

Board of Road Commissioners
Board Room
September 27, 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 27, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Barefoot.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident; Bob Fletcher, Leavitt Township resident; Gale Eitniear, Newfield Township resident; Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives; and Bob Beckman, of Beckman Brothers.

TOTAL: 8 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Bow Wagner, representing Walkerville Thrives, thanked the Board for the wedding done on Harrison Road, East of Walkerville and also on 176th Avenue, North of Walkerville.

Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for the wedding done on Jackson Road, as well as the 176th Avenue wedding.

John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor, asked to have the "seasonal road" portion of Pike Road (East of 88th Avenue) looked at as "no trespassing" signs and a gate have blocked both ends of this road.

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

There were no Agenda items for discussion. No new items were added by the Board.

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 September 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

The Revenue & 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. 71998 (Accounts Payable)	\$581,772.09
Voucher No. 71999 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 60,650.87</u>
	\$642,422.96

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

Motion carried.

Monthly Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes reported that we received a liability insurance refund check of \$117,531.00 from the Michigan County Road Association Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP). She went on to say that our work force is doing a good job preventing on-the-job accidents.

Personnel & Insurance Committees – Commissioner Gowell announced the “Goose Egg” plaque received from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF – our unemployment carrier) commending the Road Commission on “no lost time accidents” for the second consecutive year. The Board is very pleased with the safety efforts our work force exhibits.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to commend the Road Commission employees for their continued safety efforts as evidenced by the second “Goose Egg” award from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund.

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

Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds Committees – Commissioner Gowell explained that the furnace conversion from fuel oil to propane at the M-20 facility is coming along nicely. Our own forces are digging the service line from the new tanks to the garage.

Public Relations – Commissioner Blohm reported that the “First Annual Road Reception” is being planned by the staff. The date for the dinner in November 9 and will be held at the Double JJ Ranch Resort. Representative VanSingen and Senator Hansen are planning to attend.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Blohm is the liaison to the County Parks and Recreation Commission and reported that the Black Lake County Park will be open for hunters this year. The steps going to the beach at the Cedar Point Park are still being discussed by the County.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Carr is liaison to the County Planning Commission and stated that he had missed the monthly meeting due to a time change and he had not been notified. A “hot topic” of discussion at their meetings of late has been “short term rentals.”

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Timmer, Managing Director, reported that our forces did a wonderful job patching the left lane on the southbound US-31 expressway from Polk Road to South of the Hart Rest Area. He was also very happy with the shoulder grading done on M-20 as well as the culvert work at the Gillon Drain on M-20. Our men have also been picking up Adopt-A-Highway bags throughout the County and doing sign work on the US-31 business route.

Shoulder restoration has been finished on Loop Road (from 160th Avenue to 192nd Avenue in Newfield Township) as well as on Baker Road (West of Oceana Drive to the dead end and East of Oceana Drive to beyond 80th Avenue, in Shelby Township). Shoulder maintenance, cutting and trimming brush, and pothole patching has also been done in many townships.

Our men finished hauling millings from the Monroe Road Project. The Hart/M-20 paving crew has most recently been wedging on 136th Avenue in Elbridge Township, on Polk Road, East of Oceana Drive, 176th Avenue North of Walkerville, Jackson Road East of 176th Avenue, and Jackson Road, East of 192nd Avenue. The area on Harrison Road, East of Walkerville, that was damaged by farm equipment was also repaired. Crystal Township is hoping that we can do wedging yet this year before weather prohibits.

Hallack’s crew is coming along nicely on the Lakeview Drive Project in Pentwater Township. Monroe Road has received the base course of asphalt from West of 112th Avenue to 120th Avenue, and their men are working on the subgrade from 120th Avenue to 126th Avenue.

The pavement marking is nearly finished with just edgeline on Baker Road, East of Oceana Drive in Shelby Township, and centerline striping on Polk Road, East of Oceana Drive in Hart Township, to finish out this year’s work.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

OCTOBER 11, 2017
DATE