

Board or Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
August 9, 2017

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 9, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; State Representative Scott VanSingel; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Gale Eitniear, Newfield Township resident; Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident; Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives; Maria Kirby, Hart Township resident; Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 9 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Maria Kirby, property owner on 64th Avenue North of Harrison Road in Hart Township, asked to speak to the Board concerning her displeasure with the way the Minutes were written for the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting. The Public Hearing held during that meeting resulted in the abandonment of Harrison Road, East of 64th Avenue. After hearing her detailed requests for additions to the previously approved Board Minutes, Chairman Myers thanked her for the comments.

“Thank you” comments were received from Gale Eitniear, Newfield Township resident, for fixing washouts on 100th Avenue and also from Lori Green, Weare Township resident, for the chip seal/fog seal done on 72nd Avenue, South of Monroe Road.

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

1. State Representative, Scott VanSingel.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2017 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 the Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board Members to review.

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

Voucher No. 71992 (Accounts Payable)	\$548,256.34
Voucher No. 71993 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 68,071.33</u>
	\$616,327.67

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers introduced our new 100th District State Representative, Scott VanSingel, to the audience and thanked him for taking time to come to the Board meeting to speak on finances and current legislation. Mr. VanSingel shared the estimated MTF distribution for the next five (5) years, which suggests ~40% increase in funding for Oceana County (see below).

2017	\$4,621,170.16
2018	\$4,976,696.76
2019	\$5,374,594.89
2020	\$5,779,889.70
2021	\$6,429,118.51

He went on to say that he is confident that the new law recently enacted will keep road funding safe and added that he believes more funding is needed in rural areas. Mr. VanSingel answered questions from the Board and audience. Chairman Myers and the Board thanked him for the useful information and for attending our meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been busy mowing the expressway and doing roadside cleanup. Tree trimming and replacing a culvert on US-BR-31 near Longbridge Road in Pentwater Township was also done. Our Summer Help Engineering Tech, Alana Young, has left to prepare for heading back to MTU. She diligently worked on a curve sign/advisory speed study, assisted with traffic counts, and other engineering related jobs up until her last day of work on August 3, 2017. Alana was offered a job next Summer if she so desires.

The M-20 and Hart crews have been busy blading roads for the second round of brining. Eight (8) men worked overtime hauling millings from the Monroe Road Project on August 4, 2017. Mark Timmer is very pleased with the work being done by Hallack Contracting on this final leg of the Monroe Road Project.

The Lakeview Drive Project in Pentwater Township is coming along nicely. The tree/stump removal has been done and our men have constructed the cul-de-sac and are finishing our “in-kind” work on this project before the actual construction is turned over to Hallack Contracting.

Both Baker Road Projects in Shelby Township (East and West of Oceana Drive) are expected to be paved shortly. Loop Road, from 160th Avenue to 192nd Avenue in Newfield Township, is expected to be wedged the end of August, with the overlay done after Labor Day.

MDOT has also obligated our Federal Aid pavement marking project. Approximately \$145,000 was approved by the Rural Task Force and MDOT for pavement marking on Federal Aid Routes throughout the County.

Our crews have also graveled and shaped Clay Road, West of Oceana Drive in Grant Township in preparation for paving.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

AUGUST 23, 2017

DATE