

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
April 26, 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, April 26, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives; Gale Eitniew, Newfield Township resident; and George Sadler, Pentwater resident. **TOTAL: 7 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Gale Eitniew, Newfield Township resident, complimented the crew that has been patching potholes on Loop Road. He stated "they are doing good work."

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, asked about the Water Road reconstruction project. Mark Timmer explained that there is a PreCon Meeting scheduled next week to review and approve the plans. Hallack Contracting was awarded the project and their completion date is early June, before the Electric Forest concerts.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, complimented North County Foreman, Randy Smith, and his men and said "they are doing a good job."

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

1. Distributed Antenna Systems;
2. Committee Reports.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Blohm and supported by Forbes to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 71976 (Accounts Payable)	\$203,940.16
Voucher No. 71977 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 60,396.41</u>
	\$264,336.57

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

Motion carried.

At the April 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, Mark Timmer informed the Board that permits had been received from Mobilitie, Inc. requesting permission to place “distributed antenna systems” in road right-of-way at two (2) locations in Grant Township. Other Road Commissions have received similar requests and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA), as well as the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP; our liability carrier) were asked to develop a “uniform policy” that would address the multitude of questions as well as liability issues if these large towers were placed in our 33’ rights-of-way. Considerable discussion ensued, including the need for Townships to have their own policy/ordinance on placing towers within their respective Townships. When an official Policy is adopted, the Road Commission will then have the right to deny these types of permits.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – PUBLIC HEARING – DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS

Motion by Blohm and supported by Forbes to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed permit policy for safely allowing limited communication service provider facilities access within the Oceana County Road Commission road right-of-way. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 during the Regular Road Commission Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Blohm – yes; Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Carr – no; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Monthly Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Carr and Commissioner Gowell will be researching the boiler system at the M-20 facility to see if equipment needs replacing as trouble calls have cost the Road Commission more than \$4,800 so far this year.

Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Blohm and Commissioner Carr are planning the Open House scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at the Hart Road Commission facility.

Insurance Committee

Chairman Myers has met with Mark Timmer to discuss our current health insurance and the proposed new plan. The Union membership will be voting on accepting the new Affordable Care Act version of Priority Health later today. Approving this new plan will save the Road Commission ~\$71,000/year.

Personnel Committee

Chairman Myers asked to have a CLOSED SESSION at the May 10, 2017 Board Meeting to update the Board on the union negotiations.

Finance Committee

Commissioner Forbes briefly spoke about a recent “Legislative Update” that defined a new “distribution formula” for new MDOT monies.

STAFF REPORTS

The work crews and district men have been pothole patching, picking up Adopt-A-Highway bags, repairing washouts, tree and brush cutting, replacing more culverts, ditching, berming, storm cleanup, blading when possible, and shoulder maintenance.

A representative from Muskegon County Road Commission was here on April 25, 2017 to instruct our men on the use of the new Durapatcher machines recently purchased. The initial training took place on 84th Avenue, South of Polk Road in Hart Township; our forces are using this new equipment on Oceana Drive today.

The 401 and 457 rollover money (our Pension and Deferred Compensation Plans) from The Standard to Morgan Stanley is in the final stages. The last documents to complete the rollover should be signed and submitted yet this week.

Mark announced that eight (8) Townships have elected to use Michigan Chloride, four (4) Townships have elected Great Lakes Chloride, and four (4) Townships are using D & B Brine as their contractor for this year’s road brining program.

The Board was updated on the Monroe Road Project (West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue) in Weare and Crystal Townships. Prein & Newhof engineers will be bringing plans to the Road Commission tomorrow for review by our staff. The Drain Commission officials will also be present to discuss the needed SESC Permit. Mark has also spoken with Holly Vickers, DEQ representative, to secure the permit needed to replace the large culvert near 112th Avenue. Funds (\$2,000,000) to complete this project were secured by Senator Goeff Hansen in 2016, with the stipulation that this project be completed in 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – MONROE ROAD PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Motion by Blohm and supported by Forbes to authorize Managing Director Mark Timmer to review the Monroe Road Project plans prepared by Prein & Newhof. When the plans are in order, the project will be put out for bids.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 10, 2017

DATE