

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
January 25, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers in the Board Room at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, and Helmlinger.

Visitors: Richard Kolbe, Leavitt Township Supervisor; Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Warren VanOverbeke, Benona Township Trustee; Gale Eitnrear, Newfield Township resident; Dan Lombard, Claybanks Township Trustee; Bow Wagner, Bitely resident; Walt Wheeler, Elbridge Township resident; George Sadler, Pentwater Township resident; and Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner.

TOTAL: 12 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, thanked the Board for the Water Road bid letting results. In the past few years, Grant Township has reconstructed Water Road (from Wilke Road to Arthur Road). The final leg of Water Road (from Arthur Road to Garfield Road) will be completed before June, 2017, in time for the Electric Forest Festival.

Warren VanOverbeke, newly elected Trustee in Benona Township, introduced himself to the Board.

Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor, commented that the ice blades worked well during the recent rainstorms. Chairman Myers added that "our drivers put their lives at risk during the icy conditions, and we really appreciate it."

George Sadler, Pentwater resident, asked that the water problem at 4800 W. Monroe Road be remedied. Mark Timmer will look at the issue and confer with MDOT as this section of Monroe Road is under their jurisdiction.

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

1. Salt shed;
2. Building & Grounds Committee report;
3. Act 51 Certification Maps – sign cover sheet;
4. Charter Communications – annual permit to approve.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting was presented.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – 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 Gowell to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 71964 (Accounts Payable)	\$113,228.48
Voucher No. 71965 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 71,620.81</u>
	\$184,849.29

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

Motion carried.

Mark Timmer updated the Board on his plans for building a new salt shed at the Hart Road Commission facility. He informed them that MDOT will not help fund a new building this year, but that funds could be designed in 2018. Since the Road Commission (55%) and MDOT (45%) will be sharing in the cost for a new building, it was decided not to demolish the unusable building or to start any earthwork until State approval is obtained.

Commissioner Carr commented that the various Committees (Personnel, Finance, Insurance, Community Relations, and Buildings & Grounds) should give periodic reports relating to the function on each Committee. He added that he did not see the need for a new boiler at the M-20 garage if proper maintenance is done in the Fall and the fuel oil tank is closely monitored to see that it is kept full. Mr. Carr also noted that the wooden siding on the M-20 building should be repaired and painted or steel siding be considered.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SIGN ACT 51 ROAD CERTIFICATION MAP COVER SHEETS

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to have Chairman Myers sign the Act 51 Road Certification Map Cover Sheets (2 copies) for submission to MDOT.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – ANNUAL PERMIT TO APPROVE

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the Blanket Permit from Charter Communications for fiscal year 2017 as covered by our Permit Manual.

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

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer spoke briefly on the various tasks performed by our work force since the last Board Meeting. He informed the Board and audience that snow and ice removal as well as road sanding operations have taken up the majority of their time. Ice blades were used when the gravel side roads became hard to navigate. Some pothole patching has been done using the new hot boxes and the material is staying in place.

Our required load ratings were finally completed last week by Nordlund & Associates. The Local Task Force met at the Road Commission on January 13, 2017 with all three (3) entities present. The Monroe Road Project has been removed from the project list and Oceana Drive has been added; it's estimated that reconstruction of Oceana Drive from the Hart Bridge to 1,000 feet beyond Monroe Road will take three (3) years to complete using the entire allotted Oceana Task Force money (~\$500,000/year).

Hallack Contracting was low bidder on the Water Road Project (Arthur Road to Garfield Road) in Grant Township. Grant Township has reconstructed Water Road from Wilke Road to Arthur Road in the past few years with funds from sale of tickets at the Electric Forest Festive held at the Double JJ Ranch Resort.

Al Roden, our CRASIF representative from Mackinaw Administrators, was present to tour the Hart and M-20 facilities on January 20, 2017.

Mr. Timmer invited the audience to stay after the meeting was adjourned to watch a Durapatcher video and to actually see the two (2) Durapatch machines we are leasing for use this Summer.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

DATE