

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

Minutes of Meeting of November 17, 2020

VIA ZOOM

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- II. Members Present: Nancy Arvai, Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, Tom Hicks, Dean Holub

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Arvai to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2020:** A motion was made by Member Arvai and duly seconded by Member Cole to approve the meeting minutes of July 6, 2020. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Discussion: Township Road Millage:** Member Holub stated that the township road millage had been approved by voters on November 3rd by an overwhelming majority. He complimented members on their commitment and role in proposing the millage to the township and the Board's concurrence to place it on the ballot. He said that the Committee will now have a dedicated fund to evaluate and recommend road improvement projects to the township board every year. He stated that the approved one-half mil will generate approximately \$115,000 per year. In answer to a question, he said that monies can be carried over from year to year if they are not spent in the year that they are generated/received.
 - b. **Status Report: 2020 Road Projects:** Member Holub reported that the Wayne Road and the Lansing Avenue projects had been completed, while the Lake Breeze Drive project had not. He said that part of the problem in completing the Lansing Avenue and Lake Breeze Drive projects was due to the timing of the submittal of the projects well into the spring and were the last projects to be scheduled by the Oceana County Road Commission. He also stated that the OCRC had run out of and /or

low on the supply of aggregate material to complete the gravel road projects.

VI. **New Business:**

a. Review & Action: Recommendation for Township Road Improvements for 2021: Chairman Hooyman referred members to a communication from Mark Timmer, Manager of the OCRC. Members entered into discussion regarding each one of the suggested road segments for maintenance/improvement and respective tentative cost of each. There was discussion regarding the possibility of the Township funding the Lake Breeze Drive project from its fund balance account vs. utilizing millage monies since it had not been completed this year. Members agreed that since it was not funded this year that it would be best to place it as the number one priority for 2021 from millage dollars.

There was general discussion regarding the proposal from the OCRC to fund 50% of two of the road projects. Members felt that the Township should definitely take advantage of the cost-sharing proposal.

After further discussion **a motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Arvai to recommend that the Township Board approve/accept the following roads for improvement in 2021 with road millage funds and submit the same to the Oceana County Road Commission:**

- **Lake Breeze Drive** – Ridge Road to End
Prepare for Paving (remove sand berms, add aggregate, etc.)
- **Hammett Road** – Village Limits to Township Line
Durapatch and chip seal/fog coat
- **Ridge Road** – Lake Michigan Camp to Longbridge Road
Dura patch and chip seal/fog Coat

The **Committee further recommended that the Township fund the following project with Township funds and submit the same to the Oceana County Road Commission:**

- **Lakeview Drive** – Monroe Road to End
Chip seal/fog coat (estimated cost: \$15,000)

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

The Committee also recommended that the Township continue to include

an amount of \$20-25,000 in its annual budget for 2021-2022 to fund emergency road repairs, brining and any other unforeseen road repairs.

b. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021: Members decided to keep the same meeting schedule as in 2020. The Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the following months in 2021:

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

VIII. **Citizen Comments – None**

IX. **Other Items from Members:** Chairman Hooyman questioned the safety of the intersection of Madison Road and Sixth St./Monroe Road. Members reiterated his concern for the intersection. Member Holub stated that he recollected that MDOT had done at least one study of the intersection due to previous safety issues. He said that unfortunately MDOT utilizes accident data to evaluate modifications to roads/intersections, while there have been no accidents at the subject intersection. He said that he would inquire to the Village and MDOT to solicit any previous studies/reports. Member Cole stated that just removing some of the vegetation on the inside of the curve would improve the visibility and safety factor.

X. **Announcements: None**

XI. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Arvai to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 p.m. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Holub

Dean Holub, Secretary