

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1329

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Art Adleman

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Connie Larson, Board Secretary.

Minutes from March 10, 2009 and March 18, 2009 were approved as written.

Cheryl Aris, Grant township resident asked the Board if there were going to be any road projects this year. Board advised that they were in the process of reviewing projects submitted by the townships. No action required.

Art Adleman, County Commission had no complaints and informed the Board that the Zoning Board completed the zoning for the Windmills and the tire clean up was approved by the Commission. No action required.

Bill Tingley, P.S. discussed with the Board the plan to vacate 2nd street a private road that would come off 192nd, Mecosta Township due to property line issues. Board advised they need something in writing from the Township before they would act. No action taken

Jason Tannissen presented a plan for building a private road to come off Pierce Road, Mecosta Township for residential housing. There will be nine lots developed. Board advised he fill out private road permit and submit plans with the permit. No action taken

Board discussed the 2009 project priority list. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Jim Dague representing St. Michaels church has reiterated that they would like to pave their parking lot in conjunction with our 50th Avenue grade project, and the M-20 project. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) There are 41 confirmations for the Annual Township Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009; 2) There were approximately 25/30 people present at the MDOT public meeting on March 24th, Randy Maxwell, Chairman reported the only complaint at this time was the closing of Cass Street, and the project will begin April 6th with flagging and the closure from 70th Avenue to Remus will come later; 3) Capital Outlay, Board requested more information on the brine tanks be presented at the next regular meeting. No action required.

Board reviewed the 2009 Annual bid tabulations. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to award bids excluding operating fluids, and fuel. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the used plow bid that was tabled from the February 10th meeting. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to award the bid to Steve Snavley for \$300.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed with the Board the following; 1) The City tax assessment; 2) The Chippewa Hills School fuel depot report; 3) The Wayne County Resolution; 4) Quote for the sand pad cover; 5) Commissioners Seminar, Randy Maxwell, Chairman will attend; 6) APWA Fleet Maintenance Seminar, Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to send Mike Cornell, Maintenance Supervisor to the seminar. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Friday, March 27th would be the last night for night patrol weather pending. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. The stop sign at Monroe and 190th Avenue was discussed. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve traffic control order #124 regarding stop sign on 190th Avenue and Monroe. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the DEQ SESC Training. No action required.

Board discussed the DEQ Enforcement Review. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to contact DEQ and request a written summary of their meeting listing violations and fines before they proceed with an offer. No action required.

Board discussed the County Wide Engineers position. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to set up more interviews during the week of March 30th. No action required.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve Voucher 3/18/2009 for payment in the amount of \$135.00 and Voucher 3/25/2009 for payment in the amount of \$25,107.21 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) Request from retiree to be paid additional sick time above the Boards obligation, no action taken; 2) The Michigan Cat training in Novi on rebuilding motor graders; 3) The summer brine program, advised Board they had two trucks available, Board advised to keep the program the same as last year, First round at no cost to the townships with additional rounds at a cost. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed with the Board the following; 1) Charter Communications wants to run cable approximately one foot in the ROW on Hayes and 190th Avenue. They need to get cable to the Chippewa Hills Public School in Mecosta. Board advised to approve it; 2) Frost laws, Board advised to follow surrounding counties. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers informed the Board that bids for new County maps will be going out soon and that the Mecosta County Parks were interested in designating their parks on our map. They would be included in the cost share. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE