

**PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE**

**500 N. Hancock Street, PO Box 512, Pentwater MI 49449**

**Minutes of Meeting of October 15, 2024**

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- II. Members Present: Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, Dean Holub, Tom Hicks, John Faas  
Members Absent: None  
In Attendance: Dave Spitler
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include discussion regarding Monroe Road under New Business.  
Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of July 16, 2024:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Faas to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2024. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Status Report: 2024 Road Projects:** Member Holub stated that to date, none of the 2024 road projects have been completed due to an oversight in processing the Township's request.. He said that the when the Township was made aware of the problem, it was too late to implement any of the projects this year. He stated that the funds for this years' projects will be carried over for next year.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. **Review & Discussion: 2025 Road Projects**  
Members discussed potential projects for next year. There was consensus that this year's projects should be included for 2025. Those projects include the following:
    - Crescent, Hilltop & Bent Pine Avenues – Crack Seal, chip seal and fog coat
    - Lansing Avenue – Remove berm to improve drainage

- Wayne Road – Chip seal and fog coat
- Bone Avenue – Overlay intersection (50-75' west) with BR 31 with slag material
- Pentwater Boulevard – Overlay intersection (50-75' north) with BR 31 with slag material

In answer to a question regarding funding for 2025, Member Holub stated that there is a balance of \$112,000 from this year which will be carried over until next year while it is anticipated that next year's millage will result in an additional \$142,000 for a total of slightly over \$250,000.

It was suggested that we also solicit input from the Road Commission as to road improvements that it would recommend in the Township. Further, Member Holub noted that the Committee had previously overlooked Ottawattamie as a street for potential improvement in the Committee's list. He stated that the road is in need of improvement, however there is a drainage issue while the road only has a 25 foot right-of-way.

After further discussion the Committee agreed to request cost updates for the 2024 projects as well as input from the Oceana County Road Commission regarding:

- Potential improvements for Ottawattamie Street
- Potential road improvements from the OCRC perspective

In addition to discussion regarding 2025 road projects, Members Hooyman, Faas and Cole agreed to conduct a windshield survey of the Township prior to the November meeting in an effort to identify other potential road project recommendations for next year.

**b. Review & Discussion: Monroe Road**

Chairman Hooyman stated that he was concerned with the speed limit on Monroe Road between US 31 and Longbridge Road. He said that the speed limit on Monroe Road at Longbridge Road is 35 mph and immediately increases to 55 mph thereafter. There was also concern expressed regarding the water emanating from a broken storm drain along the road. The drain was damaged during the installation of the DTE gas line. After further discussion, a motion was made by Member Cole and seconded by Member Hooyman to send a letter to the Oceana County Road Commission requesting: a speed study on Monroe Road from Longbridge Road to US 31; and the status of repairs to the leaking storm drain.

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

VII. **Citizen Comments – None**

XIII. **Other Items from Members: None**

IX. **Announcements: None**

X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

*Dean Holub*

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Dean Holub, Secretary