

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
May 10, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers in the Board Room at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Ray Gundy, Otto Township Trustee; John Herremans, Leavitt Township resident; Hobart & Linda Bickel, Elbridge Township residents; Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 8 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, is happy that the final leg of the Water Road Project has been awarded to Hallack Contracting with work to be completed within 3-4 weeks in plenty of time for the Electric Forest Festival.

Ray Gundy, Otto Township Trustee, asked for someone to look at Forrest Glen Road. It was bladed today in preparation for brining, and he is not happy with the job that was done.

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

1. Public Hearing – Distributed Antenna Systems;
2. Michigan Class;
3. CLOSED SESSION: Union Contract Negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting was presented.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Blohm – 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 Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 71978 (Accounts Payable)	\$106,186.71
Voucher No. 71979 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 59,568.66</u>
	\$165,755.37

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

Motion carried.

At 7:08 PM, Chairman Myers opened the Public Hearing on the possible adoption of a “Permit Policy for Safely Allowing Limited Communication Service Provider Facilities Access Within the County Road Right-of-Ways.”

The Chairman asked for Public Comments. Members of the audience expressed concern that they may not have a voice in prohibiting these facilities from being installed on their property. Another concern raised was possible abandonment of such facilities should the parent company go bankrupt or the services offered become obsolete.

Mark Timmer explained that the Road Commission needs a policy so that we can be uniform and not arbitrary when processing permits. Anyone requesting a Permit to place a structure in the right-of-way would first have to obtain a Permit from the respective Township. He added that any placement of towers, etc. on private property would not be governed by the Road Commission but subject to Township ordinances. Further discussion ensued.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM.

There was no decision made by the Board.

Oceana County Treasurer, Mary Lou Phillips, had presented a handout from Michigan Class that briefly described investment options. This company is just beginning to come to life in Oceana County and investing the \$1,000,000 Monroe Road funds was discussed. At this time, the funds will remain in West Shore Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to enter into CLOSED SESSION to discuss Union Negotiations.

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

Motion carried.

The Board entered into CLOSED SESSION at 7:39 PM.

The door to the Board Room was opened at 7:52 PM. Chairman Myers called the Meeting to order. Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, and Lori Green came back into the Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer announced that our paving crew has been working on Oceana Drive, North of Hart, for the past few days. They have paved over the worst spots and made the road much easier and safer to travel. The Board unanimously agreed that they were very happy and proud of the crew that had been working on Oceana Drive.

Roadside cleanup, pothole patching, washout repairs, blading roads for brining, ditching, picking up sand barrels, culvert replacements, and tree/brush removal has taken place since the last Board Meeting.

Mark has met with Prein & Newhof, the DEQ, and also the Oceana County Drain Commission to put some of the final touches on the Monroe Road Project. The bids are expecting to be let in a few weeks and due in our office by June 7, where they will be opened and read aloud.

Senator Hansen met with Mark Timmer and representatives with Muskegon and Newaygo County Road Commissions on Friday, May 5, 2017 at the Muskegon County Road Commission.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 24, 2017

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