

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
February 28, 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, February 28, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Jay McGhan, Hart Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Michelle Martin, Oceana County Drain Commissioner; Gary Phillips, Hart Township resident; Bow Wagner and Deanna Helmlinger, Walkerville Thrives; John Herremans, Leavitt Township resident; Hobart Bickel, Elbridge Township resident; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; Emma Kirwin, Leavitt Township Trustee. **TOTAL: 12 residents.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, thanked the Board for the ditching done on 108th Avenue and Wilke Road. Other comments included pothole patching needed at the "S" curves on Harrison Road, tree trimming on 72nd Avenue between Polk Road and Taylor Road, and the condition of the new pavement on Baker Road, East and West of Oceana Drive.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Hart Township Road Abandonment – 96th Avenue, South of Lever Road;
2. March 14, 2018 Board Meeting.

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 February 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

The Revenues and 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., 72020 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 79,370.83
Voucher No. 72021 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 77,408.11</u>
	\$156,778.94

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

Motion carried.

The Annual County Road Association Meeting is being held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing on March 12-15, 2018. The Board will be attending various meetings in Lansing and agreed that the next Regular Road Commission Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018, will be cancelled. The Clerk will notify the local newspaper.

Monthly Committee Reports

Personnel & Insurance Committees – three (3) new employees have been hired; one of them being the first female truck driver in the history of the Road Commission.

Finance & Community Relations Committees – HB-4321 was just passed by the State that will mean an additional \$383,144.11 to our Road Commission, spread through the Act 51 monthly checks.

Building & Grounds Committee – three (3) quotes were received for upgrades (power washing/painting, etc.) to the main office complex in Hart.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – HART ROAD COMMISSION BUILDING UPGRADES

Motion by Blohm and supported by Gowell to accept the quote from John Tangney, of North End Painting, for labor/materials/equipment to prep and paint the exterior of the Hart Road Commission facility, for a total cost of \$21,580.00.

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

Motion carried.

Weighmaster Liaison – nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison – nothing to report until the monthly meeting tomorrow.

At 10:15 AM, Chairman Myers opened the Public Hearing on the request to abandon 96th Avenue, South of Lever Road, in Hart Township (total distance of 0.5 miles).

Chairman Myers asked for comments in favor of or against the requested abandonment.

Gary Phillips, one (1) of the Petitioners requesting the abandonment, addressed the Board. He explained that several years ago, the South half of this road was abandoned (October 9, 1995, 96th Avenue North of Tyler Road, Petitioner was David Wagner) and since then, the North half of this road has become a dumping

ground and the four (4) landowners are tired of the trespassing and trash. He also stated that this seasonal road is currently not maintained by the Road Commission.

Jay McGhan, Hart Township Supervisor, stated that the Township Board voted in favor of the abandonment request. He also commented that the Waldron Drain runs through this property and that the steep drop-off near the drain is dangerous.

Michelle Martin, Oceana County Drain Commissioner, was present and verified that she has obtained easements from all four (4) property owners for her needed access to the Waldron Drain.

There were no opposing comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:18 AM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – HART TOWNSHIP ROAD ABANDONMENT – 96th AVENUE,
SOUTH OF LEVER ROAD, SECTIONS 2 & 3**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to abandon 96th Avenue, South of Lever Road, in Sections 2/3 of Hart Township, for a distance of 0.5 miles.

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

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

The work force has still been dealing with Winter operations (icy bridge decks, sanding/salting the MDOT routes, changing blades, etc.) for the past few weeks. When weather permits, the hot boxes are used, washouts get repaired, downspouts/drains are cleared, and road blading is done.

The seasonal weight restrictions were placed on all County roads at 6:00 AM on Monday, February 19, 2018. Mark Timmer and several Board members attended the quarterly Paul Bunyan Council Meeting in Cadillac on February 22, 2018.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MARCH 28, 2018

DATE