

## MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

HELD ON: August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,  
ANDERSON/LAKELAND TIMES

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 amended agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to approve the minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Holewinski/Baier to approve vendor vouchers #428-461 for a total of \$68,577.42 plus personal expense vouchers. All ayes.
5. Discussed the 2013 general maintenance shortfall due to the severe winter in early 2013. Bennett explained that the department is falling short of its budgeted amount for maintenance; mostly because of the bad winter weather we had January through April of this year. The other is because we had planned on having the employees on construction on CTH Y for many weeks; but because the construction is on hold because of the lawsuit, employees' time and equipment is being charged to general maintenance instead. He cut out \$70,000 in road striping this year, but still expects to be approximately \$200,000 short by the end of the year. The committee suggested waiting until the end of the year, then go to county board for more money.
6. Discussed the 2014 budget. Bennett explained that, if he does not receive additional money to cover the shortfall for 2013, the department will begin 2014 with much less to operate 2014. The committee agreed with the Finance Director that Bennett should add back in the 2013 shortfall and the \$50,000 for the CHIP Program and go to County Board to cover the 2013 shortfall. Bennett also told the committee the State intends to increase the State Routine Maintenance amount. If that happens, it will help the department do more work for them and less time charged to the county. He asked the committee to come to the office with any questions they may have on the 2014 budget material handed out prior to September 12<sup>th</sup>, when approval of the budget will be on the agenda.
7. Discussed speed limit reduction requests for CTH P and CTH L. Bennett explained that both roads were originally state roads and both roads are built to state standards. He listed crash statistics for both roads. The committee agreed that accidents listed were either operator errors or weather related. Bennett explained that the requests were coming from just a few individuals. The committee felt that more input should come from the towns, and asked to have the policy changed so the town of jurisdiction will be the one to come forward with requests for change. Residents asking for speed limit changes need to go to their townships first, and get their approval.
8. Discussed request for ATV crossing on CTH L. Bennett showed the committee that the location requested by the ATV club is on a blind curve with lots of traffic and vehicles going 55 MPH. He felt it was a very dangerous location. He suggested the club use Nancy Drive location instead. Bennett is still waiting to here back from the club.
9. **Motion:** Shidell/Baier to sell #149 patrol truck for \$14,000 less \$1,000 commission. All ayes.

10. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to advertise for sand for the production of salt sand from various locations. All ayes.
11. **Motion:** Holewinski/Shidell to purchase plow blades from various low bidders as discussed. All ayes.
12. **Motion:** Timmons/Holewinski to send the Shop Foreman and the Asst Patrol Supt to the SCHSFA Conference in Eau Claire, WI September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. All ayes.
13. Committee reviewed supervisor's lists of construction and/or maintenance activities.
14. Future meeting dates:
  - September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
  - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
  - October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
  - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
15. Future agenda items:
  - 2014 Budget
  - Speed limit reduction procedure
  - CTH Y update
  - ATV use on county roads/Insurance
  - ATV crossing on CTH L
16. No Public comments
17. **Motion:** Baier/Timmons to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary