

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: SCHOLTES/HWY COMMISSIONER, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR,  
BENNETT/PATROL SUPT, GARY BAIER, GREG RUMMEL, PHIL  
RAUSCH, DAVID LEMKE AND JOHN SORENSON

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/Sharon to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to approve the minutes of the June 16th, 2011 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to approve vendor vouchers #339 – 355 for a total of \$147,354.04, plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.  
Bennett:  
State work: Mowing on State roads, Culvert work on 8E, bridge deck work.  
County work: Mowing, bridge work, prep-work on CTH 'C' for paving which is to begin 06/16.  
Other work: Installed 3 culverts for Town of Pelican, did 3 jobs for the Town of Woodboro, installing 72" culvert for the Town of Monico, and we did some work for Forestry.  
Scholtes: Road striping work is beginning in mid-July. Update on DNR correspondence. Met with Nokomis ATV Club president. Driveway permits on CTH's 'C', 'P' and 'D'. Met with surveyor on main shop survey. Spoke with Woodboro Town Chairperson.
6. Discussed Nokomis ATV Club request. They are coming forward with a request to open some of the county trunk highways to ATV use. Lemke stated that they are just beginning the process of contacting landowners regarding an off-road ATV route/trail. Scholtes stated that his only major concern is on CTH 'L' because of the highway traffic volume. A smaller concern was on CTH 'Y' because of all the logging trucks. The majority of traffic on CTH 'Y' does follow the speed limits posted but this is not necessarily true on CTH 'L'. He said that Lincoln County had voiced a concern about their section of CTH 'L' because of the traffic volume. Lincoln, Price and Langlade counties all told him that they have had no issues with accidents. Bennett stated that he saw no problems with CTH's 'N' or 'Y'. Scholtes said that the County Board would have to issue an ordinance once the policy was developed. The ATV club would cover the cost of signing but would have to go by the county's regulations. The point of contact would be the Forestry Department. Hoffman said that he would like to review other counties but was sure that the highway committee could work with the clubs. Scholtes will need to develop criteria/application guidelines. Holewinski stated that he thought this should be presented to the county board prior to developing further to see if the board would even show an interest/approval to this type of interest. Baier stated that the Town of Nokomis had held a public hearing before they started their process of approval for ATV's on their town roads. Hoffman said that it would not happen overnight but reiterated that "we are willing to work with the clubs". Scholtes suggested that an initial step should be to send an inquiry to all the affected landowners to get their responses to having an off-road trail. Scholtes will invite Eric Rady/Forestry to the next meeting. Hoffman asked that this agenda item be put on all meeting agendas until further notice. Baier said that his town crew, at first, was against the idea of ATV trails on their town roads but have since then agreed that it is working well and there have been no problems. Rummel said that the average age of an ATV driver is 50 years old which usually equals being more responsible. Hoffman said that the committee's main concerns were safety and maintenance. It was agreed that the discussion would be tabled until the next meeting so Scholtes could gather more data.

7. Updated committee on CTH 'D' culvert. Scholtes stated that an emergency replacement of the culvert will be taking place. He responded to an email from a concerned citizen stating that it is not the highway department's intention to lower the lake level.
8. Scholtes will draft a letter to the Union stating that a signed letter is needed before the issue can be taken up.
9. Motion: Holewinski/Wolk to purchase a skid steer and attachments as presented, not to exceed \$55,000. All ayes.
10. Future agenda items: ATV trail discussion, Union Correspondence.
11. No public comment.
12. **Motion:** Hoffman/Paszak to adjourn at 9:45 am. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary