

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001250

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday October 23rd, 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 Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from October 9th, 2007 were approved as written.

Gary Chapman, Morton Township Resident, was present to discuss with the Board the possibility of cutting a 2' wide x 16' long section of asphalt in order to insulate, install heat tape, and check for leaks in the septic line under Steven's Lane. Mr. Chapman stated that about 8 years ago the septic line was bored under the road. Mr. Chapman also stated that whenever he leaves for short periods of time in the winter the pipe will freeze up. Board advised that Mr. Chapman can do the work but the Road Commission will need something in writing stating that if the road fails for any reason that Mr. Chapman will pay for the repairs. No Action Required.

Beverly and Staci Sparks, and Angela Campbell, Deerfield Township residents, were all present to discuss with the Board the safety concerns on 175th Avenue in the Morley area. Ms. Campbell feels that something needs to be done about the vehicles that speed up and down the road before someone gets hurt. Ms. Campbell would also like to see a curve sign and guardrail installed. Board advised that the Road Commission can request a speed study to be done by the Michigan State Police and to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, check into the curve sign and guardrail. Board also advised Ms. Campbell that the Speed Study could take some time to complete. No Action Required.

Greg Rowell, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the drainage issue on 220th Avenue South of 11 Mile Road. Mr. Rowell stated that when it rains heavy the water will run down the road to his driveway and is causing it to washout. Mr. Rowell stated that he would like to see a spillway similar to the ones down the road installed. Board advised that would not be possible and the best resolution would be to dig the ditch out that was filled in. Mr. Rowell stated that the open ditch would not be very attractive to the landscaping of his property. Board advised that the only other possible solution would be for the administrative staff to come up with a couple different options with the cost and bring to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Bruce Lane and Michael Maile, Mecosta Township Property Owners, were present to discuss with the Board 10 Mile Road West of 230th Avenue. Mr. Maile stated that there has been 5 reported breaking and entering since the gate has been removed. The Board advised that no public road can be gated. Board also advised that the road is seasonal and the Petition for Road Abandonment has already been denied once. The Board also advised to have them go to the Township. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) Dave Aris has completed 60th Avenue, ½ Mile North of 20 Mile Road in Chippewa Township, only the guardrail needs to be done; 2) Roy Eichenberg is almost done with 162nd Avenue from 3 Mile Road to Monroe Road in Deerfield Township; 3) Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel, is finished in Derby Pit and will be moving to Baumann Pit in a couple of weeks; 4) Lynnwood Lane is almost complete; and 5) paving of the sand pad is complete. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the completed Biennial Bridge Inspection. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Transportation Winter Maintenance Meeting on October 25, 2007. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and the District Supervisor's to attend. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to Evergreen Road Bridge. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated the bridge contract has been accepted, but there are some issues that need to be addressed by Ed Burch, Engineer. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Green Township, Charlie Brown Park Lease. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated she has not heard anything back as of yet. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the information in regards to the CONEXPO 2008. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting on November 8, 2007. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, John Currie, and Paul Jefts attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Department of Environmental Quality in regards to Sam Hassen - Notice of Violation on 225th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Road Commissions picture in the Better Roads Magazine for Top 10 Winter Maintenance Photos. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Canadian Lakes Excavating in regards to Shell Station – 100th Avenue, Canadian Lakes. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #07-13 in regards to the adoption of MERS benefit E Program for AFSCME Division #1 only. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the temporary transfer posting at the Big Rapids Garage. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Winter Maintenance Overtime Routes. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from County Road Association Self Insurance Fund in regards to New Loss Control Consultant. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the Village of Barryton requesting to have the asphalt replaced on Coolidge and 20th Avenue. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated it is on the list to be completed. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Notice of Intent to establish a Condominium Project for Copper Pointe in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the open house at Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 Concrete Certification Program. No Action Required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following: 1) Jimmy Zuern has approximately 6000 yards of Pit Run Gravel that he is willing to sell at \$2.50/Yard, John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the purchase of the 6000 yards of Pit Run Gravel at 2.50/Yard as long as they get a statement from Mr. Zuerns attorney stating whom to make the payment to. Roll call vote of (2) two yeas (Jefts and Currie), (1) one nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, updated the Board on the following: 1) brought in the policy on objects in the right of way to be signed; 2) Verizon – has not paid for 18 Mile Road Seal Coat repair, Board advised to hold permits until payment received; 3) the Township needs something from the Road Commission in writing stating a haul route for Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel, from Lepley Pit; 4) the hoist in the garage is damaged and an estimate for a new one is \$10,000; and 5) will be attending the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund meeting next week. No Action Required.


At 6:59 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

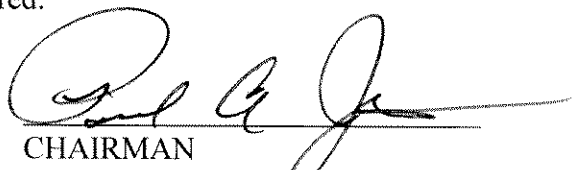
At 7:20 p.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 10/23/2007 for payment in the amount of \$31,829.22. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the annual Township meeting held by the Road Commission. Board advised to hold the meeting on March 27, 2008. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN

11/13/07
DATE