

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
February 8, 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, February 8, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Warren, VanOverbeke, Benona Township Trustee; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Bow Wagner, Bitely resident; Larry Mumper, Colfax Township resident; Walt Wheeler, Elbridge Township resident; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; and Phil Carter, New Era resident. **TOTAL: 10 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, commented on the condition of Oceana Drive, North of Hart. He was assured by Mark Timmer that when funds became available, the road would be reconstructed. Mr. Timmer added that our crew patches the road when conditions allow and that more extensive work with the new Durapatchers will be done when the weather breaks.

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, stated that the Township Board approved the low bid from Hallack Contracting for reconstructing Water Road, from Arthur Road to Garfield Road. This project will be completed before the Electric Forest concert season in June.

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

1. Salt shed update;
2. Electric Forest Festival Permit (FYI only);
3. Pentwater Township – Lakeview Drive Project;
4. 401/457 Plans – Transfer investments to Morgan Stanley.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 71966 (Accounts Payable)	\$214,127.70
Voucher No. 71967 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 76,786.98</u>
	\$290,914.68

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

Mark Timmer updated the Board on the latest developments with MDOT regarding construction of a new salt shed at our Hart facility. Replacing the shed is still “in the works” but an official date for demolishing the failed structure has not been determined. The shed is empty of all materials and our employees have been told to stay away from the dilapidated building.

The Board members were given a copy of the Permit from Madison House outlining the closure of roads in and around the Double JJ Ranch Resort during the Electric Forest Festival. This year is the first time that two (2) events will be held (June 22 – June 25 and then again on June 29 – July 2). As the events draw near, the usual meeting with the Sheriff, State Police, 9-1-1, all emergency services, etc. will be held so that the road closures, emergency routes, MSP headquarters, etc. can be reviewed and plans made available for all entities. The Permit will be brought before the Board for approval when staff has attended the meetings and details are finalized.

Pentwater Township Supervisor, Chuck Smith, met with Mark Timmer and gave the “go ahead” for the Lakeview Drive reconstruction project. The Road Commission will be doing “in-kind” work as well as bidding out the project. Preliminary Plans have been provided by Prein and Newhof and final decision on the type of reconstruction will be determined by the Township.

The Board was informed that meetings have been held with representatives from Morgan Stanley to discuss our 401 (Money Purchase Retirement Fund) and 457 (Deferred Compensation) retirements plans. Considerable discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ROAD COMMISSION RETIREMENT PLANS

Motion by Carr and supported by Blohm to transfer all 401 and 457 funds from our current provider to Morgan Stanley.

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

Mark Timmer asked if employees and retirees having other retirement plans could transfer them into the Road Commission plans. The Board members discussed this new option.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – TRANSFERRING INTO RETIREMENT PLANS

Motion by Myers and supported by Blohm to allow employees and retirees to transfer funds into our Morgan Stanley retirement plans.

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

STAFF REPORTS

The Board was informed that snow and ice removal as well as sanding has been done in recent weeks. The men have been patching roads using our new hot patchers as well as filling potholes with coldpatch. There has been a small crew of men working at our Pierce Road gravel pit getting materials ready to make 22A modified gravel.

The first monthly Supervisor's Meeting was held on February 1, 2017 at the Road Commission office in Hart. There were fourteen (14) Townships present. The main topic that Mark addressed was brine and the various application offered by our three (3) vendors. Mr. Timmer felt the meeting went well; Township Board members present in the audience concurred. Our health insurance renewal rates have been discussed by Mark and our Agent of Record, Randy Baker. Mr. Baker is preparing different health care options for Board review.

A Durapatcher video was presented at the Oceana County Planning Commission Meeting on January 26, 2017. The video was well received by County Commissioners and those in attendance. A three-county meeting (Muskegon/Newaygo/Oceana) with Senator Goeff Hansen was held at the Road Commission office in Hart on Friday, February 3, 2017. The condition of the MDOT portion of Oceana Drive, between New Era and Shelby and Hart and Shelby, and the expressway between Hart and Shelby was discussed. Senator Hansen is hoping to schedule quarterly meetings to keep in touch with the needs of each County.

State Trunkline Foreman, Mike Seibert, is being granted permission from the State to access all UD-10's (crash reports) for use in getting insurance claims sent out for reimbursement.

Mr. Timmer had a "radio interview" with Steve Ruba, News Director of the Synergy Broadcast Group, to air comments about Winter conditions. His interview aired today on several stations.

Weight restrictions were lifted on February 1, 2017 at 6:00 AM. Holes were dug in different locations in the County with 7" of frost found in the ground.

Ashley Frantz, of Great Lakes Chloride, met with Mark to discuss their brine products. Ms. Frantz offered to brine one (1) mile of road in the Southern half of the County at no cost as a "test" for anyone interested to review.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

DATE