

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Road Commission – Hart Garage
July 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the Road Commission offices in Hart at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 8, 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, Carr, Blohm. Commissioner Forbes called in and was on speaker phone. Absent: None.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, and Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor spoke briefly about pothole concerns on Jackson Road and Jefferson Road. Due to heavy traffic these roads appear to not be in the best of shape. Dale also asked Managing Director Mark Timmer about the chip seal that seems to be “peeling” from trucks driving on it at 104th Avenue and Monroe Road. Mark said the fog sealing has not been done on any of the chip sealed roads yet.

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

1. Recognition Award.

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 June 24, 2020 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 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. 72146 (Accounts Payable)	\$445,570.59
Voucher No. 72147 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 81,169.67</u>
Total	\$526,740.26

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

RECOGNITION AWARD – Managing Director Mark Timmer presented Clerk Sandra Griffin a plaque for her dedication to the Oceana County Road Commission for thirty (30) years of consecutive service and over thirty-three (33) years total service.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been patching on Polk Road, and mowing on M-20, M-120 and Oceana Drive. They have also been filling sandbags in Pentwater for MDOT’s BR US-31/Monroe Road flood mitigation project. This road is now open to traffic down to Charlie’s Marina.

The M-20 crew has done tree cleanup in various townships, durapatched Walkerville Road (176th Avenue to 198th Avenue), patched with the hot box, mowed in Grant, Claybanks and Otto Townships. They bladed all the gravel roads in Leavitt Township on Monday, June 29 and brined all of Leavitt Township on Tuesday, June 30. Chip sealing has been done on 102nd Avenue from Woodrow Road to Buchanan Road, Water Road from Oceana Drive to Hayes Road, and 80th Avenue off Oceana Drive in Shelby Township; 72nd Avenue, Webster Road and Cleveland Road in Grant Township; Stony Lake Road in Benona Township; Wilke Road East of 116th Avenue and Arthur Road East of 128th Avenue in Otto Township; Loop Road in Newfield Township; Webster Road from 48th Avenue to 56th Avenue and Roosevelt Road in Claybanks Township. There are approximately three (3) days left for this year’s chip sealing program (OCRC ~30 miles; Townships ~12.19 miles).

The Hart crew has durapatched with the M-20 crew, chip sealed, and have restored shoulders and driveways on Baseline Road in Shelby Township. Great Lake Chloride (GLC) has finished brining Hart Township; this year GLC brined Ferry and Hart Townships; OCRC crews brined fourteen (14) townships.

Our Traffic services crew has worked on asset management, culvert inspection and recording, updated various bridge postings and signing, set up road closures and performed traffic control for various jobs, performed miscellaneous sign work, and worked with the chip seal crew.

The entire Road Commission is continuing “best practices and social distancing” and following our COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, and have provided (2) cloth masks to all employees. Hallack Contracting has crushed 152nd Avenue and Hazel Road in Elbridge Township and turned it back to gravel; they also crushed 36th Avenue, between Cleveland Road and Clay Road in Claybanks Township, in preparation for paving. Rieth Riley is planning to pave Second Street and Thomas Road in Stony Lake today (July 8) and apply the top course on Scenic Drive, from Shelby Road to the bridge at Stony Lake in Benona Township, toward the end of this week; they plan to pave 36th Avenue, from Cleveland Road to Clay Road in Claybanks Township, next week. Mark has met with Parks and Recreation, DNR and CRA (Conservation Resource Alliance) at Marshville Dam to discuss replacing the three (3) large culverts with a wooden bridge, and removing two (2) old dam/bridge structures.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JULY 22, 2020

DATE