

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
October 10, 2018

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, October 10, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; Dave Borgeson, Claybanks Township resident; and Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident.

TOTAL: 6 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Comments from the audience inquiring about roadside brush spraying and future project work were discussed.

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

1. Seasonal Road Change Policy – new policy for consideration;
2. Equipment disposal.

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 September 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as 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. <u>72052</u>	Accounts Payable	\$312,597.72
Voucher No. <u>72053</u>	Payroll	<u>\$ 63,994.30</u>
		\$376,592.02

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

Motion carried.

The Board Members were given a DRAFT copy of a “Seasonal Road Change Policy” to review. This proposed new policy will put in place new procedures that will address seasonal roads and the necessary steps should anyone inquire about a change in seasonal road status.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SEASONAL ROAD CHANGE POLICY

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to adopt the following Seasonal Road Change Policy.

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Road Commission (Board) has adopted a system of seasonal county roads pursuant to Act 51 of 1951, as amended; and

WHEREAS, seasonal roads are not open to public travel during the months of November through April; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not remove snow from seasonal county roads during the months of November through April; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received requests to remove the seasonal status from portions of roads included in the seasonal county road system; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to establish minimum standards for roads to be removed from the seasonal system and added to the regular local road system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That before a portion of road is removed from the seasonal county road system, it must be demonstrated to the Board that usage has changed substantially to warrant removal from the seasonal system; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That building a house along a seasonal road is not adequate justification to remove a portion of road from the seasonal county road system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That roads removed from the seasonal system must accommodate two-way traffic with a minimum road width of 24 feet with an eight (8) inch aggregate surface, three foot (3’) deep dependent ditches (1/3FS & 1/2BS), no side slopes in excess of 1/3, no road grades in excess of 7%, must provide deeded easement for turnaround large enough to accommodate Road Commission equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the effected property owners, and/or the Township and other interested parties, but not the Board, shall pay 100% of the cost to upgrade a seasonal road before removal from the seasonal county road system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Township, effected property owners, and/or other interested parties, but not the Board, shall be responsible to provide adequate right of way, minimum width being 66 feet, to the Board for the proposed upgrade of a seasonal road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board can add to or delete from the requirements for removing a road from the seasonal system, in specific instances, so long as such additions or deletions are consistent with the public interest.

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

The Board also received a list of equipment that is being considered for disposal. The list consists of three (3) 2005 pickups and three (3) older big trucks generally used for hauling stumps and for alternates when snowplowing if a driver's regular truck is being repaired.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the following equipment for sale/disposal.

A-1 2005 Ford F-150 pickup
A-2 2005 Ford F-150 pickup
A-3 2005 Ford F-150 pickup
D-76 1994 Ford Tandem
D-79 1997 Ford Dump Truck
E-51 1996 Ford Dump Truck

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

STAFF REPORTS

Mark announced that Rieth-Riley put the final course on 132nd Avenue, between M-20 and Pierce Road and that our forces are working on the shoulders and driveways and scheduled the pavement marking. MPM painted bike symbols on 56th Avenue in Mears and also put down arrows and stop bars at various locations. The Fall "Safety Awareness Day" for all employees was held on Friday, October 5, 2018 at the M-20 Garage.

The work force is still cleaning up tree debris and fixing washouts from the recent high winds and rain. The district men are doing Fall roadside mowing, as well as repairing shoulders and washouts. The two (2) remaining Summer Help are working on durapatching 148th Avenue, North of Loop Road. Some spot wedging was also done on Oceana Drive, North of Lever Road.

Traffic Services men are working on culvert inventory, signs, a curve and speed advisory study, and inspecting the county-wide pavement marking.

Mark asked if the Board would consider cancelling the October 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as he and our Traffic Services men will be attending the week-long IMSA Meeting in Cadillac.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – CANCEL OCTOBER 24, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to **cancel** the next Regular Board Meeting that would have normally been held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. **The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM.**

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

Mark also reminded the Board and Township officials present in the audience, of our 2nd Annual Road Reception being held Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Double JJ Ranch Resort in Rothbury.

There was no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

NOVEBER 14, 2018

DATE