

MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
301 WASHINGTON STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, David Behrend, David Christianson, Robert Wolf, Joel Lavarda

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Al Sleeter, Erik Pritzl, Beth Ellingson, Shelly Schultz

1. Call to Order
Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9 am.
2. Statement of County Mission and Vision by Hytinen
3. Approval of Agenda
 - 2.1 Change of Sequence – None.
 - 2.2 Removal of Items – None.Motion by Ragen/Behrend to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
Motion by Wolf/Behrend to approve the October 5, 2023 minutes. The motion was voted and carried.
5. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
Vendor payments were discussed.
6. Communications
 - Notice of Public Hearing – No Impact
 - WisDOT 2024 RMA (Routine Maintenance Agreement) shown. Discussion with WisDOT regarding limits on STH 64 maintained by Marinette County.
 - Debris clean up from May 2022 storm complete. Reimbursement request submitted to WisDOT. Notified that payment from damage disaster fund will be \$61,819.
7. CTH-M Driveway Variance Request
Hytinen brought up the location of request on the map. Permit was denied due to not meeting spacing and frequency requirements of ordinance. Discussion followed on low ADT (Average Daily Traffic) count, and the inability to access from local road due to wetlands. Motion by Behrend/Ragen to approve variance request. The motion was voted and carried.
8. Highway Fee Schedule
Discussed current fees and application process to install access driveway to a county trunk highway. Motion by Wolf/Ragen to make the \$200 application fee non-refundable effective January 1, 2024. The motion was voted and carried.
9. Approve Surcharge on 2023 Tri-Axle Trucks
Hytinen notified by dealer that surcharge was added to purchase price of tri-axles since order was placed, for an amount of \$992.33 per truck above approved resolution amount. Motion by Behrend/Lavarda to approve payment of surcharge. The motion was voted and carried.
10. Equipment Update
 - Three tri-axles ordered are at Monroe Truck, anticipated to be ready the beginning of the year.
 - Order placed for cab/chassis mini dumps.
 - Received quote for two mini dump truck boxes from Olson Trailer and Body. Discussion followed on paint methods. Shop Foreman recommends powder coated from factory vs. blasting and painting locally. Powder coat option is approximately \$2000 cheaper vs. blasting and painting.

-Currently have truck with engine issues with repairs estimated at \$24,000, and an additional truck with transmission needing replacement.

-New sign truck returned to Monroe Truck. Crane is not functioning correctly.

11. Roadwork Update

-Patch work is finishing up

-Currently crack filling on the state system

-LRIP/MSIP selection committee meetings took place yesterday

-Scope meeting held on Town of Lakewood Smyth Road bridge project

-Reports received on bridge inspections done this year.

12. Staffing Update

-Currently advertising for one Operator/Laborer position, anticipating more retirements at end of year.

-Tire and underground storage tank training planned.

13. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken)

-Ragen received concerns on current policy regarding sick leave accumulation payout upon retirement.

-Winter Road School is January 22-24, 2024. Committee to let Hytinen know at December meeting who is attending.

-Lavarda questioned process for reducing speed limit on STH-22 near US-141. Hytinen recommends contacting WisDOT engineer, Rod Hamilton, who completed the most recent speed study in that area.

-July 2024 Highway Committee meeting scheduled for July 9 due to holiday.

14. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9 am in the County Board room.

15. Adjournment

Chair Christianson declared meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Vanessa Hasenberg

Recorder

Date Posted: November 8, 2023