

Board Meeting by Zoom Meeting
January 27, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers by Zoom Meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Blohm. Absent: Carr.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch, Holmes, Powell.

Visitors: Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor; Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor; and Lori Green, Weare Township resident.

TOTAL: 5 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor asked questions regarding the Non-Motorized Facilities Policy (Paths) which were later addressed in the meeting.

Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor spoke about keeping the Road Commission in the loop on a \$1.3M loan (Act 99) he is seeking to borrow from a local bank to accelerate road projects with the Road Commission (projects that would take approximately five (5) years could be done in one (1) year). Richard commented this still has to be presented to the Shelby Township Board for approval. This will have NO additional costs to taxpayers or any increase in the millage.

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

1. Pickup Truck Updates
2. Non-Motorized Facilities Policy (Paths)

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

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Organizational Board Meeting.

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

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

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72174 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 117,809.75
Voucher No. 72175 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 81,713.57</u>
Total	\$ 199,523.32

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – PICKUP TRUCK UPDATES

Motion by Blohm and supported by Gowell to purchase the three (3) Ram pickup trucks from Deur Speet.

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

Due to Don Rypma Chevrolet being informed by GM that they would no longer accept Fleet purchases due to plant shut downs for multiple weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Managing Director and Shop Foreman Denis Koch recommend the purchase of the three (3) Ram pickups from Deur Speet.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES POLICY (PATHS)

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to accept the Non-Motorized Facilities Policy (Paths).

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

A copy of the Non-Motorized Facilities Policy (Paths) is an integral part of the minutes.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been plowing, sanding, patrolling, doing route checks, and roadside cleanup as well as night patrol and winter maintenance.

The M-20 crew as well as the Hart crew have been plowing, sanding, winter maintenance, patched on various roads, and brush/tree cutting.

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Miss Digs, street name signs, permits, supervised the sign crew with State and County work, performed miscellaneous sign work, traffic control for tree/brush removal, and is working on finalizing the “new” Oceana County maps.

All employees are continuing to practice “best practices/social distancing” protocol and are asked the health survey questions daily; all employees have been provided an additional two (2) cloth masks, and have distributed to all employees a new COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and the remote work policy. The Road Commission has also obtained COVID-19 vaccine scheduling information for all employee. We are presently working on accounting system training, the 2021 material bids have been sent out, and have submitted a County Road Association (CRA) Impress Award for operations in reference to the Longbridge Road project.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Myers at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance / HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

FEBRUARY 10, 2021
