

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001222

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 22nd, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul A. Jeffs, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie.

Members Absent: None.

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from May 8th, 2007 were approved as written.

Wayne O'Neil, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to inform the Board of the damages done by a contractor to Fox Glove Circle. Mr. O'Neil showed the Board pictures of the damages and where the contractor tried to repair the damages. Mr. O'Neil also stated that he feels the contractor should pay for the repairs to the damaged portion of the roadway. No Action Required.

Dave Cope, Cope Construction, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of running a septic line under Park Road East of Northland Drive in Mecosta Township across to the drain field. Board advised it could be done only if the septic line is at least 4' deep and bored under the road; along with a letter stating the contractor is liable for any damages done to the road. No Action Required.

Bill and Monika Boone, Big Rapids Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board 183rd Avenue. Mr. Boone stated the following items: 1) he has a house at 12780 183rd Avenue and feels he is being harassed; 2) wondering where the actual road is and by what means is this stated; 3) there are footings near his utility shed which shows that at one time a building was there; 4) also had fence post along North and South property line that were removed by someone; 5) had the motor off his pontoon boat stolen; 6) also a few years ago he had the approval from the township to build his pole barn but never proceeded with it, now that he would like to build the pole barn he is being told he cannot due to road right of way; 7) also stated that Mr. Galloup has had access to his property for the past seven years according to the recorded easement; 8) also feels that he has put a lot of money into this matter whether through surveying and/or title insurance; 9) would like to have the Road Commission stop pushing the snow 15- 20 feet onto his property. Board advised that the issues would have to be discussed with Jim Knapp, Surveyor. No Action Required.

Jim Dague, St. Michaels, was present to discuss with the Board the parking lot reconstruction. Mr. Dague stated he has some concerns in regards to the corrections on the parking lot. Mr. Dague feels the curb and gutter is not necessary since the water has no problem draining currently and it would be more difficult for the elderly people to cross over. Mr. Dague feels the no parking lines would work in its place. Board advised holding off on any work until the state comes through and reconstructs the corner of M-20 and 50th Avenue in Wheatland Township. Board advised that if and when any work is done at that intersection, a hill cut will be done. Board advised Mr. Dague the project is still projected for 2009. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, will contact Mr. Dague when any meetings are scheduled to discuss that portion of the project. No Action Required.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board 22 Mile Road East of 130th Avenue that has several washouts the property owners are complaining about. No Action Required.

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Garrold Lavallee, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on whether 220th Avenue South of 15 Mile Road is going to be fixed. Board advised to have the administrative staff check with Fenstermachers and see what the plans are for repairing the road that was damaged by them. No Action Required.

David Grunst, Attorney, James & Diane Grunst, Angela Mondrella, Grant Township property owners, were all present to discuss with the Board Young's Lake Road. Mr. Grunst asked what the Road Commission plans were for the road. Mr. Grunst also stated the Road Commission was out staking out the area for a cul de sac. Board advised that the Road Commission needs a legal document stating where the road right of way ends before anything can be done. Board advised to have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, check into it and to get back with the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project list. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following 1) that all Wedge Paving is complete except for 160th Avenue North of 21 and 22 Mile Road in Grant Township; and 2) on May 24, 2007 Bullhead Lake Drive from 110th Avenue to W. Chippewa Drive is scheduled for paving, weather permitting. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the 2007 dust control contract with Austin Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts brought to the Board some concerns with Deerfield Township on the 4 Mile Road project. Mr. Jefts stated the Township would like to do the Grade project in 2007 and then the 50/50 cost share on the asphalt in 2008. Mr. Jefts also stated the Township feels the estimated gravel cost is too high. Board advised that they have the choice of going with the estimated amount or having the Road Commission bid out the gravel haul and then add our gravel cost to the haul. Mr. Jefts also stated that on the Monroe Road project for the first section the township would like to store any leftover sand on Gary Lambrix's, Deerfield Township Trustee, property and then use it for the second section of the project if necessary. Board advised that would be okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Fuel Depot Maintenance Expense account. Board advised they would need to schedule a meeting with the City and County to discuss some options for the expenses on the fuel depot. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Bridge Inspection Quotes. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the 2006 Treasury report to the Board. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, presented the 2006 Annual report to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Varnum Law in regards to the Notice of Intent to establish Condominium in City of Big Rapids. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Stark Reagan, Attorney, in regards to the Hamlet Village at Tullymore Site Condominium Development Project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Stark Reagan, Attorney, in regards to the Residence at Tullymore Fractional Condominium Development Project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Rush-Pac Golf Outing on 6/13/2007. No Action Required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Wayne Schuberger is working in Byers Pit; and 2) Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel, needs clay to crush in Byers Pit. No Action Required.


Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) health care meeting scheduled for May 30th, 2007; 2) need to redo the letter to the county in regards to possible appropriations; 3) employee will be off 4-6 weeks for surgery; 4) the heating and cooling business located on 18 Mile West of Northland Drive is currently using the construction drive as their business drive, Board advised they could not do this; 5) Ionia County Road Commission is closing down during the 4th of July week; and 6) update on contract negotiations. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 5/22/2007 for payment in the amount of \$42,173.85. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

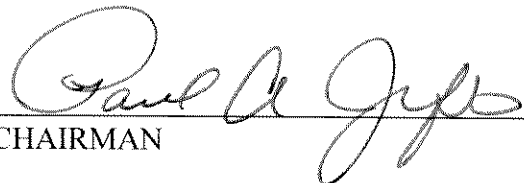
Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to move into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to move back into General Session at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


SECRETARY

6/12/07
DATE


CHAIRMAN