons to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held February 24, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**3. General Business Discussion/Act**

**A. Highway Department vendor vouchers**

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

**4. Discussion/Act on 2022-2023 WisDOT Salt Bid**

Hegeman commented the County was part of the DOT salt bid for previous years and the purpose of this was to include the County as part of the bid for the upcoming year.

Motion by Timmons/Paszak to approve the commissioner to authorize 2022-2023 WisDot salt bid. Motion carried.

**5. Discussion/Act on Seasonal Weight Postings and Seasonal Overweight Permit**

Holewinski expressed concern if the roads were posted too soon as temperatures may fall the following week but noted it was at the commissioner's discretion. Hegeman reported he was monitoring the weather and was checking with neighboring counties noting Vilas was considering posting on March 21. Hegeman reported the fees were \$20 for a single trip permit and \$100 for a multiple trip permit.

**6. Discussion/Act on Truck #144 – 1995 Mack Quad Repairs**

Hegeman reported the 1995 Mack required extensive repairs so it was temporarily taken out of service. Hegeman commented he would bring back an estimate to repair but noted it may not be worth the cost. Holewinski commented they decided years earlier not to purchase haul trucks and use the patrol trucks for hauling. Timmons suggested selling the Mack.

**7. Discussion/Act on resolution designating week of April 11 – 15, 2022 National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week**

Motion by Timmons/Paszak to forward the resolution on to County Board. Motion carried.

**8. Discussion/Act on fuel system installation update**

Hegeman reported the fuel system was now in use. Holewinski commented it may be a good idea to store the extra fuel in the existing tanks as fuel cost were increasing questioning how much it would cost to transfer the fuel to the new system. Hegeman confirmed a vendor was capable but did not indicate a cost. Hegeman commented he was working with Northwest Petroleum on the removal of the lines and tanks.

**9. Discussion/Act on brine building construction update**

Hegeman reported the final invoice was paid and approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 remained for the transfer of the brine system. The HVAC installer believed the discoloration was created by the initial startup and would return to clean the affected area. Hegeman noted if the problem continued it would need to be addressed. Snow stops were going to be installed to divert the snow from the roof away from the pipe at the rear of the building.

**10. Discussion/Act on purchase of new steamer**

Hegeman reported the steamer was 23 years old and was in need of a new heating coil and several check valves estimating costs of \$4,000 for parts and labor to repair. Hegeman stated he received a quote of \$20,800 for a new steamer that was in stock and could be delivered within a week noting the steamer was used in the spring to thaw culverts for towns. Hegeman suggested using the funds from the sale of the crash attenuator to purchase the steamer.

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to approve the purchase of the new steamer and the sale of the old steamer. Motion carried.

**11. Commissioner Report/Discussion**

Hegeman reported the following:

- The crew did a great job with the ice storm over the weekend
- The wing of truck 132 was damaged after coming in contact with a stump while ditching snow banks on CTH D
- Due to its age, parts were becoming difficult to find for truck 157 noting it required a hub conversion
- Cutting of trees and brush continued on CTH Z
- Potholes were being fixed on US 8 and STH 17
- Remaining funding from the construction budget would be used to help with the cost estimates for the federal funding
- Two positions are open; Mechanic closing on March 15 and Equipment Operator closing on March 21
- He would be participating in a DOT webinar regarding Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding

**12. Future Meeting Dates:**

- March 24, 2022
- April 7 and 21, 2022

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- Gravel pit development
- Removal of above ground fuel tanks
- Request of ARPA funding for Rhinelander facility generator and cost estimate
- Long-term equipment fund/financing
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding for CTH B/Wolf River culverts
- Revision of driveway permit
- 2022 Chip seal
- Follow-up on extra funding for 2022
- Update on engineering firm
- Five-Year Road Plan

**14. Public comments**

No public present

**15. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary