

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, and Helmlinger.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Craig Herremans, Elbridge Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; Walt Wheeler, Elbridge Township resident; Bow Wagner, Bitely resident; and Gale Eitnrear, Newfield Township resident. **TOTAL: 10 visitors.**

### **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Comments from the audience centered on this year's brine program. Mark Timmer prepared handouts for distribution at the first Township Supervisor's Meeting held February 1, 2017 that compared the brine products offered by Michigan Chloride, Great Lakes Chloride, and D & B Brine (the bid received from D & B Brine did not include the required State analysis paperwork of their brine product). The Townships were informed that the Road Commission would pay 50% for brine applied by Michigan Chloride or Great Lakes Chloride, but any Township wanting to use D & B Brine would pay 100% of the cost of the product as it did not meet our specifications. The Townships are required to inform the Road Commission, in writing, of their choice.

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

1. Discuss Bridge Inspection RFP's;
2. Rescind Motion: Hart Township Road Abandonment Public Hearing Date (from last Meeting);
3. Recommend Township Truck Route Ordinance.

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 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

Voucher No. 71970 (Accounts Payable)	\$101,131.21
Voucher No. 71971 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 76,366.57</u>
	\$177,497.78

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

Motion carried.

Mark Timmer briefly discussed the five (5) RFP’s received for our required bridge inspections for 2017 and 2018. He presented the Board with a handout clearly explaining his recommendation to award the Biennial Bridge Inspection Contract to Scott Civil Engineering Company of Grand Rapids.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AWARD BRIDGE INSPECTION BID**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to award the bid for our Biennial Bridge Inspections to Scott Civil Engineering Company of Grand Rapids.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – RESCIND RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR  
HART TOWNSHIP ROAD ABANDONMENT**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to **rescind** the Motion made at the February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting that set the Public Hearing date of March 8, 2017 for the Hart Township Road Abandonment.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – HART TOWNSHIP ROAD ABANDONMENT – HARRISON ROAD**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 10:15 AM for discussion on the request from Harold & Terry Clark to abandon Harrison Road, from 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the US-31 expressway, in Section 6 of Hart Township.

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

Motion carried.

A draft copy of a proposed “Township Truck Route Ordinance” was given to the Board to review. This sample Ordinance would allow Townships to designate certain roads that would be off limits to commercial vehicles. If any Townships are interested they can meet with Mark Timmer and the area Foreman to determine if the road being considered for restricted traffic would be feasible.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The work crews have been patching roads, doing minor truck upkeep, repairing/replacing signs, and cleaning out drains when snow removal and sanding was not necessary. A small crew is also working at the Pierce Road Pit and the Goat Farm Pit to get material ready to bring in a crusher to make 22A gravel. Washouts are still being repaired from the recent heavy rains. There has been little time for road blading due to weather conditions. The recent high winds raised havoc county-wide earlier this week; crews are still cleaning up brush and trees.

The second "Supervisor's Meeting" was held on March 1, 2017 at the Hart Road Commission Garage. It was well attended and brine was discussed at length as well as the Township Truck Route Ordinance. These meetings are "round table" and not bound by any particular agenda.

Mark informed the Board that Fahrner Asphalt will be doing chip seal work in our County again this year. Mark has set up a program with the Muskegon County Road Commission crew, along with our men, to do some chip seal work in selected areas in our County as well. Bit-Mat Products has offered to extend their emulsion prices (quoted for Muskegon County Road Commission) from 2016 through the 2017 construction season. This will allow us to purchase our emulsions from them during our cooperative chip seal operation.

Chairman Myers and Commissioner Carr attended the MTA Meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

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,

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**SANDRA K. GRIFFIN**  
Clerk

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
Chairman

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MARCH 22, 2016  
DATE