

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
September 13, 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, September 13, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Barefoot.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Roy Wilson & Gary McKeen, Little Pt. Sable residents; Larry Mumper, Colfax Township resident; Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives; Cliff Prince, New Era resident; Bob Fletcher, Leavitt Township resident; Dick Cornwell and Linda Bruck, Ferry Township Trustee and former Trustee; Jeff Beswick, of Varnum Law; Dave Borgeson, Whiskey Creek resident; Dan Hallack, President of Hallack Contracting; and Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 15 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Gary McKeen, Little Pt. Sable resident, asked if 48th Avenue, between Baseline Road and Buchanan Road could have barricades or signs placed to warn people that the road is impassable.

Dick Cornwell, Ferry Township Trustee, informed the Board that Ferry Township has formed a "Road Committee" and is interested in meeting with staff to plan upcoming road work.

Bob Fletcher, Leavitt Township resident, asked for road repairs on Harrison Road where farm equipment did damage a few weeks ago. He is also concerned with heavy truck traffic speeding on Harrison Road, East of the Village of Walkerville.

Cliff Prince, New Era resident, commented on the chip seal work done on Oceana Drive near New Era.

Dave Borgeson, Whiskey Creek resident, thanked Mark Timmer and the Board for alleviating the vision issues at Stony Lake Road and Scenic Drive. He also advised of a culvert problem on 56th Avenue at Flower Creek.

Jeff Beswick, attorney with Varnum Law, spoke briefly to the Board on the jurisdiction of 110th Avenue, North of M-20, in Shelby Township. Mr. Beswick is representing David and Kim Beckman, who contend that this 0.10 miles of road is not under Road Commission jurisdiction and would like to continue a dialogue to settle this matter. Chairman Myers thanked Mr. Beswick for his comments.

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

1. Project update: Monroe Road;
2. Hart Salt Shed Replacement Update.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 71996 (Accounts Payable)	\$669,154.07
Voucher No. 71997 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 61,223.56</u>
	\$730,377.63

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

Dan Hallack, president of Hallack Contracting, was present to update the Board and members of the audience on the progress of our Monroe Road Project (West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue). Mr. Hallack surprised everyone by saying that a portion of Monroe Road would be receiving the asphalt base coarse tomorrow. He added that the project is moving along very nice and that he feels the “substantial completion date” of October 13, 2017 will be reached without issues. The final restoration work will be completed after that time. The Board members were very pleased with the report and feel that Hallack’s are doing a fine job.

Mark Timmer shared the latest news on replacing our small salt shed in Hart. MDOT representative, Andy Ilief, toured both our Hart and M-20 facilities, only to inform Mark that the entire 2017 MDOT budget for salt shed replacements was \$2,500,000, so we will not be replacing our small salt shed this year. The new plan is to tear down the dilapidated, unsafe small salt shed, build a new large salt shed in 2018, and have MDOT turn over the old large salt shed to us, strictly for our use. Mr. Ilief also agreed that we should paint/stain the salt shed at M-20 next Spring and do the needed repairs to the big salt shed in Hart yet this year. Our forces will demolish the small salt shed as time warrants.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer updated the Board on the work our crews have recently done. Some of the bigger projects include milling and paving Baker Road, West of Oceana Drive to the expressway, and Baker Road, East of Oceana Drive to beyond 80th Avenue. Our men are finishing the driveway and shoulder work this week.

Newfield Township contracted with Rieth-Riley to wedge/overlay Loop Road, from 160th Avenue to 192nd Avenue; before work began, the Road Commission replaced several culverts and will also complete the shoulder and driveway work on this project.

The shoulders have been graded and repairs started on the Gillon Drain culvert on M-20. Mr. Timmer stated he was very happy with the work our men have done. Our own forces are skip patching on the expressway, from Polk Road to the South. This two (2) day job is in cooperation with Rieth-Riley and Muskegon County Road Commission, who was gracious enough to supply a man and attenuator to protect our crew while working.

Mowing, blading, fixing washouts, and brush cutting have been done County wide when forces are available. Hallack's crew is coming along very nicely on Monroe Road and have begun ditching work on Lakeview Drive, North of Monroe Road in Pentwater Township. The M & M Pavement Marking crew arrived Monday, September 11, and are striping the chip seal/fog seal roads as well as the new paving jobs throughout the County.

Randy Smith, North County Foreman, and his crew have been working on the 140th Avenue bridge repairs in Elbridge Township. The hole in the back side of the abutment wall has been fixed and backfilled to grade. Cement was poured on the stream side and rip-rap was placed to protect the bridge. The bridge is tentatively planned to be open to traffic within the next two (2) weeks. Paving the bridge area will be done by our crew.

Weather permitting, our paving crew has several small areas, county wide, that are scheduled for repair work before the paver is cleaned up and put away for the Winter.

Mark Timmer, our Foremen, and several Board Members attended a 40th Anniversary Open House at Hallack Contracting on Friday, September 8, 2017.

The Board and Mr. Timmer are very pleased with the working relationship that has transpired with Hallack Contracting, the Muskegon County Road Commission, and the Kent County Road Commission this year and are in hopes that the spirit of mutual cooperation continues.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

DATE