

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
Board Room  
May 9, 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, May 9, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Mary Lou Phillips, County Treasurer; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner; Joel Mikkelsen, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman, and Larry Mumper, Colfax Township resident.

**TOTAL: 6 visitors.**

### **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Joel Mikkelsen, Claybanks Township resident, asked the Board for special consideration when mowing along the Hart-Montague Rail Trail so that cleanup is easier. He was informed that mowing operations would be done to insure public safety. Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, thanked the Board for getting Cleveland Road paved, East of Oceana Drive.

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

1. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP – Cedar Point Park.

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 April 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72030 (Accounts Payable)	\$184,400.23
Voucher No. 72031 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 67,038.79</u>
	\$251,439.02

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

Motion carried.

At the February 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, the Board made a Resolution to Quit Claim the Cedar Point Park property to the County of Oceana for the sum of \$1.00, which would have alleviated the problem of having their deteriorating stairway in Road Commission right-of-way. The County Board of Commissioners confirmed that they not interested in ownership of our right-of-way and have requested clarification to the problem of the deteriorating stairway.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – GOLDEN TOWNSHIP – CEDAR POINT PARK**

Motion by Blohm and supported by Gowell that the Oceana County Road Commission Board requests that any type of work done to the current stairway leading to the beach at the Cedar Point Park, located in Golden and Pentwater Townships, shall result in the stairway being removed from Road Commission right-of-way.

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

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mark Timmer introduced Oceana County Treasurer Mary Lou Phillips to the Board and audience. Mary Lou and West Shore Bank Cash Management Representative Tina Friese met with staff earlier this week to present an offer she had obtained for our benefit. West Shore Bank has offered to invest our current sweep account money into a money market account with an interest rate of 1.5% (our current interest rate is 0.25%) for funds totaling over \$1,500,000.00 with no fees assigned. At the end of their presentation, staff agreed to invest in the money market account with West Shore Bank beginning immediately. This decision will not change any bank account numbers or interfere with any checking/savings account deposits or withdrawals that systematically take place each month. The Board was very grateful for all Mary Lou and Tina have done for us. Andrew Sebolt added that Mary Lou has done an excellent job as County Treasurer.

The respective work crews have been replacing culverts, blading gravel roads, shoulder patching, and preparing roads for paving. As of today, we have employed nine (9) Summer Help employees, with at least five (5) more beginning work after school is finished. Portions of Railroad Road in Golden Township, Tyler Road in Hart Township, and Cleveland Road in Grant Township have been paved. The Oceana Drive Project (from the Hart Bridge to North of Lever Road) will begin in the next two (2) weeks, with a contract completion date of June 29, 2018. Claybanks Township has committed to pay for half of the Webster Road/Scenic Drive project. The Muskegon County Road Commission and our crew will be performing chip seal operations together again this year on over thirty eight (38) miles of roadway. We are planning to do our own chip sealing beginning next year. Traffic counters are being placed throughout the county to assist in planning future road projects. Preparing pavement marking maps, logging our county-wide sign inventory, and staking for various “NO PARKING” signs is also being done.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SANDRA K. GRIFFIN**  
Clerk

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
Chairman

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MAY 23, 2018

**DATE**