

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Hart Garage – Inside (Parking Garage)
September 23, 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, September 23, 2020. The Meeting was held inside in the parking garage. Tables and chairs were set up to meet social distancing requirements with a maximum of ten (10) people allowed inside at a time with masks required.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer and Griffin.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner Liaison; Sharon Hallack, Elbridge Township resident; Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident; Jared & Erna Beard, Sue Vriesman, and Scott Beal, Hart Township residents. **TOTAL: 9 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Sharon Hallack, Elbridge Township resident on 112th Avenue/York Road area, was present to inquire about how road maintenance and repairs are planned/determined and what kind of time frame can residents expect road work to be completed. She feels that more road maintenance is needed in her area (aka Shelby Center, where Elbridge, Ferry, Hart, and Shelby Townships come together).

Scott Beal, representing the local Chamber of Commerce, asked if more signage could be put up to direct traffic taking the Polk Road detour (MDOT project) to the downtown Hart business district.

Jared & Erna Beard and Sue Vriesman, Hart Township residents living on Hazel Road, are concerned with the condition of Hazel Road, from 88th Avenue to York Road. The road is used by heavy farm traffic and has been deteriorating rapidly. The Hart Township Board has elected to crush/shape/grade/brine the road, but has not determined if/when they will repave it.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, stated that he has enjoyed working with Mark Timmer and Randy Smith as well as the Board these past years.

Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk, thanked the Board for the plaque given to him in recognition of his fifty-seven plus (57+) years serving the residents of Grant Township. A standing ovation was given in honor of Mr. Wagner and Mr. Stevenson and their years of service to the residents of Oceana County.

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

1. THERE WERE NO AGENDA ITEMS.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 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 the 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. 72156 (Accounts Payable)	\$467,365.71
Voucher No. 72157 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 72,172.20</u>
	\$539,537.91

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

Quarterly Committee Reports

Personnel Committee – nothing to report.

Insurance Committee – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes spoke briefly on HB-4965 that would amend the road funding formula to give more flexibility on spending.

Buildings & Grounds – the Walkerville Garage will be torn down in October; Road Commission forces will demolish the building and Ken Adams Excavating will haul away the waste.

Community Relations – Commissioner Forbes commented on the annual roadside spraying that is usually done each July throughout the County. She feels eliminating chemical spraying should be considered.

Weighmaster Liaison – nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – A grant is being written for improvements to the Marshville Dam County Park area. The majority of the Parks in the County are preparing to close for the year.

STAFF REPORTS

Our crews are cleaning/checking spillways on Oceana Drive, M-20, BR US-31, and US-31, cutting brush and mowing on the expressway/M-20/M-120, graveling shoulders on M-20/M-120, durapatching Oceana Drive, patching, and taking care of sign work.

The Hart and M-20 crews have finished fog sealing in Oceana County and will finish yet this week in Newaygo County. They also bladed and brined Greenwood and Claybanks Townships; they bladed Leavitt Township again even though the Township elected not to do a second brining. The men are diligently trying to catch up on pothole patching, mowing on Primary roads, and sign work. The paving projects done this year have been finalized (shoulder work and pavement marking).

Our Traffic Services crew helped with the chip seal/fog seal crew and also set up road closures/traffic control for various jobs. Mark Timmer and Engineering Technician Austin Cribley received training on Asset Management Readiness, which is a pilot program from WMSRDC. They continue to perform sign work and mark roads for pavement marking throughout the County.

All employees are continuing to practice “best practices/social distancing” protocol and are asked the health survey questions daily; all employees have been provided cloth masks.

Hallack Contracting has begun the Hill ‘n Dale Subdivision road project for Hart Township, which should be our last paving project for 2020.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

OCTOBER 14, 2020

DATE