

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
County Services Building  
September 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the County Services Building at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Spitler, Koch  
Staff present: Timmer, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Jason LaFever, City of Hart; Jordan Smith, Maner Costerisan; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township resident; Tom Hartman, Oceana County resident; Marty Hayden, Golden Township resident; Martin Kaat, Golden Township Resident, Michael Bosch, Hart Resident, Andrew Hykoop, Oceana County resident. **TOTAL: 10 visitors.**

## **AGENDA**

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

1. **2023 Financial Statement presentation by Maner-Costerisan**
2. **Jurisdictional Transfer of 460 feet of S. Lakeshore Drive (Francis Street)**

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.  
Motion carried.

## **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Tom Hartman expressed concern about low hanging tree limbs on White Birch Drive in Mears.

Marty Hayden, President of the Friends of Silver Lake, commented on end of North Shore Drive being closed and why it isn't being maintained.

Martin Kaat spoke about 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Duck Road to top of the hill, being patched when it needs to be completely redone.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Koch – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.  
Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board members to review.

Motion by Koch and supported by Spitler to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No.	72374 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 866,904.51
Voucher No.	72375 (Payroll)	\$ 85,708.51
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 952,613.02</b>

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Jordan Smith, CPA, with our auditing firm Maner-Costerisan, provided an overview on our 2023 Act 51 Financial Statements. He reported our fund balance increased \$3,848,397 and that the Net position increased \$3,404,067 during 2023. OPEB is 114% funded. The result of the audit was a clean unmodified opinion which means that the company’s financial statements are presented fairly and comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This is the highest rating possible.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1 - JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF ~460 FEET OF S. LAKESHORE DRIVE (FRANCIS STREET)**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Spitler authorizing the Jurisdictional transfer of ~460 feet of S. Lakeshore Drive (aka Francis Street) to Mason County Road Commission.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Gowell – yes Koch – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Chairman Myer welcomed Commissioner Gowell back.

Mark Timmer reports that the State crew has been patching various routes, storm cleanup, shoulder and drainage maintenance and mowing US 31.

The M-20 and the Hart crew has patched various roads with the hot box, Chip sealed and Fog sealed.

Traffic Services supervised sign crew/County Work/State Work, worked on asset management, Miss Digs, Road Soft, sign repairs, street name signs, permits, closures and detours for road work and bridge jobs.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with the Clerk, contractor working on Roosevelt Bridge, Rieth Riley paved Meadow Lane at Lake Tahoe, paved base on 126<sup>th</sup>, paved base and top on Shelby Rd in Ferry, Madison Road is open, York and Polk thin overlays are done for Road Bond, 116<sup>th</sup> in Elbridge is crushed, Rieth Riley is paving base today, Hallack is crushing 176<sup>th</sup>. Montcalm County Road Commission brought entire chip seal crew to help us. We ran two entire chip seal crews and a fog seal crew this week. Chip Sealing will be done today. We just have to finish fog sealing. Hallack Crush and Shape 126<sup>th</sup>.

At the next meeting, September 25, 2024, we will review Lakeview Drive at School Section Lake in Colfax. Lakeview is a real narrow road and in some spots it’s only 9 feet wide.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RENEE CURTIS, Clerk**

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**WILLIAM MYERS, Chairman**

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**SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

**DATE**