

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

Minutes of Meeting of May 17, 2022

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Members Present: John Faas, Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, Dean Holub

Members Absent: Tom Hicks

Others Present: Dave Spittler, OCRC, Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of November 16, 2021:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Holub to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2021. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Presentation & Discussion: Bonding for Township Road Improvements – Mr. Richard Raffaelli, Supervisor Shelby Township**
Chairman Hooyman introduced Mr. Richard Raffaelli, Supervisor of Shelby Township. Mr. Raffaelli discussed Shelby Township's efforts to sell bonds to finance road projects. He stated that the Township road millage is one (1) mil which generates \$286,000 per year. He said that the Township recently sold bonds through Shelby State Bank in the amount of \$1.8 million dollars which will finance several road projects in a short period of time. He said that approximately 60% of the annual road millage will be used to payoff the bonds, while the other 40% will be used annually for road repair and maintenance.

He said that Shelby Township hired the law firm of Miller Canfield to assist them in the bond process, which he said took at least 4-5 months from start to finish. He also encouraged consulting local financial institutions in the sale of bonds.

Mr. Raffaelli stated that he has been encouraging the Oceana County Road Commission (OCRC) to consider selling bonds to finance road improvements throughout the County as well. He said that he has made

similar presentations regarding bonding to several Townships in the County and would like to see all Supervisors in support of his effort to push the OCRC to pursue selling bonds. He said that bonding will save monies in the long range by constructing a significant number of major road improvement projects within a couple of years and hence focus on maintenance thereafter.

Mr. Raffaelli also mentioned that Shelby Township has retained a consulting firm to prepare and apply for state and/or federal grants. He stated that the Township was able to secure a grant in the amount of \$650,000 for road improvements through the assistance of Senator Jon Bumsted.

VI. **Old Business:**

a. Status Report: 2021 Road Projects: Member Holub stated that all of the 2021 township road projects including, Ridge Road, Hammett Road, Lakeview Drive and Lake Breeze Drive, have been completed and within the original cost estimates.

b. Status Report: Longbridge Road Bridge: Mr. Spitler reported that the OCRC would be repairing the north side of the bridge on Longbridge Road due to the continued settling. He said that an interim repair would be done in the near future and that the OCRC would be filing a grant for a permanent repair of the bridge and abutting road and described the permanent fix in detail for members. Mr. Spitler stated that the cost of both the interim and permanent repairs would be borne by the OCRC.

VII. **New Business:**

a. Status Report: 2022 Road Projects: Mr. Holub distributed copies of the approved estimates for Madison Road and Montgomery Boulevard. He stated that the estimates for both projects increased due to the cost of asphalt. He said that the Madison Road project increased from \$60,000 to \$71,371, while the Montgomery Boulevard project increased from \$39,500 to \$41,200. He said that the cost for brining the gravel and earthen roads also increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There was discussion that due to the increase in costs of the projects, it was likely that there would be no carryover of funds into 2023.

b. Election of Officers: Chairman Hooyman reminded members that there would be the annual election of officers at the next meeting.

VIII. **Citizen Comments – None**

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

X. **Announcements: None**

XI. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None