

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
June 26, 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, June 26, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Oceana County Undersheriff Ryan Schiller; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner Liaison; Richard Raffaelli, Chris Trevino, Shelby Township residents; Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident; Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident; Peter and Anna Mae Bush, Amy LaBarge, Don Davidson; Skip Barnes, and Frode Maaseidvaag, all Pentwater Township residents..

TOTAL: 16 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Don Davidson, Pentwater Township resident (Apache Hills), spoke briefly on Longbridge Road and commented on some of the possible solutions being considered to alleviate the water problem.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING - Shelby Township Road Abandonment - 96th Avenue, South of Buchanan Road.

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 June 12, 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 June 19, 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 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. 72091 (Accounts Payable)	\$299,583.10
Voucher No. 72092 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 87,268.65</u>
	\$386,851.75

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

At the June 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, the Board members were given a “revised” abandonment request from Richard Raffaelli asking to abandon 96th Avenue, South of Buchanan Road in Shelby Township. The revised document states that the road only be abandoned North of Moody Lake and that the 0.65 miles of 96th Avenue that lies North of Woodrow Road (South of Moody Lake) remain open to the public. The Board then set another Public Hearing for today’s meeting.

Chairman Myers opened the Public Hearing regarding the “revised” abandonment request. He asked for comments in favor of the abandonment. Mr. Raffaelli began by saying “the Babinec’s have nothing to do with this Petition; they have not been involved in the Petition.....all I want to do is pave the road to my house so I can get in and out to my property.” There were no other comments.

Chairman Myers said he went to the Register of Deeds office in the Courthouse and researched the Raffaelli Deed and found no record of any easements attached to these property parcels. He added that hiring a title company to research documents to find out if there was ever public access to Moody Lake would be very expensive.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SHELBY TOWNSHIP ROAD ABANDONMENT – 96th AVENUE

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to abandon 96th Avenue, South of Buchanan Road, in Sections 10/11 of Shelby Township for a distance of 0.25 miles (except for the 0.65 miles of 96th Avenue, North of Woodrow Road that terminates near Moody Lake).

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

Chairman Myers presented a signed note from Thomas Babinec stating that he was not in favor of closing 96th Avenue.

Quarterly Committee Reports

Personnel Committee – nothing to report. Mark Timmer reported that Lori Holmes has been hired as Finance/Human Resources Director and that Jeremi Bosch was hired as Sign Coordinator/Assistant Safety Coordinator.

Insurance Committee – nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing new to report

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Vice-Chairman Gowell reported that work on the new storage building will begin soon; Mark “hand delivered” the signed contract to the MDOT office in Lansing for our new salt shed

Community Relations Committee – nothing to report

Weighmaster Liaison Report – nothing to report. Commissioner Blohm thought we were to get quarterly reports; Vice-Chairman Gowell said he would speak with the Sheriff

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Commissioner Blohm reported that the new dock has been put in at Black Lake and that work on the stairs at Cedar Point Park is still being done

STAFF REPORTS

Mark began by reading aloud his update on Longbridge Road. He reported that the water level of Lake Michigan is still rising as rain continues to fall; the current Lake Michigan water level is now higher than the centerline of Longbridge Road for ~400 feet. Our crews hot patched for several days on the detour route on 72nd Avenue. Rieth-Riley wedged a 160’ section of 68th Avenue, North of Harrison Road; they will also wedge a 1,340’ section of 72nd Avenue, North of Monroe Road, to alleviate erosion (they will add valley gutter and spillways to eliminate further washouts). Custom signing has been ordered and will be placed to more clearly define the detour route; the entire detour route was also mowed to improve vision. An estimate of \$815,000 was quoted for “auger cast” work that would first place pilings and then add a geo-tech grid that would allow the road to be built up above the water so it could be paved. Our bridge engineer will perform a hydrology study to see if we need to install culverts under the road to allow extra water to flow; this would add to the quote for the project. Mark has been in contact with Senator Jon Bumstead’s office and additional information was provided for potential grant money that is being pursued.

Mark has spoken with Dave Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, and Chris Brown, Pentwater Village Manager, to gather financial support to permanently fix Longbridge Road. He added that he appreciates the relationship the Road Commission has with Pentwater Township as Mr. Spitler has been very supportive and cooperative, and that the Township and Road Commission are working together to find and fund the solution. It would be impossible for the Road Commission to pay the entire cost of this project; financial commitment between the Township, Village, and Road Commission would greatly speed up the beginning of this project.

Mark Timmer reported that our crews are grading gravel roads in preparation for brining, patching with hot boxes, doing shoulder maintenance, tree work, and finishing up driveways after the paving projects are finished. Mowing has been done in several Townships; durapatching and chip sealing crews began work this week. Our forces are making headway on our brine program, as weather permits. The Traffic Services crew inspected the grading and paving on various jobs and did a local safety review with MDOT; they also provided traffic counts on several area roads.

Washington Road, between 80th Avenue and 88th Avenue in Weare Township, remains closed to traffic until the replacement culvert size is determined. The top course has been put down on Oceana Drive from Lever Road to 1,000 feet North of Monroe Road and striping has been done. The Shelby Road Bridge Replacement Project bids are due June 28, 2019 with award being made by MDOT shortly thereafter. The Oceana Drive Project, from the Village of New Era to M-20 in Shelby Township, will be let in July. The Stony Lake Road top course is nearly completed; chip sealing began today in Benona Township (starting on 65th Avenue and continuing on to 42nd Avenue/Keeler Road/44th Avenue).

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

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