

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
March 22, 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, March 22, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Forbes, Carr, Blohm. Absent: Gowell.

Staff present: Griffin.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Richard Kolbe, Leavitt Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner, Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives; Gale Eitniew, Newfield Township resident; Walt Wheeler, Elbridge Township resident; Larry Mumper, Colfax Township resident; John Herremans, Leavitt Township resident; and Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 10 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, complimented the men working in his area as well as Randy Smith, North County Foreman. He said that he "appreciates working with Randy and his crew and they're doing a nice job."

Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives representative, put in a request for more pothole patching on Harrison Road, East of Walkerville.

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, briefly discussed this year's brine program and said their choice of brine contractor would be determined at their next Township Board Meeting.

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

1. Committee Reports.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

At the March 8, 2017 Board Meeting, Commissioner Blohm briefly mentioned the meetings held with Jerry Brandel and also Ken/Ralph/Tom Oomen and Gene Kokx to discuss Road Commission operations and future road work. He requested these meetings be mentioned in the Board Minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 71972 (Accounts Payable)	\$139,236.20
Voucher No. 71973 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 71,645.91</u>
	\$210,882.11

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

Motion carried.

Monthly Committee Reports

Building & Grounds Committee – Nothing to report on the new salt shed construction; bids for putting steel siding on the M-20 garage were received. Mark Timmer will review them next week when he returns to work.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes spoke on our MTF monies received/projected, and compared our revenues to other counties around us that have similar road miles to maintain. She pointed out that “the population factor is the difference in revenues.”

Personnel Committee – Chairman Myers stated that Union Negotiations will begin soon, and asked the Board to prepare a list of items they would like addressed/changed. The Foremen have been asked to do the same.

Public Relations Committee – Commissioners Blohm and Carr are working on preparations for a June 8, 2017 Open House to be held at the Hart Garage. The paperwork from the Health Department for this event has been obtained. Both Commissioners attended the County Road Association Annual Meeting in Lansing last week. They attended workshops on union contract negotiations and working with the timber people on permits, etc.

Chairman Myers asked for a report from Commissioner Carr on the Parks and Recreation Commission as he is the Road Commission appointed liaison to this group. Commissioner Carr stated that they have not discussed anything on roads.

It's possible that some time in the future that one of the Board members might be appointed as liaison to the Equalization Department.

STAFF REPORTS

The Board was reminded that Mark Timmer was attending the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit this week. The Clerk reported that the frost laws remain in effect until staff can do their usual checking/digging in various areas to determine the depth of the frost.

The crews have been steadily pothole patching throughout the County as well as tree cutting and trimming. The new excavator and crew are working on replacing three (3) culverts and a large area of tree cutting on 192nd Avenue/Fillmore Road/198th Avenue in Leavitt Township. Tree cutting has started on the Deer Road Project, from 56th Avenue to the West in Golden Township. The Clerk reported that only a few Townships have turned in their choice of brine contractor for 2017.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

APRIL 12, 2017

DATE