

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

**Oneida County Highway Office Conference Room  
Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:00 a.m.**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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, Dan Gleason/Highway, Greg and Audrey Bohn/Hazelhurst

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.

**2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held April 20, 2023**

Motion by Fried/Timmons to approve the minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> as presented. Motion carried.

**3. Public Comments**

Greg Bohn commented there was a large amount gravel thrown into their driveway and yard in addition to the plow damaging the entrance to their blacktop driveway. Bohn attributed the cause of the problems to plowing soft shoulders at excessive speed. Bohn commented he felt something must be different as he did not have these issues prior to this winter season. Bohn commented during the storm when approximately 17 inches of snow fell, USH 51 was not plowed until 10:30 that morning. Bohn stated there were a dozen cars stuck in front of their driveway with only one path made by the vehicles going through so he called 911.

**4. Future Meeting Dates:**

- May 18, 2023
- June 1, 2023

**SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

**5. General Business Discussion/Act:**

**A. Solid Waste vendor vouchers**

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

- 6. It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and approved by Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session pursuant to section §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Cell tower placement).**

Cushing noted there was no need to enter into a closed session as Jolin needed to collect additional information. Jolin commented she anticipated bring back their counter offer to the 5/18 meeting.

- 7. Return to open session. Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed.)**

- 8. Discussion/Act on Broom Attachment for Tractor**

Jolin stated the broom would be used to remove the sand and nails noting the current broom was worn out.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

- 9. Solid Waste Report /Discussion  
Office Building Update**

Jolin reported the building was complete with only installation of the air conditioning and alignment of IT with Frontier for the electronics remaining. Jolin confirmed all the inspections were up to date.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

- 11. General Business Discussion/Act**

**A. Highway Department vendor vouchers**

Motion by Timmons/Fried to approve the Highway Department vendor vouchers. Motion carried.

- 12. Discussion/Act on Equipment Updates**

Hegeman reported delivery of the two 2023 patrol trucks was moved back a week or two. Hegeman presented an analysis of the equipment revenues and expenses noting the depreciation expense increases as the cost of the patrol trucks increases. Fried commented there may be too many trucks if the trucks are not producing enough revenue to offset those expenses. Hegeman commented on average the trucks break even at 500 hours and for 2022 the top 17 trucks assigned to plow routes averaged 525 hours, the older trucks are needed for backup and two of the International quad-axle trucks lose money but don't have enough value to justify their sale. Timmons commented County patrol trucks cannot be expected to consistently make money because of the repair costs to older trucks. Hegeman commented there have been trucks that are down for months while waiting for the correct parts to arrive. Hegeman stated there are three trucks ordered for 2024 that may not arrive until 2025 so it might be worth discussing placing an order for 2025, however, with the repayment of the loan there was not enough money in the equipment fund to make those

purchases. Hegeman commented the majority of the construction equipment makes money but the mandated equipment was not necessarily in the black because of the higher costs.

### **13. Discussion/Act on Wolf River Culvert Project**

Hegeman reported all of the information the DNR requested was sent for review. REL was confident the DNR would not require changes the plan so they are beginning the process to advertise for bids with an opening on 5/31.

### **14. Discussion/Act on Complaint Status Report**

Hegeman reported he received a complaint on CTH B that a sign was knocked down by a plow. Hegeman reviewed a video of the event and did not see any evidence the plow came in contact with the sign but rather the snow from the plow. In addition, the sign was in the right of way so he informed the complainant the County follows the DOT policy prohibiting signs in the right of way. Hegeman commented he would be bringing a signs in right of way policy to present to the committee for consideration.

Hegeman noted County does not have jurisdiction over USH 51 so the complaint regarding the gravel on USH 51 was turned over to the DOT and when examined it was determined the gravel in question was within the right of way. There was another complaint from the manager from Timber Ridge that the department filled two potholes on USH 51 but did nothing with the larger pothole in the road entrance as it was in the right of way but was not part of USH 51.

Hegeman reported when CTH Q was reconstructed the asphalt apron was matched to a driveway but has since settled creating a little bit of a lip noting the County would not be fixing the apron as the department does not maintain driveways.

### **15. Discussion/Act on 2023 Summer Maintenance Plan**

Hegeman provided a list of projects the department would be performing including brushing, wedging, mill and fill, culvert replacements and mastic on CTH L and CTH P.

### **16. Discussion/Act on 5-Year Construction Plan**

Hegeman reported CTH N was scheduled for 2028 but had deteriorated quickly so the worst section would be done 2024 with the remainder in 2025. Hegeman commented he would like to experiment with adding polymers and foam injections the section of CTH K planned for 2024 between the two sections being reconstructed this year and also on sections CTH G to see how each performs over time. Hegeman commented even after assigning PASER ratings of 10 for the sections planned for this year the average rating decreased. Hegeman noted the two bridge replacements planned for 2026 would reduce available funding in addition to the CTH C Bridge likely getting approved. Hegeman explained there should another round of STP funding upcoming and he would like to get the rural section of CTH P into the program noting it was the perfect candidate for cold in place recycling.

### **17. Discussion/Act on Upcoming CIP Requests**

Hegeman commented he did not have a request at that time but typically construction funding in the amount of \$1.2 million has come from the general fund. Fried commented the ideal would be this business unit would not need the million from the general fund. Hegeman commented the department is more or less contracting with the County to perform the maintenance and to administer the construction funding. Hegeman commented it would

ultimately be up to the County to decide how many roads would be done noting construction cost are approximately \$275K to \$285K per mile with a little over 7 miles per year to maintain the construction schedule. Hegeman questioned if the department was required to bring any purchase over \$25K before the CIP Committee if those dollars were already in the department budget.

#### **18. Discussion/Act on Town of Woodboro Snow and Road Maintenance RFP**

Hegeman reported the Town of Woodboro was requesting proposals for snow and road maintenance. Timmons questioned if the department was capable of meeting all of the requirements without reducing the level of service to the County. Hegeman commented he met with the town chair and confirmed they did not want to be second fiddle to the State and County. Fried recommended estimating the proposal so the department cannot lose money. Hegeman commented he would continue to run the numbers and see if he can come up with a way to make it work. Timmons insisted it must be profitable.

#### **19. Commissioner's Report/Discussion**

- Registration WCHA Summer Road School was due on the following Monday
- On May 24<sup>th</sup> the TDA scheduled a drive-in to meet with Joint Finance Committee members about transportation funding
- Monitoring wells were installed with the first sample planned to be taken the following week
- Crews had been out patching, crack sealing and then brushing when wet in addition to working on the mill and fill on STH 70
- The PBM on USH 51 was almost complete and then moving onto STH 47 the next week if the weather allowed
- Hegeman gave a presentation to the RHS drivers education class about winter maintenance, winter driving and what to do when you see a snow plow on the road
- The Lake Nokomis Lake District offered to hire Portable Paint and Blasting to paint over the graffiti and apply a coating to prevent future graffiti on the bridge
- Seasonal weight limits were being lifted later that day

#### **20. Future Agenda Items**

- Equipment update
- `Wolf River culvert project
- Complaint report

#### **21. Public comments**

None

#### **22. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary