

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
Board Room  
April 10, 2019

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, April 10, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner liaison; Gary McKeen, Parks & Recreation Commission President; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; Francine Grysen and Erika Crosby, Newfield Township residents. **TOTAL: 8 visitors.**

### **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Francine Grysen, Newfield Township resident, was present to complain about 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue at her residence (1860 S. 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue). She had pictures from last Fall and videos of the road in front of her home on the curves across from Blodgett Lake. Chairman Myers thanked her for her time, but she continued to speak. Chairman Myers said she was out of order, and repeatedly asked her to be seated after her five (5) minute speaking limitation.

Gary McKeen, newly elected President of the Parks & Recreation Commission, introduced himself to the Board and thanked them for the work they have done with the Commission in the past and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Erika Crosby, Newfield Township resident and neighbor of Ms. Grysen, also complained about icy conditions on 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a gravel road, and that conditions weren't being addressed when they were reported. Mike Timmer explained that he had received her request and that the road was ice-bladed as routine maintenance that same day.

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

1. Road Commission Open House – set official date;
2. Purchase of Freightliner cab.

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 March 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2019 Special Board Meeting as presented.

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

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and the Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board Members to review.

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

Voucher No. <u>72079</u>	Accounts Payable	\$350,328.63
Voucher No. <u>72080</u>	Payroll	<u>\$ 76,226.17</u>
		\$426,554.80

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

The Board briefly discussed having the “Annual Open House” again this year and agreed that June 6, 2019 would be a good date to hold it.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – PURCHASE 2013 FREIGHTLINER CAB**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to purchase the 2013 Freightliner cab from Freightliner of Kalamazoo at a price of \$22,900.00 and to discontinue the yearly lease program currently through Michigan Kenworth.

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

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Timmer reported that hot box patching crews have been busy with Spring potholes and fixing roads and water damage due to recent flooding; blading is being done after the roads dry out. Tree trimming was performed on Deer Road (34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Golden Township and on Polk Road (136<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Elbridge Township in preparation for road projects.

The MDOT night patrol ended on March 30, 2019 and the crew is working on opening up the Hart Rest Area and the Park on M-20. The Traffic Services crew is installing signs for the DNR on Fox Road to coincide with their Permit regulating dune traffic.

Mark, Mike Seibert, and Austin Cribley attended PASER rating class and also viewed a webinar. Mark and Jeff Balkema met with Great Lakes Chloride to discuss this year’s brining operation. He also met with Hallack Contracting and Rieth-Riley to go over projects; the Shelby Road Bridge Replacement cover sheet has been signed; work on the bridge will begin in late June.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SANDRA K. GRIFFIN**  
Clerk

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
Chairman

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APRIL 24, 2019

**DATE**