

Board Meeting by Teleconference Call
May 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers by Teleconference call at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Clerk Sandra Griffin.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Carr, Blohm. Absent: None.
Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Merten.
Visitors: John Hendrixon.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor commented he was glad to see paving done on Baseline Road (88th Avenue to 96th Avenue) and 88th Avenue between M-20 and Grant Road. These projects were unable to be finished in 2019. John has also talked to Road Maintenance Coordinator Jeff Balkema about bringing.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the following Agenda items for discussion. **NO AGENDA ITEMS.**

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

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

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

Since the April 29, 2020 Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers were NOT received with the board packets and the May 13, 2020 Accounts Payable and Payroll Registers were NOT ready due to a scheduling conflict, the Board did not approve vouchers at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been pothole patching, repairing washouts, performed shoulder work on US 31, and have cleared drainage structures on various state routes.

The Hart and M-20 crews have been busy patching with the hot boxes, tree trimming, blading gravel roads, repairing washouts, and gravel patching as well as ditching various roads and cleaning out drains.

Our Traffic services crew worked on asset management, set up road closures, staked roads for paving jobs and closed the East bridge on Pike Road, West of 56th Avenue in Benona Township, due to the deteriorating conditions.

Chip seal slag has been delivered to stock piles and our brine tanks have been filled. We paved the base on 88th Avenue between M-20 and Grant Road and Baseline between 88th Avenue and 96th Avenue. Rieth-Riley has repaired the joint at the Shelby Road bridge. Elmers is making gravel for the Road Commission at the Pierce pit. Seven (7) Summer help employees will be starting work on Monday, May 18th. The entire Road Commission is continuing “best practices and social distancing” to avoid spread of COVID-19 amongst employees. We have also revised our COVID-19 preparedness and response plan to meet requirements of the recent Executive Order. Cloth masks have been provided to all employees.

Chairman Myers asked each Board Member for any last comments.

Commissioner Gowell – None.

Commissioner Forbes – asked when brining will start. Managing Director Mark Timmer commented “we anticipate starting the week of May 18th through the 1st week of June.”

Commissioner Carr – with the lower expected income what things are you planning on doing. Managing Director Mark Timmer answered we will be doing 30 miles of primary road chip sealing verses the original plan of 50 – 60 miles, plus 9 miles of township chip sealing. To counteract the reduction in revenues we will also **HOLD OFF** purchasing the two (2) new large trucks (sander and dump truck).

Commissioner Blohm – asked how to stop the issues at Longbridge from happening again. Managing Director Mark Timmer stated that he and North County Foreman Randy Smith looked at the abutment wall and it is tight. Mark stated, “there is no way of knowing if this will happen again. The North side of the bridge deck was fixed the same way as the South side was fixed last year and Pentwater will pay for this.” Commissioner Blohm also asked about a solution to the bridge problem on Pike Road West of 56th in Benona Township. Mark replied “the Deputy Drain Commissioner is doing flow calculations and will give recommendations.”

Chairman Myers – None.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 27, 2020

DATE