

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HELD ON: JUNE 24th, 2010

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: SCHOLTES/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY,
BENNETT/PATROL SUPT, POTTERS/COUNTY COORDINATOR, C.
COOPER/PUBLIC

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:** Holewinski/Wolk to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Paszak/Sharon to approve the minutes of the June 3rd, 2010 meeting. All ayes.
4. **Motion:** Wolk/Paszak to approve vendor vouchers #314 – 351 for a total of \$56,172.27, plus personal expense vouchers presented. All ayes.
5. Committee/Supervisor discussions of department construction and/or maintenance activities.
Bennett explained:
State work: Replaced damaged guardrail on STH 32; Patching on USH 51; Mowing; Shoulder repairs; Cut trees on STH 32
County work: Finished shoulder work on “J” & “O”; Checked culverts on “C”, 12 need to be replaced; Mowing; Conveyor truck on “A”; Repaired “E” snow mobile crossing; Patching on Kemp St and “Y”, Repaired culvert on “L”; Paved “D” East, shouldering today; Replaced culvert on “J”
Other work: Had 5 guys training for 3 days in Scheidegger Pit with the new excavator; Repairs made to Menard building and Shed #2 in Minocqua; Trucking for the Landfill; Storm cleanup around Pelican Lake and Town of Enterprise; Doing work in Almond Park for the Forestry Dept; Did 4 quotes for culvert replacements for the Town of Pelican; Work for Pine Lake culvert replacement came in under bid.
Scholtes explained: Meetings recently attended; Worked on beat postings and union position postings; “L” prevailing wages; School district gravel pit issues; Quote for WisDOT parking lot and sign shop; Invasive species along highways; Driveway permit issues; Pitlik crushed in Scheidegger Pit; New quad-axel truck arrived.
6. Lincoln County is pulverizing and paving CTH “L”. They agreed to do our portion of 1100’ to the bridge for an estimated \$35,000. There is adequate money in construction to cover the cost. Scholtes sent in forms to DWD and they said OK to proceed. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve the CTH “L” project and have Lincoln County do the work for \$35,000. All ayes.
7. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to close acceptance of any additional Safety Plan bids. All ayes. Bids received: Alpha Terra \$5,500 plus on site training of \$425.00/ea and additional fees; REI \$11,900 with \$3,900 for additional written training and other fees. Scholtes said there are many different aspects to look at when considering the bids. Will have to see what is actually included in each bid and see what is actually needed for our department. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to have the Commissioner review the bids and bring back to the committee at a future meeting. All ayes.
8. **Motion:** Wolk/Paszak to approve the May Highway Fund Balances and Equipment Cost Analysis Report. All ayes.
9. **Motion:** Holewinski/Sharon to approve the 2010 DIDS report and forward to Finance. All ayes.

10. **Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (f) Wis. Stats for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Roll call vote taken to go into closed session. All ayes.
- Motion:** Holewinski/Wolk to go back into open session. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. No action taken. Discussed personnel issues.
11. Discussed highway operations and the reduction of personnel in the last 8 years. In 2002 there were 33 union employees, January 1 of 2010 there were 27, and today we are down to 22. Scholtes feels the minimum staffing level needs to be at least 25 to maintain our roads. Hoffman said we may need to increase the lengths of the beats to cover them with fewer men. Scholtes would like to hire three individuals to fill these positions. Holewinski suggested bringing this matter back to the committee at the next meeting so he has time to review the matter.
12. Quote received from DeWitt Electric to bring shop up to code on electrical panel for \$3,826.00. Holewinski suggested getting three quotes for the work from local electrical companies. **Motion:** Holewinski/Sharon to instruct the Commissioner to get three quotes to bring the shop electrical panel up to code and take the lowest quote, not to exceed \$3,826.00. All ayes.
13. **Motion:** Paszak/Wolk to approve the WisDOT Contract for County Services for outdoor sign removal on private property, pending approval from Corporation Counsel. All ayes.
14. **Motion:** Holewinski/Paszak to approve the Access Agreement with Northwood's Passage. All ayes. Holewinski said he would like to see the agreement amended so the agreement would not have to come back every year. Have the agreement valid until such time that either party decides to terminate the agreement.
15. Discussed Nicolet Colleges request for bike lanes into the City of Rhinelander. The committee agreed this would be a great thing, but that the county does not have the money to do this. They asked the Commissioner to reply to the College and let them know that if they were able to come up with the funding, the committee would revisit the issue.
16. Future meeting dates:
- July 8th, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
 - July 22nd, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
 - August 12th, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
 - August 26th, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
17. Future agenda items:
- Possible joint construction project on CTH "W" with the City of Rhinelander
 - Safety bids
 - WisDOT GPS systems
 - Interviews
18. No Public comments
19. **Motion:** Hoffman/Wolk to adjourn at 10:40 am. All ayes.