

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

**Oneida County Solid Waste Office Conference Room
Thursday, August 10, 2023 8:00 a.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
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, Jeri Cooper/Highway and Dan Gleason/Highway

Committee 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 Almekinder/Fried to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve the minutes of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee meeting held July 27, 2023

Motion by Fried/Roach to approve the minutes from the July 27th meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Future Meeting Dates:

- August 24, 2023
- September 7, 2023
- September 21, 2023

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5. General Business Discussion/Act:

A. July vendor vouchers

Motion by Timmons/Cushing to recognize receipt. Motion carried.

6. Discussion/Act on 2023 Paving Project Notice of Award Resolution

Jolin reported the funding passed Admin the preceding Monday.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to move forward. Motion carried.

7. Discussion/Act on Sale of the Office Trailer

Jolin reported 1 sealed bid was received in the amount of \$3,000 and the bill of sale was reviewed by corporation counsel.

Motion by Timmons/Roach move forward with the sale. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Act on GFL invoice

Jolin reported the invoice to remove the recycling was over \$25,000 for part of both June and July. Jolin commented prices have been raised to help cover costs in addition to a plan that will be brought back to the next meeting.

Motion by Cushing/Timmons to approve. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Act on 2000 Hour Service on 644P Loader

Jolin reported the estimate was for \$6,247.50 with the service performed on site over the course of 2 days.

Motion by Almekinder/Cushing to approve the service in the amount of \$6,247.50.

10. Discussion/Act on Office Cleaning Quotes

Jolin reported staff was unable to keep up with the cleaning of the office noting she received a quote from Extreme Clean for \$100/week.

Motion by Timmons/Almekinder to approve Extreme Clean in the amount of \$100 per week. Motion Carried.

11. Solid Waste Report /Discussion

• **Transfer Station Push Wall**

Jolin reported an examination revealed the concrete remained stable so a piece of half-inch steel was installed in front of the wall with additional concrete to fill any voids.

• **Long-term Care, Landfill Methane**

Jolin reported with the flair not running an increase in methane was detected but the DNR granted an exception to blow it and it returned to normal within 4 days. The flair is now operational but the department was working with the DNR to switch to passive venting.

12. Future Agenda Items

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

13. General Business Discussion/Act

A. Highway Department vendor vouchers

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

14. Discussion/Act on Bid Results and Award of Salt Dome Re-Roof Bid

Hegeman reported the one bid was received for \$180,856 which was more than expected, however, the DOT confirmed the cost was in line with comparable projects. Hegeman stated the department had the funds and expected the DOT to confirm its commitment to fund 60 percent of the cost of project prior to the County Board meeting the following Tuesday.

15. Discussion/Act on Salt Dome Re-Roof Resolution

Motion by Fried/Almekinder to forward the resolution as presented contingent upon the 60/40 split being confirmed by the DOT. Motion carried.

16. Discussion/Act on Town Bridge Aid Allowable Expenses

Hegeman reported the replacement of a failed culvert in the town of Stella required the road be closed for a couple days resulting in the land owners needing hotel rooms. Hegeman contacted the WCHA and was it recommended to ask the committee to make a decision as

to whether it was allowable. Almekinder commented based on the need for emergency services he felt it should be allowed.

Motion by Almekinder/Roach to allow the addition of the hotel stays within the bill. Motion carried.

17. Discussion/Act on Patrol Truck Updates

Hegeman commented they were still looking at the used market but the only truck they found was already sold. Hegeman reported they were expecting an estimate which should determine whether the insurance company will elect to repair or salvage truck 158.

18. Discussion/Act on STP and Local Bridge Projects and 5 Year Road Plan

Not accounting for inflation, Hegeman estimated the cost to maintain the 7 miles of reconstruction was approximately \$2 million annually. Hegeman commented some counties use varying strategies with bonding to supplement reconstruction. Fried question if the committee wanted to consider some options to present to the board. Timmons commented this is what is needed and should be presented, however, funding sources should come from Admin. Fried noted other counties strategies should be included with the presentation. Hegeman noted the budget would likely change based upon what projects are approved by the CIP committee.

19. Discussion/Act on 2024 Capital Improvement Projects

Hegeman commented according the finance director, the CIP requests previously brought before the committee should to be ranked. Timmons commented the conveyor and foreman trucks at medium and everything else at high. Hegeman commented the 3 trucks previously ordered would take approximately 24 months so they need to discuss a backup plan of how to get trucks ordered for 2025. Hegeman noted although they are looking at every way to maximize the equipment fund a lot depends on how good or bad the winter season is.

20. Discussion/Act on Complaint Status Report

Hegeman reported they started striping the roads so that should address some complaints. Roach commented there was a large amount of gravel on CTH D, confirmed the commissioner received the complaint regarding brushing on STH 47 and pointed out the canopy on CTH J was low enough to damage rubber roof of campers. Hegeman commented Vilas County encountered citizen concerns regarding a rustic road designation the previous year.

21. Discussion/Act on Generator Design Report

Almekinder commented this item would need to be postponed.

22. Discussion/Act on Request for “No Engine Braking” on CTH H

Hegeman reported he received a request for No Engine Braking on CTH H noting in the past the committee had declined those requests questioning if that was the standing policy, he would not bring those requests before the committee. Cushing confirmed the policy.

23. Discussion/Act on Department Budget Review

Hegeman provided a year-to-date update of the budget through July. Hegeman reported winter maintenance was over budget but there was approximately \$800,000 in continuing appropriations that could be split between summer and winter maintenance if needed.

24. Commissioner's Report/Discussion

Hegeman reported:

- He spoke with the Drivers' Ed class regarding winter driving.
- The crew was patching on county, performing bridge maintenance for the state and prepping for sand screening at the pit.
- The first salt order of the season was made noting a cost of \$99.53/ton.
- The selection committee for the CTH L and CTH C bridge projects would be meeting later that day.
- Soil borings were taken for the CTH D bridge project the previous week.
- The CTH L project was moving forward.
- There was a private citizen posting video of Highway Department workers noting the crew was instructed to ask her to remain at a safe distance otherwise if she is too close to a work zone to cease working.
- Some equipment was listed on Wisconsin Surplus with the auction ending later that day.

25. Future Agenda Items

- Patrol truck fleet status and maintenance report
- Complaint report
- Generator Project updated design
- Utility Permit and Policy

26. Public comments

None

27. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary