

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 1307

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday September 9th, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, and Paul Jefts.

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, Joanne Davis, Payroll Clerk. Absent: Brooke Steiner, Clerk, (on maternity leave.)

Minutes from August 26th, 2008 were approved as written.

County Commissioners Report – Nothing brought up for discussion

At 9:05 A.M., Greg Rowell was present to discuss ongoing water problem with his driveway on 220th. Ave., south of 11 Mile Rd. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, and Mike Maneke, Supt., met with him on site previously and provided several written proposals for possible solution(s). Board advised to ditch and install a culvert in north driveway. No further action required.

Karen Brewster, MOTA, appeared before Board. Moved by Paul Jefts and seconded by Randy Maxwell that remaining funds left over from maintenance contract be converted back. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas. Motion carried.

Sandy Farlow, Grant Twp. in attendance. Nothing brought up for discussion.

Unfinished Business:

2008 Project List Update by Mike Maneke, Supt., reviewed along with:

At 9:32 A.M., Phil Hanford, Mecosta Twp. appeared before the Board. to discuss Estimate (previously provided to Twp.) for blacktopping Park Road in regards to rising asphalt cost(s) with Rieth-Riley. Blacktopping of Park Road will **not** be paved until 2009. Tree removal costs will be reviewed by Twp. at their next Board meeting to be held on Wed., Sept. 10th, 2008 and Mr. Hanford will report back to Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director. Brief discussion also held on a signing issue on West Road, south of 12 Mile. West Road is a private section of road, **not** maintained by MCRC. Mecosta Co. Road Comm. has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Maxine McClelland informed Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, that Township still wishes to proceed with work on Thornapple Lane yet this year. No action required.

Wheatland Twp. 35th. Ave. S. of M-20: Township may be willing to share in cost(s).

Correspondence reviewed regarding Marywood Drive, Morton Twp. Board advised to contact Township and property owner(s) for evaluation.

Unfinished Business:

MDOT Correspondence Reviewed:

Michigan Dept. of Transp. (MDOT) one year contract extension **will** be granted. No action required a this time.

Summit Meeting will be held on October 23, 2008.

Staffing Pilot Program – MDOT: Tim Little emailed Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, for comments/opinions. Board expressed “no interest” in this program at this time.

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Unfinished Business:

General Correspondence Reviewed:

Vandale Farms Lease – Letter was sent Aug. 15th, 2008, to Scott VanderKolk as a 30 day written notice, stating lease will be cancelled effective Sept. 15, 2008 due to non-receipt of annual lease payment (\$900.00) after having previously mailed out four (4) other notices. In addition letter states that NO crops may be harvested after the Sept. 15th. cancellation date. Mr. VanderKolk was not in attendance today. Mike Maneke, Supt. was asked to try and make contact with him to verify he had received letter.

Chippewa Lake Rd. Dock Issue – Mike Maneke, Supt., has met with Mr. West Thompson along with Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director. Dock has been put back up, but can NOT be in road right-of-way. Board instructed Mike Maneke, Supt., to red tag it and give him 30 days to remove the dock.

At 10:50 A.M., Supervisors, Bob Thumser, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon and Mike Wernette (present in Frank Randall's absence) met with Board to update them on any maintenance issues, etc., along with discussion of sign truck repairs needed on Sign Truck #120 by Mike Simon. Moved by Paul Jefts and seconded by Randy Maxwell that sign truck be sent out to Cannon Equipment for deck repair. Roll call vote of three (3) Yeas: Motion carried.

At 11:10 A.M., Kevin Courtney appeared before the Board requesting status of Wilson Rd. Public Hearing. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed Mr. Courtney that public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. Pioneer Newspaper will publish Notice of Public Hearing on Sept. 22nd, Sept. 29th, and October 6th, as required by law. No further action required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Bunyan Superintendent's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16th, 2008 with Mecosta County Road Commission serving as host County.

APWA Trade/Equipment Show – 10/29/08 – It was recommended by Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, that both Mike Maneke and Mike Simon attend this. Board in favor also.

Incident/Accident Report reviewed. No action required.

Miscellaneous (other) correspondence reviewed and placed on file. No action required.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 A.M. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 P.M.

Financial reports reviewed. No action required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Voucher 09/10/2008 For payment in the amount of \$650,624.98. Roll call vote of three (3) Yeas. Motion carried.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie that TCO #123 be approved as submitted for a four-way stop at 90th & Buchanan. Roll call vote: two (2) Yeas: Randy Maxwell and John Currie. Nays: one (1) Paul Jefts.

Terri Morrison advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, he had gravel on his property available for sale. No action taken.

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Wesche vs. Mecosta County Road Commission Settlement – Hearing schedule for April 2009. No action required.

Discussion of Driveway Permit Policy and culvert replacement(s) at Mecosta County Road Commission.

Mike Maneke, Supt., briefed Board on driveway problem at Chippewa Lake. Mike was directed to meet with Julie Austin, Chippewa Twp. Supervisor, and report back to Board.

Board requested that Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, report back at October 14th meeting for discussion of winter maintenance routes and funding issues.

At 2:30 P.M., Mike Maneke and Joanne Davis were excused for review of Fleet Maintenance Supervisor applications by Paul Jefts, Randy Maxwell, John Currie, Joyce Kuipers, and Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY:

DATE: