

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
July 10, 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, July 10, 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; Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Oceana County Sheriff Craig Mast; Andrew Sebolt and Dean Gustafson, County Commissioners; Bow Wagner and Larry Mumper, Walkerville area residents; Jerry Brandel, Hart Township resident; Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident; Ray Scheulin, Golden Township resident, Amy LaBarge, Don Davidson, Mike & Maureen Weinhold, Gary and Rebecca Nicholson, Larry Zahner, Betty Pleva, Chris Brown, Jeff Hodges, Laura Kassanos, John Gremer, and Julie Burdick, all Pentwater Township residents.

TOTAL: 26 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Several Pentwater Township residents expressed their displeasure to the Board concerning Longbridge Road and the length of time the road has been closed due to extremely high lake water levels. They also commented on signage and traffic issues encountered on the detour route. Sheriff Mast commented that he is very "sympathetic" to the situation and is working with all entities involved; he added that all the deputies are aware of the problems and are trying to be in the area as much as possible. He also stated they will place a "speed" trailer on the detour route. The Sheriff handed out a weighmaster report to the Board for the first half of 2019. He also said that his office is open any time to anyone that has questions or problems. David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, added that he is looking into FEMA Grant funding. Chairman Myers added that Mark Timmer will be updating everyone later in the meeting.

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

There were no Agenda items.

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 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 72093 (Accounts Payable)	\$436,414.31
Voucher No. 72094 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 83,217.29</u>
	\$519,631.60

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

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark informed the Board and audience that our crew durapatched in Benona, Ferry, Shelby, and Colfax Townships; another crew has chip sealed several roads in Benona and Golden Townships. All of our mowers are busy throughout the County, and our summer help employees are steadily working on pothole patching. The crew that was put together for our county-wide brining will be completely finished with the first brining by next week. Traffic Services employees are inspecting grading and paving projects, working on a 5-year road plan, and taking care of sign repairs/replacements/upgrades. The following paving jobs have been completed or will be yet this week.

Benona/Claybanks Twps.	Stony Lake Road, Scenic Drive to East of 36 th Avenue	~2.50 miles
Shelby Township	Pine Grove	~0.22 miles
Shelby Township	East Hills Drive	~0.23 miles

Mark met with Soils & Structures to discuss soil borings on Longbridge Road; he also met with our bridge engineer to inspect Dumaw Creek to get additional measurements for the DEQ, as Washington Road, between 80th and 88th Avenues in Weare Township remains closed to traffic until a replacement culvert size is determined. The Shelby Road Bridge Replacement Project was awarded to Hardman Construction of Ludington.

LONGBRIDGE ROAD UPDATE

Mark shared several new updates on the Longbridge Road closure. He explained that custom signs have been ordered as well as additional detour arrows. The road closure signs for the Oceana Drive Project (Lever Road to North of Monroe Road) have been taken down as the project is complete; this should alleviate some of the confusion for the Longbridge Road detour. Traffic counts were done when Longbridge Road was closed on May 1, 2019 and were also done after the tourist season commenced. The detour route (Longbridge Road/Wayne Road/Harrison Road/72nd Avenue) registered ~1,300 cars a day. Wayne Road has been patched as has 68th Avenue near Harrison Road. Rieth-Riley will be working on the shoulders of 72nd Avenue, South of the bridge. Our crews are checking regularly for potholes on the detour route.

If the water level should go down, Mark stated the road would be open to traffic, with the exception of heavy trucks. He also explained that a “short-term fix” was not an option as the National Guard is too busy

to be able to assist us; he plans to proceed with fixing the road when the engineering design is completed and the money from “outside sources” is committed. Soil borings are scheduled for August, after which time our bridge engineer can design plans for the repairs. Mark further explained that taking money from other road work to divert it to the Longbridge Road repairs is not realistically possible as many of our projects are cost shared between the Townships and Road Commission; signed contracts with our crush/shape contractor as well as our paving contractors cannot be cancelled. He further mentioned that speed limits are not set by the Road Commission. The prima facie speed limit on the detour route is 55 MPH, which was verified by Sheriff Mast.

Mark wrapped up his Longbridge Report by reiterating that the Road Commission is proceeding on with the project, engineering work is still being done, and the design will be prepared by our bridge engineer after the soil borings are finished. The bridge on Longbridge Road is fine; this was verified by the divers that inspected it.

Commissioner Forbes complimented Mark on the wonderful durapatching job done on Garfield Road from 132nd Avenue to 172nd Avenue in Ferry and Newfield Townships.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JULY 24, 2019
