

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: October 11th, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: PASZAK, SHIDELL, BAIER, HOLEWINSKI, TIMMONS

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, WRYCHA/OFFICE MGR, SIX MEMBER OF ATV CLUB, O'BRIEN/PUBLIC

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Paszak called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2012 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Baier/Holewinski to approve vendor vouchers #523-550 for a total of \$19,073.78. All ayes.
5. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of activities for the last few weeks. Bennett mentioned that the new truck from Casper's has had a series of problems and has been sent back to the dealer for a third time.
6. ATV Club is requesting all of CTH Y be open to ATVs. Right now only portions of CTH Y are open, but riders are getting confused as to where they can be on the road and where they can't. Bennett told the committee that he has not received one complaint on the ATVs riding along CTH Y. Lincoln County has said that after we open these portions of CTH Y, they will open their portion of CTH Y to USH 8. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to open the remaining CTH Y as requested. All ayes. Bennett did comment that the Highway Dept would have no part in allowing the ATV Clubs to cross state highways.
7. **Motion:** Holewinski/Timmons to approve the Quarterly Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes. Bennett said he would like to replace the patch truck that has 288,000 miles on it and the front bumper is rusted through.
8. **Motion:** Timmons/Shidell to approve the Bridge Aid Request from the Town of Newbold for a culvert replacement on Wilderness Trail. All ayes.
9. Committee discussed privatization of county work that was brought up on the County Board floor. Holewinski said he thinks the subject is coming up because the Highway Dept took away the paving on CTH Q and gave it to a private contractor. Shidell said he is a firm believer that if a private contractor can do it, the county shouldn't. Bennett explained that some things have to be contracted out; like pulverizing. The county could not afford to purchase a pulverizer for \$300,000 when we only do 6-10 miles of road a year. Our paver won't last forever either; that would cost \$450,000 to replace. Holewinski said we should have 17 drivers for 17 beats, and two mechanics. He feels we do not need 6 back ups. Bennett said he told the guys that as long as they answer their phones and come in, we won't need to use the LTEs. Holewinski also said if we could use county trucks for town work that would keep them busy during the summer. Shidell would not be in favor of this unless the contractor says they don't care where the drivers come from. Bennett will do a presentation at the Towns Association meeting to ask towns to have the trucking costs taken out of their road construction bid specs so the county can do the trucking. Shidell said we could lay the guys off during the summer, unless we found something for them to do. Bennett explained that we did not turn down any work that we were asked to do this year. O'Brien, former Union Representative, spoke as a concerned citizen. He expressed concern over the fact that the county is eliminating quality family jobs by not replacing retiring employees and by subcontracting out work that can be done by county employees. This is a trickle effect that not only affects the employees, but also the restaurants, stores, and other establishments that these employees would visit.

10. Discussed WCHA Winter Conference January 14th – 16th in Wisconsin Dells. Paszak and Shidell said they would not be able to attend. Baier and Timmons said they would. Holewinski said possibly, but was not positive.
11. Future meeting dates:
 - November 15th, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - only meeting in November
 - December 13th, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
12. Future agenda items:
 - Privatization
 - Trucking for Towns
13. No Public comments
14. **Motion:** Shidell/Baier to adjourn at 8:55 am. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary