

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

**Oneida County Highway Department Conference Room
Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:00 a.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Cushing	X		
Mike Timmons	X		
Bob Almekinder	X		
Mike Roach	X		
Billy Fried	X		

Present: Alex Hegeman/Highway Commissioner, Dan Hess/Newbold and Dan Gleason/Highway Department.

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/Roach to approve the agenda with the chairman's ability to move around. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held March 21, 2024

Motion by Fried/Almekinder to approve the March 21, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Future Meeting Date:

- April 18, 2024

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

5. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Vendor Vouchers

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

B. Invoices Paid Report

Cushing noted receipt of the Invoices Paid Report.

6. Discussion/Act on Emergency County Bridge and Culvert Aid Application for Four Mile Creek/Forest Lane, Town of Newbold

Hegeman reported the culvert was replaced and would bring back the resolution to reimburse the town once the road surface was repaved.

Motion by Fried/Roach to approve the Emergency County Bridge and Culvert Aid Application for Four Mile Creek/Forest Lane, Town of Newbold as presented. Motion carried.

7. Discussion/Act on Approval of Highway Fee Schedule

Motion by Fried/Timmons to approve the amended Highway Fee Schedule as presented.
Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on Equipment Updates

Hegeman reported since he would not know the actual amount available until the year following he allowed for approximately \$500,000 for each year's purchases.

Fried commented he would rather know what was needed as opposed to just spending the available funds.

Hegeman explained he tried to prioritize based upon the anticipated need using that dollar amount as a ceiling, however, if there was additional money something could be bumped up. Hegeman noted there were no patrol trucks included.

Fried recommended the commissioner list what was needed and suggested the County may need to borrow in order to get what was needed unless the County chose to increase the levy.

Cushing recommended revising the list to include at least one patrol truck for each year. Hegeman explained he would not know the exact amount available for the following year until the previous year's audit was completed.

9. Discussion/Act on Complaint Status Report

Hegeman reported he received complaints about snow getting plowed into a driveway, political signs in the right-of-way and of multiple damaged mailboxes. Hegeman commented the damage to the mailboxes was caused by the weight of the snow noting they were not near the mailboxes because the shoulders were so soft. Hegeman reported a complaint about the condition of USH 51 when compared to Iron and Vilas Counties and noted there was some difficulty maintaining STH 17 during a recent storm.

10. Discussion/Act on Future Capital Improvement Program Projects

Hegeman commented it was difficult to summarize all the previous reports as those studies ranged from 2015 to 2017 with additional recommendations and proposed plans from individual supervisors. Hegeman provided a list of the recommended/completed upgrades based upon the 2015 limited renovation plan which at the time projected a 20 year life for the facility. Hegeman explained he was looking for input from the committee before he moved forward with additional renovations referencing the concerns from WPS to make the upgrades to the electrical system. Almekinder recommended postponing the topic until the new committee was established for the next 2 years. If the intention was to remain in the current facility for the next 10 years, Fried recommended the commissioner list his priorities. Fried commented he thought the renovations would have included additional equipment storage to help protect the equipment. Timmons commented he should highlight the completed upgrades as well as the priorities questioning why Wi-Fi was not available.

11. Discussion/Act on Generator Project Bid results and recommendation

Bidder	Rhineland Main Facility	Rhineland Brine Building	Minocqua Shop
Current Technologies	73,980.00	17,400.00	17,900.00
Peak Power Services	172,160.51	46,194.80	46,194.80
Van Ert Electric Company	96,590.00	31,950.00	32,250.00

Almekinder commented the low bids were in line with his project estimates. Almekinder commented if the facility's system was upgraded to the new standard the new generator would be useless following the upgrade noting WPS would service the current system but were pushing for the system to be upgraded. Almekinder commented the current generator could be rewired to power the office in addition to the shop and overhead door and if less than \$25,000 would not require they bid that portion separately.

Motion by Fried/Roach to accept the Rhinelander Brine Building bid from Current Technologies, to accept the bid for the Minocqua Shop from Current Technologies and to deny all bids for the Rhinelander Main Facility and directing the department head to inquire to rewiring the building as discussed and to attend the CIP Committee meeting on funding options. Motion carried.

12. Discussion/Act on Previously Chipsealed Road Condition Update

Hegeman reported he did not see the deterioration to the extent as the previous winter but was still seeing the raveling on CTH C, Q north, D west and G. Roach commented he felt the issue was caused by the plows or the type of oil type rather than freeze/thaw cycles questioning if the commissioner was willing to change the oil used. Hegeman expressed concern the risk was greater than the reward. Timmons commented he felt the money would be better served fixing roads noting he felt the chip seal was only lasting 3 years. Hegeman commented he was working with Pitlik & Wick to get estimate for either a ½ mile or a mile of road using the pre-oiled chips on CTH D as a test.

13. Discussion/Act on WisDOT RMA Funding Analysis

Hegeman reported there was nothing new to add but brought this item was back to answer any questions the committee might have about the report he provided at the last meeting.

14. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported:

- The crew continued to cut trees on CTH J and Y in between storms
- He attended Commissioner training in Green Bay earlier in the week
- No Changes on the 6' to 20' Structures Program; KBIS will do the County inspection but towns will need to use the WTA designated inspector
- An Operator submitted their resignation
- The GIS Intern position was offered but the applicant turned it down

15. Future Agenda Items

16. Public comments

None

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary