

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room
Thursday, March 23, 2023 8:00 a.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Mike Timmons	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		
Mike Roach	Zoom		
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/Fried to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Fried/Almekinder to approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held March 2, 2023. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

No public comment.

4. Future Meeting Dates:

- April 6, 2023
- April 20, 2023

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers

Motion by Fried/Almekinder to approve the Solid Waste vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

6. Discussion/Act on Notice to Proceed on PVC Roof Replacement

Jolin reported the use of ARPA funds was approved at the County Board meeting noting the required down payment of one-half of the contracted amount.

Motion by Fried/Timmons to proceed on the PVC Roof Replacement as authorized by the County Board. Motion carried.

7. Discussion/Act on Line Item Transfers for 2022

Motion by Cushing/Almekinder to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on quote for screening ground brush piles

Jolin reported requested quotes from Pitlik, Oettinger and Musson Brothers but had only received one back from Musson in the amount of \$21,500.

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to proceed based on the quote from Musson Brothers.

Motion carried.

9. Solid Waste Report /Discussion

- **Possible Tower Placement Update**

Jolin reported a meeting was setup with Mike Fugle to discuss contract terms noting he would be attending the March 6th meeting for a closed session regarding negotiations.

- **Office Building Update**

Jolin reported floors, doors and trim were installed and security was on site the two days prior. Jolin commented the siding was delivered and a small shed was added to house the generator noting the new trash compacter should be operational by Monday morning.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Office Building Update
- Closed session regarding cell tower

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

11. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Fried to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers as presented. Motion carried; Roach abstaining.

12. Discussion/Act on DOT Contracts

a. STH 47 PbM

b. USH 51PbM

c. USH 51 DMA

Hegeman reported the 2 PbM contracts were for crack sealing and the DMA contract was for traffic control, water supply and miscellaneous cleanup for the installation of a UV culvert lining.

Motion by Almekinder/Timmons to accept the 3 contracts as presented. Motion carried.

13. Discussion/Act on Equipment Updates

Hegeman reported:

- Both the new tractor and mower were delivered
- Truck 160 required a new computer for the transmission and was now waiting on the delivery of a wiring harness
- Truck 159 required a new radiator that was damaged by the fan
- Truck 166 was towed to Quinlin's in Antigo for a sensor to fix the transmission
- The mastic kettle caught on fire so the crew was using a rental until it is repaired
- The skid steer trailer was failing faster than expected so they were looking at different options to replace it
- They were looking into options to lease a mini excavator for the summer to repair guardrails, clean out culverts and help cleanup beaver dams

14. Discussion/Act on Wolf River Culvert Project

Hegeman provided an updated construction estimate of \$515,000 and a proposal for additional engineering services including the detour route, land acquisition for guardrail installation, the bidding phase and construction oversight at cost of \$57,000 for a total cost of \$572,000. Hegeman estimated total 2023 construction costs of \$2.46 million of the \$2.5 million of available funding. Due to the potential environmental impact of the project, Timmons recommending informing the public as soon as possible. Fried questioned whether the County could handle some of the services provided by the proposal such as title searches or the clearing and grubbing. Hegeman commented because the project was environmentally sensitive he felt it would be best contracted out.

Motion by Cushing/Fried to go forward with the Wolf River Culvert Project as presented and direct the Highway Commissioner to sign the contract with Robert E. Lee. Motion carried.

15. Discussion/Act on 2023 Chipsealing

Hegeman estimated a cost of approximately \$312,000 compared to the 2021 actual cost for 12 miles of \$235,000 citing increased cost of materials. Hegeman reported there were areas of asphalt on the hogs back portion of CTH G that raveled so those sections were milled and repaved and now he was starting to see the same issues on Highways C, D, and Q noting those roads were previously chipsealed. Hegeman commented he spoke with Lincoln County and they are seeing the same issues on their roads. Hegeman cited a study by the Minnesota DOT researching the possible causes of the pavement failure and although they were unable to definitively find the cause it appears the freeze thaw cycle was contributing to oil and asphalt going into compression and tension at different rates. Hegeman noted they were beginning to see signs of premature failure approximately 3 years following the chipseal but could not attribute the issue to anything either the contractor or the department had done. Hegeman questioned if the committee would want to move forward with chipsealing based upon the new information. Timmons stated the chipseal on Woodruff Road held up for 10 years, however, he was seeing issues after 2 years on Woodland noting there was more traffic on Woodruff Road. Roach commented the issues correspond with the use of brine but Hegeman noted brine was not used on the roads experiencing the issues. Hegeman questioned if chipsealing was extending the life of the roads and as a result getting the financial benefit out of the \$312,000 or were they risking premature failure of the road. Hegeman suggested they wait a couple of years and then reevaluate.

Motion by Timmons/Roach to stop chipsealing projects for 2023 then talk about it later.

Hegeman commented he would research the cause and look into if using different oils or chips would resolve the issue and noted the money budgeted for chipsealing could be used for more wedging which would help extend the pavement life at the other end.

Fried commented he was seeing failure of new asphalt within year one or two as well and felt it was not limited to chipsealing noting he would like it as a future agenda item to discuss. Motion carried.

16. Discussion/Act on Fuel System Update

Hegeman reported he worked with REI to submit a No Further Action Report at a cost of \$350 noting the DNR had 60 days to respond.

17. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported the DOT was going out for bids for salt and the County's order needed to be submitted by the following Monday. Based upon the increased requests from towns, Hegeman estimated an order of approximately 4,800 tons. Hegeman reported the crew was patching both State and County roads, clearing trees on CTH A to resolve vision issues and finishing brushing on CTH D. Quotes for gravel crushing in Klaver Pit were advertised and the CTH D Bridge scoping meeting took place the previous week and he anticipated the receipt of a contract shortly. The CTH P STP scoping meeting was scheduled for that afternoon noting the contract will need to be signed by June. The application for the CTH C Bridge was submitted with another solicitation for STP and Local Bridge Aid in May. Hegeman reported the property owner across the street sold his property and offered to sell a Quonset hut for \$5,000. Timmons recommended inspecting it thoroughly. Hegeman commented he would reach out to Buildings & Grounds.

18. Future Agenda Items

- Research into chipseal and premature pavement failure
- Radio System Upgrade and Planning
- Fuel System Update

19. Public comments

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary