

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
Road Commission – Hart Garage  
July 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the Road Commission in Hart at 10:00AM on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, outside, under a tent. Tables and chairs were set up to meet social distancing requirements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Oceana County Sheriff Craig Mast; and Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident.

### **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident spoke briefly about concerns of a stop sign being needed at Buchanan Road and Stone Church Road in Benona Township. Roy stated his prior request had been reviewed by the Road Commission and was “denied” but Roy feels it is his duty to let the Road Commissioners know as well. Currently, there are STOP signs on Stone Church Road.

John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor thanked the Road Commission for the chip sealing that has been done and stated the crew has done “good work”. John commented that he noticed roadside mowing was done on 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, from Shelby Road to Buchanan Road, but did not continue on North to Polk Road.

Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff gave a report on the Weighmaster Program. Craig mentioned NO STATISTICS are available to give as there is not much activity with only a couple of stops being made. Sheriff Mast thanked the Road Commission for mowing as it has helped with sight radius.

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

1. Next scheduled Board Meeting, August 12, 2020.

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 8, 2020 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. 72148 (Accounts Payable)	\$492,494.59
Voucher No. 72149 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 81,533.36</u>
Total	\$574,027.95

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

### **NEW BUSINESS (NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING AUGUST 12, 2020)**

There was discussion about potentially cancelling the next scheduled Board Meeting as Managing Director Mark Timmer will be gone. It was decided to hold the regular meeting as scheduled August 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

The State crew has been patching on Polk Road, and mowing on US-31 and Monroe Road. They have also done traffic control and filled sandbags in Pentwater for MDOT's project on BR US-31/Monroe Road (flood mitigation project).

The M-20 crew has patched with the hot box, durapatched Arthur Road between 194<sup>th</sup> Avenue and M-120 (Maple Island Road) in Greenwood Township, and graveled shoulders on Scenic Drive in Claybanks Township and Lake Road and Harrison Road in Golden Township. Chip sealing has been done on 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Riverview Drive and Arthur Road from 194<sup>th</sup> Avenue to M-120 (Maple Island Road).

The Hart crew has durapatched with the M-20 crew, chip sealed, patched with the hot box, mowed in various townships and graded 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Jackson Road and VanBuren Road to prepare for paving.

Our Traffic services crew has worked on asset management, culvert inspections and recording, updated various bridge postings and signing, set up road closures and performed traffic control for various jobs (including signs for chip sealing). They also performed miscellaneous sign work, worked with the chip seal crew and have marked Scenic Drive in Benona Township for paint striping that should be striped in the next couple days.

The entire Road Commission is continuing “best practices and social distancing” and following our COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, including asking “daily” health survey questions, and have provided cloth masks to all employees. We have graded 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue for paving.

Rieth Riley has paved the following roads since the last Board Meeting:

- Top course on Scenic Drive in Benona Township;
- Base and top courses on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue (VanBuren Road and Jackson Road) in Weare Township;
- Base course on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Claybanks Township (top course will be done today.

Dalton’s sprayed brush control on approximately thirty (30) miles of right-of-way within the last two (2) weeks which is already starting to brown. Action Traffic began installing sign posts for the Sign Safety Grant Program (curves signs, speed advisories and chevrons). This year’s chip sealing is finished (other than fog sealing); Arthur Road was added two (2) weeks ago by Greenwood Township.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LORI L. HOLMES**  
**Finance/HR Director**

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
**Chairman**

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AUGUST 12, 2020

**DATE**