

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: June 13th, 2013

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, KRALL/WXPR RADIO, HINTZ/COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR, KIRBY/THREE LAKES ATV CLUB, SIDLOWSKI/CITIZEN, SCHOLTES/PINE LAKE SUPERVISOR

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:** Baier/Timmons to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to approve the minutes of the May 30th, 2013 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve vendor vouchers #296-339 for a total of \$83,944.33 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Committee discussed a request to open CTH A in Three Lakes to ATV's. Bennett explained that CTH A has an average daily traffic count of 1,600 vehicles. He is uncomfortable opening this section of road to ATV's because of the large amount of traffic, the speed at which traffic goes, the large number of high school kids using this road to get to school, and the curves and hills along the road. Kirby mentioned he is asking the DOT for permission to run along USH 45; then ATV's could run Cross Country Road and would not have to use CTH A to get to Eagle River. Right now if the county were to open A, it would be a dead end because the Town of Sugar Camp has not opened their roads. Bennett said there are many questions regarding the insurance carried by the clubs, and he would like them clarified before any other sections are opened. Paszak said he would feel more comfortable if all riders had to be at least 16 years of age, not 12 as the DNR law allows. Kirby mentioned that Three Lakes, and other towns, have in their ordinance that all ATV drivers must be at least 16. Hintz said he was confused on a few issues: What the speed limit actually is for ATV's. County ordinance says 25 MPH, and the policy says 35 MPH; what exactly does the club insurance actually cover; who is the one responsible for holding the public informational meeting, town, club, or county. Bennett said he is working with Corporation Counsel to make changes to the county ordinance. He would like the speed limit changed to 35 MPH, allow ATV's to only run during daylight hours, have the age limit at 16 or older, and have insurance requirement specified. Hintz suggested checking with the county's Risk Manager on the insurance issues. **Motion:** Shidell to have a moratorium on opening any additional county roads to ATV's until all issues are addressed. Motion died for lack of a second. Sidlowski cited a list of many reasons why he felt CTH A should not be open to ATV's and asked that the committee postpone their decision for one year. Further discussions took place. The committee agreed to postpone any decision to open CTH A to ATV's until a future meeting when answers can be made to various issues listed above.
6. Discussed use of inmates. Shidell mentioned an article in a county magazine that showed how well this is working for Brown County. A judge sentences the prisoner to community service that is carried out within the county. Prisoners get a reduced sentence or extra credit for working for the county. Timmons said he will mention it to the Public Safety Committee.
7. Bennett updated the committee on state funding for 2014. At the WCHA Summer Conference the commissioners were told that the counties, as well as towns and cities, will be receiving a 4% increase in

their GTA money for 2014. They were also told that Governor Walker's initiative will give the DOT an extra \$56 million for their Routine Maintenance Agreements, which means an increase to an estimated \$1.8 million for Oneida County, up from \$1.3 million in 2013.

8. **Motion:** Shidell/Holewinski to approve selling an old patrol truck. All ayes.
9. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities. Bennett received an outside employment request from an employee; approved request and forwarded to Charbarneau. Employee agreed this job comes first, and he will make himself available if called. Public hearing for the revised, down-scope on CTH J was attended by Rich, Highway Supervisor. Went well with no opposition.
10. Future meeting dates:
 - June 13th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - June 27th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - July 11th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 - July 25th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
11. Future agenda items:
 - CTH A for ATV travel
12. Public comments: Scholtes mentioned that the Town of Pine Lake received a request to open their town roads to ATV's. Their meeting had a lot of supporters, and 3 or 4 with concerns. No decision was made. The Town Board is concerned because this same club is saying they will take on these roads, and feels that club is taking on a ton of roads, in various townships and it may be too much for them to handle. The town will discuss matter again in August.
13. **Motion:** Shidell/Timmons to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary