

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: OCTOBER 28th, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: HOFFMAN, WOLK, PASZAK, SHARON; excused: HOLEWINSKI

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: SCHOLTES/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
POTTER/COUNTY COORDINATOR, LEMKE/NOKOMIS ATV CLUB

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Paszak/Wolk to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Hoffman/Sharon to approve the minutes of the October 14th, 2010 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Paszak/Sharon to approve vendor vouchers #588 – 611 for a total of \$128,179.67, plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Lemke, Nokomis ATV Club, was present to discuss utilizing portions of CTH Y, L, and N for ATV routes. He explained that he is also working with Lincoln County and area Townships to try to open up other roads for ATV travel. The vehicles would travel on the blacktop service, not on the shoulder or in the ditch line. Speed limit for the ATV's would be 25 MPH and signage would be 100% funded by the club. Scholtes said there is no Oneida County roads open to ATV's at this time. Lincoln County has one opened so far and have had no issues with it. The committee agreed that many other matters need to be looked into; liability, restrictions, regulations, etc. Hoffman felt they may be opening a can of worms if they open county roads to ATV's and not snow mobiles; but he said they would look into the matter further. Scholtes will talk to the Sheriff's Dept, DNR, Forestry, and Corporation Counsel for more information.
6. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities. Scholtes explained:
Meetings recently attended; Updates on maintenance work being done; Cleanup from wind storm; Training scheduled November 12th; Updating work rules; Update on CTH "J" project; Vacancy reviews; Trying to get Surveyors to call back for bids on Rhinelander shop grounds.
7. **Motion:** Hoffman/Paszak to approve the purchase of a commercial pressure washer for the Minocqua shop for approximately \$9,000 installed. All ayes.
8. Scholtes explained that he is asking to replace an employee who left in June after waiting the vacancy review period. The department is down to 22 employees as of today, and Scholtes strongly feels that the department cannot run efficiently with less than 25. Potter recommended hiring a less-than full time employee, to save on benefits and liabilities. Scholtes told them he just received another retirement notice early this morning, and that employee will be done the end of next week. After hearing this, Potters agreed that hiring a full time employee would be ok with him, and would no longer recommend a less than full time employee. **Motion:** Hoffman/Wolk to hire a full time Maintenance worker and forward request to LRES. All ayes.
9. Scholtes explained that the department really needs to have three mechanics to keep up with breakdowns and preventative maintenance because of our aging fleet and the inability to replace very old and outdated equipment. Potters recommended replacing the retiring mechanic because he can serve as a mechanic as well as a snow plow driver if needed. **Motion:** Wolk/Paszak to hire a new mechanic and forward request to LRES. All ayes.

10. Future meeting dates:
October 29th, 2010, 6:00 a.m. Fall Legislative Breakfast in Fremont, WI
November 11th, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
11. Future agenda items:
“D” Culvert near Cranberry Marsh
Rhinelanders Shop Security
Rhinelanders Shop Heating System
Purchase Equipment
12. No Public Comments
13. **Motion:** Hoffman/Paszak to adjourn at 9:42 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary