

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
December 27, 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, December 27, 2017.

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; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 5 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lori Green, Weare Township resident, commented that Oceana Drive was nicely plowed today between Monroe Road and Polk Road. Ms. Green and John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor, commented briefly on solar panel farms.

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

1. Budget Amendments;
2. Approve 2018 Budget;
3. Approve 2018 Board Meeting Dates.

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 13, 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 Minutes to review.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Payroll and Accounts Payable checks will be printed later this week due to year end personal leave buyouts, extensive overtime, and final invoices still being received.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion by Carr and supported by Gowell to approve the 2017 Budget Amendments as presented by the Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVE 2018 BUDGET

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to approve the 2018 Budget figures as presented by the Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVE 2018 BOARD MEETING DATES

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the 2018 Board Meeting dates as presented by the Clerk and to continue holding the Regular Road Commission Board Meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Carr – yes; Blohm – no; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

Holding night meetings was briefly discussed. The Board may change the time and/or location of any given meeting with proper notification to the public.

Monthly Committee Reports

The various Committees (Finance, Insurance, Personnel, Buildings & Grounds, and Community Relations) had nothing new to report. Chairman Myers explained that a report from Commissioner Carr on the County Planning Committee activities is not necessary at Road Commission meetings, unless there is a specific “road issue” that needs to come before the entire Board.

Commissioner Blohm reported on the last County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting he had attended. The repair to the steps at the Cedar Point Park is still being discussed; drilling wells at the Black Lake Park has not been finalized.

Mark Timmer informed the Board that a meeting was held on December 21, 2017, at the Road Commission offices in Hart, with Silver Lake State Park officials (including the DNR), Golden Township, Sheriff Craig Mast, the Michigan State Police, and Commissioners Myers and Blohm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ongoing problems with dune traffic at Silver Lake during the Summer months. The Golden Township Board has stood firm with their objection to vehicles parking along various roads leading

to the dune access. Mr. Timmer explained in detail several ideas that have been proposed during the past several months and feels that with all entities cooperating, a viable solution will soon be reached to benefit all interested parties.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer was happy to inform the Board that the money not spent on the Monroe Road Project (from West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue) will be used to repair Jackson Road, which was the designated detour route for the project. A one-year Contract Extension has been granted by MDOT for these repairs, with engineering to be done early this Spring. The total remaining from the \$2,000,000 grant was ~\$173,800.40. Crystal and Weare Townships will be kept informed of the work that will be done on Jackson Road.

The work crews have been steadily snowplowing since the last Board Meeting on December 13, 2017. When weather allowed, some patching and gravel hauling was done. The Foremen and Mark have been working on 2018 road project estimates when weather permits.

Mr. Timmer went on to say that he is “very proud of our men; they are doing a good job and are working weekends and holidays.” He added that “the Foremen are also doing a good job and deserve credit as well.”

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JANUARY 10, 2018

DATE