

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JULY 1, 2015

Chairman J. Johnson called Regular Meeting to order of the Cheboygan County Road Commission at 8:00 A.M.

Clerk D. Stempky took roll call and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: J. Johnson, D. Brown, B. Chadwick, K. Paquet, Engineer/Manager B. Shank and Clerk D. Stempky

ABSENT: C. O'Connor

VISITORS: J. Moore, F. Cribb, M. Ennes, G. Bunker, B. Hartwig, J. Vance, D. Holt, B. Holt, G. Archambo, D. Miller, C. Veneros, C. Kendavalte, G. Comben, A. Darkancelo, P. Foster, D. Williams, M. Boettger, T. Hartwell, C. Sponable, G. Elmhirst, H. Koviak, L. McCully, K. Barrow, J. Nuckles, J and M. Marchall, J. & D Young, N. Kayfez, J. Smith, S. Chervry, M. Chervry, J. Auote J. Keyes, C. Keyes, E. Kennedy, C. Kennedy, D. Eyen, B. Hager, L. Hagar, L. Andres, C. Elliott, M. Elliot, M. Ridley, D. Hayes, G. Benhare, J. Bunce, S. Petre, L. McCully, S & P Krauss, M. Ennes, K. Hahn and T. Hand

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to approve minutes of last regular meeting of 6/18/2015 as mailed. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by B. Chadwick to approve for payment current payroll voucher #15-25-\$63,681.82 and accounts payable voucher #15-26-\$121,820.33. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by K. Paquet to approve agenda as presented. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

K. Swanson commented on the parking situation in the downtown area regarding parking and ADA accessibility.

Bids for South Straits Hwy Project were received and opened June 30, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., copy of bid tabulation on file in office. B. Shank discussed Rieth Riley was low bid.

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to accept all bids for South Straits Highway and award the bid to Rieth Riley. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by B. Chadwick to receive and file the following correspondence: K. Swanson Ref. Parking in Indian River, J. Mandelaris Ref. Commissioners and Jeff and Denise Phillips Ref. Reams Road. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

Chairman J. Johnson recessed regular meeting at 8:10 A.M. to move out to parking garage for a larger area for Public Hearing on Eagles Nest Road.

Return to regular session at 8:15 A.M. for Public Hearing on Eagles Nest Road, held in parking garage.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JULY 1, 2015

Public hearing held at 8:15 A.M.

Public Hearing held to discuss the crush and shaping of Eagles Nest Road, which will put the road to a gravel surface.

Comments were heard as follows:

- Lived there for 40 years and do not want gravel road
- Lived there for 50 years and wants to know why was not paved when Burt side was completed, Brent commented funding was the issue and local roads are normally funded with special assessments.
- Why can it not be completed with tax dollars, we all pay a lot of taxes, discussed the fact that roads are not funded with property tax dollars except for the recent local millage that was passed.
- Question was asked what the cost was to pave and the preliminary estimate is approximately \$250,000
- Mike Ridley commented there is a resident that is circulating a petition for special assessment, noted the Township typically contributes 10% towards local projects.
- Asked when they thought the road would be crushed if that was the choice, possibly August when the contractor comes in for S. Straits Hwy project to help with the mobilization costs.
- Concerns of maintenance on a gravel road, noted the road would be graded and gravel added as needed similar to other gravel road surfaces.
- Concern of the gravel surface for winter maintenance, maintained as in the past for winter maintenance.
- Resident commented he does not want a gravel surface, discussed the options they were given years past regarding special assessments and was not feasible to most with regards to the cost split for residents that owned very little property or large amounts of property.
- Asked why Road Commission cannot pave road like they did with S. Extension, commented that S, Extension is a primary road and there are different funding sources available than a local road such as Eagles Nest. Resident wanted to know the process to make Eagles Nest a Primary, Engineer/Manger noted to make a road primary you have to give up some primary somewhere else in the County and that is handles through the Transportation Department.
- Some residents from Burt Township are willing and eager to help in the cost of repaving Eagles Nest in Tuscarora Township section. Chairman Johnson suggested a Committee form and set up an account at the local Bank for Eagles Nest to accept local donations.
- Resident would prefer a gravel surface rather than multiple car repairs and he appreciates the Road Commission hearing their concerns.
- Resident commented if the Road Commission is paying to have crush and shaped are the other Townships going to get the same treatment for funding, Chairman noted each project would have to be a case by case basis, Eagles Nest is a safety concern at this point.
- Asked of the Board why we are neglecting fixing up the road, Chairman noted we have been patching which is maintenance, does not feel we are neglecting the road.
- Ridley asked Engineer/Manager to explain the temporary fix that was proposed, The Road Commission was suggesting wedging the edges for 6 feet on each side in the bad area, which would be a band aid for 2-5 years, but would help with the edges.
- Harold Koviak-commented that Burt Township has a ½ mill road millage, that is how Burt Township fund their road projects. He believes in regards to collecting funds to help with cost would have to be handles through another source, would have to check with legal counsel. Harold feels a gravel surface at this time is safer and a better option for the time being.
- Engineer/Manger Shank noted there was 450+ miles of roads in the last five years and 92 miles in the last year state wide that have been put back to gravel surfaces.

J. Johnson closed public hearing on Eagles Nest Road at 9:07 A.M. being no further discussion to come before the Board.

Chairman J. Johnson called regular meeting back in session at 9:15 A.M. and returned to Board Room.

Discussion of Public Hearing comments.

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to proceed with the crush and shape of Eagles Nest Road as soon as a contractor is able to arrive, use Afton Stone instead of road gravel. Roll call Chadwick-

**yes, Johnson-yes, Brown-yes Paquet-yes 1 Absent (O'Connor)
CARRIED**

Discussion of parking and bump outs on S. Straits Hwy. K. Swanson is researching ADA accessibility requirements and will pass on information as becomes available.

Engineer/Manger update:

- Devereaux Lake Road was not obligated, with all the advance construct projects those were funded first and therefore left no funds for other projects. Highway bill has been extended to end of July. Legislators want a new highway bill and no more extensions. Will review the project again by the first meeting in August or before if information is known regarding funding.
- Introduced Ted Hand, the permanent Crew Leader at the Tower Garage. Board congratulated him.

Chairman Johnson welcomed Bob Chadwick aboard. Bob was appointed by the County Commissioners to fill the vacancy due to the death of D. Spray.

K. Paquet attend a Trails meeting Burt Township is hoping to get an agreement with Biological Station to place the trail through their property, MTA meeting and Brent gave a presentation regarding maintenance and revenue, also attended an Intermunicipal Meeting and the Meijer project is still moving forward.

J. Moore wanted it noted that Nunda Township brined 5 miles of primary roads located in Nunda Township for the Road Commission

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by K. Paquet to go into closed session at 9:45 A.M. to discuss pending litigation on Woodruff Street public access. Roll Call: Johnson-yes, Brown-yes, Paquet-yes, Chadwick-yes 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by K. Paquet to return to open session at 9:55 A.M. Roll Call: Brown-yes, Paquet-yes, Chadwick-yes, Johnson-yes 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED

Chairman J. Johnson adjourned at 9:55 A.M. being no further business to come before the Board.


James S. Johnson, Chairman


Dana S. Stempky, Clerk