

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
January 10, 2018

The Organizational Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Clerk Griffin in the Board Room at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Forbes, Carr, Blohm, Gowell. Absent: None.

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Dick Walsworth, Golden Township Trustee; Emma Kirwin, Leavitt Township Trustee; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Tim and Christine Schreiner, DNR District Supervisor and his daughter; Jody Johnston, Silver Lake State Park Manager; Bo Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident. **TOTAL: 12 visitors.**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2018.

Commissioner Carr nominated Commissioner Myers for Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2018. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote: Carr – yes; Blohm – yes; Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2018.

Commissioner Forbes nominated Commissioner Gowell for Vice-Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2018. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Myers – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Gowell – abstain.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident in Grant Township, thanked the Board for the plowing done on the Lake Tahoe Roads.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the following Agenda items for discussion.

1. Board Committee appointments for 2018;
2. Golden Township – Silver Lake ORV dune access discussion.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to approve the Minutes of the December 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Forbes - yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and the Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board members to review.

Motion by Carr and supported by Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72012 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 90,062.07
Voucher No. 72013 (Payroll)	\$ 88,891.64
Voucher No. 72014 (Accounts Payable)	\$193,033.66
Voucher No. 72015 (Payroll)	<u>\$105,477.95</u>
	\$477,465.32

Roll call vote: Carr – yes; Blohm – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers addressed Committee Appointments for 2018 and made the following recommendations that were agreed to by the Board.

Personnel Committee – Bill Myers and Lloyd Gowell

Union Liaison Committee – Bill Myers and Cathy Forbes

Insurance Committee – Bill Myers and Allen Blohm

Finance Committee – Cathy Forbes and Bob Carr

Community Relations Committee – Cathy Forbes and Bob Carr

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Lloyd Gowell and Allen Blohm

County Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison – Allen Blohm

Weighmaster Liaison – Lloyd Gowell and North County Foreman Randy Smith

Tim Schreiner, DNR District Supervisor, Jody Johnston, Silver Lake State Park Manager, and Dick Walsworth, Golden Township Trustee were present to discuss parking issues at the dune entrance in Silver Lake. Several meetings have been held in an attempt to come up with a solution that will be satisfactory to all involved parties. The most recent meeting held at the Road Commission offices on December 21, 2017 was very successful with representatives from the DNR, Silver Lake State Park, Golden Township, Michigan State Police, Oceana County Sheriff's Department, and the Road Commission proposing that a Permit be

issued by the Road Commission to the DNR to operate (maintain traffic) Fox Road, from Ridge Road to 24th Avenue from April 1 through October 31 each year. Considerable discussion ensued before the following Resolution was made.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – GOLDEN TOWNSHIP – SILVER LAKE ORV DUNE ACCESS

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to authorize Mark Timmer to issue a Permit to the DNR to operate, maintain, and regulate traffic control on Fox Road, between Ridge Road and 24th Avenue (between April 1 and October 31) for a period of five (5) years, with an option to renew.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Carr – yes; Blohm – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

Meetings will be held yearly to discuss how things went over the Summer with this new plan to see if any changes or modifications to the Permit will be agreed upon. It was also suggested that a “termination clause” be agreed upon by all parties as well as the option of having a “rolling” Permit. A draft Permit will be prepared for review by the Board, Golden Township, and DNR officials.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer reported that the entire work force has been busy snowplowing, sanding/salting since the last Board meeting. Staff has been working on road work estimates for this year, when weather permits.

Mark and the Board members praised the work force for the wonderful job they have done this Winter; even the Foremen and Mechanics have been snowplowing when necessary.

Commissioner Forbes thanked Mark for “running such a good operation.”

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JANUARY 24, 2018

DATE