

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
April 11, 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, April 11, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten, Wright.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Gale Eitnrear, Newfield Township resident; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; Dan Krager, Ferry Township resident; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; Steve Bruch, Hart Township resident. **TOTAL: 8 visitors.**

Mark Timmer introduced Eric Wright, our new State/General Foreman, to the Board and audience. He went on to explain that Eric was a Heavy Equipment Operator, working out of our M-20 garage, and had been Union President during the recent contract negotiations. The Board members welcomed him and Eric graciously thanked them for the opportunity to have a chance at his new position.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Steve Bruch, Hart Township resident, spoke to the Board about the drainage issues and parking problems along his property on Harrison Road West of Oceana Drive. Mark Timmer explained that he will be meeting with Hart Township Supervisor Jay McGhan, our North County Foreman Randy Smith, and Mr. Bruch on site in the very near future so that everyone is "on board" with the solutions to these problems. Some tree removal has already been done to help with the drainage issues. Further discussion ensued with Chairman Myers eventually stating that Mark's meeting will help solve the issues on Harrison Road.

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

There were no Agenda items added.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72026 (Accounts Payable)	\$104,302.82
Voucher No. 72027 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 65,751.11</u>
	\$170,053.93

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

STAFF REPORTS

The work crews have been busy blading gravels and shoulder patching when weather permits. The random heavy snow events over the past several weeks have hindered our usual Spring maintenance work. Weight limits will be lifted on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:00 AM, which has been an unusually long time span for the weight restrictions to be in effect. Tree work is being done in Golden, Hart, and Weare Townships in preparation for upcoming road projects. Our 10-hour days begin on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Several Summer Help applicants will begin work next week with others joining them next month. Mark and several Foremen attended chip seal training hosted by AIS and Etnyre. Mark also met with representatives from Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, and Montcalm counties to discuss chip seal operations and equipment; he also met with WMSRDC, MDOT, and our Fleis & VandenBrink engineers to discuss bid savings and how to plan for “advance construction projects.”

Mark gave a presentation on road work and maintenance to the Pentwater Service Club. Staff has been working on 2018 Township project estimates. We have begun purchasing equipment to begin our own chip seal operation next year. Mark asked the Board and was granted approval to bid on a chip seal spreader.

The Permit requested by the DNR to regulate traffic going into the dune access area at Silver Lake is still a “work in progress” as more changes were made (a new Permit will be coming from the DNR for our review). Our forces are preparing to erect numerous “NO PARKING” signs in and around Silver Lake.

Commissioner Carr commented on the fine “cement work” done on the emulsion tank cement pad at our M-20 facility. Mark was very pleased with our crew that poured and finished the cement pads at both the Hart and M-20 garages. When weight restrictions are lifted, a crane will come in and set the tanks.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

APRIL 25, 2018
DATE