

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
August 14, 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, August 14, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Merten.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Gary Hilbert, Weare Township Trustee; Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Jay McGhan, Hart Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Chris Brown, Pentwater Village Manager; Undersheriff Ryan Schiller; Amy LaBarge, Julie Burdick, Skip Barnes, Doug Crossman, Don Davidson, and George Sadler, Pentwater Township residents. **TOTAL: 15 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Julie Burdick, Pentwater Township resident, read aloud a handout pertaining to funding and remedying the Longbridge Road closure issue. The handout was placed on file.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, presented the Board with a handout which he also read aloud. He cited "concerns we have about the roads and maintenance being done by the Road Commission in Weare Township." The handout was placed on file.

Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for the work done in his Township over the past few years. He added that our "chip seal/fog seal" this year looks very good.

David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, stated that most of the information in Ms. Burdick's handout came from him. He added that he will continue to update the Pentwater Township website as things change. Mark Timmer thanked Mr. Spitler and Pentwater Township for taking the lead on this issue and posting it on their website.

George Sadler, Pentwater Township resident, presented pictures to the Board that displayed the new NO PARKING signs that were recently placed near his establishment in Crystal Township at the intersection of 126th Avenue and Madison Road (aka Crystal Valley Pour House). Chairman Myers stated that no questions/comments will be answered as a FOIA request on this matter has been received.

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

1. Pentwater Township – Pythian Park Plats – review platted roads;
2. Crystal Township – Crystal Valley Pour House – parking.

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 July 10, 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 Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72095 (Accounts Payable)	\$325,186.09
Voucher No. 72096 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 92,781.33</u>
	\$417,967.42

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

Mark addressed the Board concerning roads in the Plat of Pythian Park and the Plat of Pythian Addition to Pythian Park in Section 1 of Pentwater Township. He explained that three (3) roads in the Plats are certified, but there is no evidence of the roads ever existing. It was decided to hold a Public Hearing to have the roads removed from our Act 51 Certification Maps.

**RESOLUTION NO 1 – PUBLIC HEARING – PENTWATER TOWNSHIP – ROADS IN THE
PLAT OF PYTHIAN PARK & THE PLAT OF PYTHIAN ADDITION
TO PYTHIAN PARK**

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to hold a Public Hearing at the Road Commission office in Hart regarding abandonment of Barkley Avenue (~1,360 feet), Watson Avenue (~700 feet), and Vaughn Avenue (~725 feet) in the Plat of Pythian Park and the Plat of Pythian Addition to Pythian Park, in Section 1 of Pentwater Township. The Public Hearing will begin at 10:15 AM on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

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

Commissioner Carr added Crystal Valley Pour House parking to the Agenda. All of the Board members had been called by George Sadler, owner of the Crystal Valley Pour House, about the NO PARKING signs that had been placed around his property at 126th Avenue and Madison Road in Crystal Township. Chairman Myers said that there would not be discussion on this issue at this time due to a FOIA request submitted by Mr. Sadler.

STAFF REPORTS

Demolition of the Shelby Road Bridge and pile driving has begun. The pipe arch culvert has been ordered to replace the failed culverts on Washington Road in Weare Township (between 80th Avenue and

88th Avenue); delivery is scheduled for the end of August. Our forces will assemble the culvert for placement. MDOT received the bids for our new salt shed. Clear Heights Construction, LLC was the low bidder at \$695,850.00; completion date of mid-November.

Roads are being bladed in preparation for the 2nd brining. Durapatching was done on 116th Avenue, North of Skeels Road and also on 176th Avenue in Leavitt Township. Shoulder work is being done in several locations to finish up our work on road paving projects. The chip seal crew is finished with our county-wide projects; fog sealing will complete our chip seal work for this year. County-wide mowing is being done as well as our MDOT mowing. The Traffic Services crew has been working on road closure/detours as well as sign repairs/replacements/upgrading. The 5-year road plan is coming along nicely and Mark hopes to have a DRAFT copy to present to the Board this Fall.

LONGBRIDGE ROAD

The permanent detour/road closure signing is now complete for Longbridge Road. Mark is meeting regularly with Dave Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, to share updates so Mr. Spitler can add them to the Pentwater Township website. Soil & Structures have performed soil borings on the road and will inform Mark of their findings. Senator Bumstead's office has been contacted for information on potential sources of funding the road repairs.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

AUGUST 28, 2019
