

Chairman J. Johnson called the Regular Meeting to order of the Cheboygan County Road Commission at 6:00 P.M.

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

**PRESENT:** J. Johnson, R. Chadwick, C. O'Connor, D. Brown, K. Paquet, Engineer/Manger B. Shank and Clerk D. Stempky

**VISITORS:** T. Matelski, R. Matelski, J. Moore, G. Bunker, C. Maziasz, B. Hall, F. Cribb, C. Muscott, B. Hartwig, S. Eno, K. Richards, R. Witte, M. Witte, D. Bodnar, R. Mesack, R. Pruder, S. Pruder, C. Veneros, S. Crusoe, P. Michael, C. Procknow, R. Jacobs, A. Doty, C. Doty, F. Goddard, W. Dixon, B. Lindgren, T. Horrocks, C. Horrocks, G. Bunker, S. Phelps, and K. Hahn *S. Lincoln*

**MOTION by D. Brown seconded by K. Paquet to approve minutes of last regular meeting of 5/26/16 as mailed. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

**MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by C. O'Connor to approve for payment current accounts payable voucher #16-22-\$596,423.14 and payroll voucher #16-23-\$65,683.33. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

**MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to approve agenda as presented. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

C. Maziasz, Aloha Township Supervisor, still has concerns of Little Canada Road and Baker Road, while the M 33 reconstruction is occurring. Unhappy with detour, Engineer/Manager Shank reiterated he has had contact with MDOT regarding the situation and has not made any headway. CCRC will continue to maintain the roads as best they can.

Proposed I-75 Business Route- Engineer/Manager Shank, K. Paquet, J. Galettis (MDOT) and P. O'Donnel (MDOT) met to discuss the proposed business loop

- A business loop is approved by AASHTO at the Federal Level.
- MDOT is willing to be the applicant for the process since the Road Commission is not able to.
- Does not appear there are any advantages to the Road Commission to have the designation, but also unknown what impacts may/may not have on the proposed street scape project Tuscarora Township is proposing.
- MDOT stated there are no local roads in the State that are designated as a business loop.
- Application would need to be completed, which takes a significant amount of time to gather data, the Road Commission would be responsible for gathering the data.
- Roads would have to meet all applicable AASHTO Standards and guidelines for lane width, shoulder width, parking, sight distance and such.
- The Road Commission would be responsible for all the new signage that goes with the business loop.
- Comment that Cadillac made a business loop approximately 12 years ago, this was the newest MDOT could find, and they did it to deter traffic from the downtown area.
- Need to make sure the downtown area wants more traffic but also truck traffic that comes with it.

Letter of Retirement has been received from Rod Myers, effective July 28, 2016.

**MOTION by D. Brown seconded by R. Chadwick to accept Rod Myers letter of Retirement, with regrets, effective July 28, 2016. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JUNE 2, 2016

CCRC is looking at producing in Blaskowski Pit, privately owned pit, Mr. Blaskowski is requesting \$.90 per yard royalty. Looking to produce 15,000 yards, this amount to an additional \$750 more than anticipated. Discussion of whether to produce in the pit or buy a ton stone directly from the pits. Board feels produce this year and look at in the future buying a ton stone from pits when needed.

**MOTION by C. O'Connor seconded by R. Chadwick to authorize paying the \$.90 per yard royalty to Mr. Leonard Blaskowski for 2016 production of gravel. Roll call O'Connor-yes, Chadwick-yes, Johnson-yes, Brown-yes, Paquet-yes** **CARRIED**

Gravel production or purchasing will be discussed with Townships during the 2017 annual meetings we hold annually.

J. Johnson recessed regular meeting at 6:22 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. when the public hearing will be held.

J. Johnson resumed regular meeting at 6:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JUNE 2, 2016**

J. Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. to discuss reverse angle parking in the Downtown Indian River Street Scape project, Tuscarora Township.

**PRESENT:** J. Johnson, R. Chadwick, C. O'Connor, D. Brown, K. Paquet, Engineer/Manager Shank and Clerk D. Stempky

**VISITORS** listed in regular meeting minutes.

Chairman Johnson commented:

- Due to the number of attendees, public comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Please state name when stand to talk for the record.
- Questions/Comments will be directed to the Road Commission Board and not directed to any one individual
- Not a bash session
- Area being discussed runs from Barbara Street to River Street on S. Straits Hwy in Indian River.

Paul Michael-feels constructed a wider bridge and now narrows to the road, traffic is crossing over yellow lines when you cross over the bridge. Traveling NB numerous hit the curb. Also feels 35 mph is too fast for reverse angle parking.

B. Hartwig-presented pictures of parked cars-opposes reverse angle parking-feels liability concerns and feels site distance is an issue.

Dick and Phyllis Kristin-does not feel will work at all in front of the insurance company. Feels if there is not a place to pull in with a trailer then people will keep going and not stop. That intersection is very busy with Pat and Gary's party store, and feels seniors will have a more difficult time trying to get back in.

Skip Phelps-lives in Mentor Township, he would like to know the repair costs to date and the time it has taken a loader operator to clean up the bump out areas? Board commented without looking at the cost do not have an answer, we have damaged two underbodies.

J. Kercheski-Opposes the reverse angle parking, the independent study performed has told us it will not work

L. Moore-lives on River Street, noted if cars are parked in the current area in front of Chamber you cannot see traffic without merging out into traffic. Opposes the parking.

C Lynch almost was hit by someone backing into a spot.

A Doty River Street resident-opposes

C. Poquette-has been on the DDA for 21 years and feels the DDA, Tuscarora Township and CCRC has put due diligence into the street scape and reverse angle parking option. She feels it is safer and may take a couple years to get used to it.

W. Dixon-opposes

R. Jacobs-Has owned a business for 56 years in Indian River and feels biggest mistake that could be made with reverse angle parking. Feels loosing parking spaces with the design and no reason to change as well as feels dangerous. Does not feel Township has listened to the public's concerns.

C. Muscott-presented an online petition that has been submitted opposing the reverse angle parking. Thank you to CCRC for holding the Public Hearing to listen to concerns.

S. Snyder-Feels people are not willing to try, she was reluctant at first and has tried it and did fine. Not opposed

D. Bodnar-On DDA Board, feels that reverse angle parking is the same motion as parallel parking and does not feel a problem. She also feels the safety issues are positive, when children open doors to exit a vehicle they will be away from traffic compared to parallel parking where you have to exit to oncoming traffic.

S. Nelson commented she tried three times and still could not back up within the lines-opposes

D. Hill-feels street scape is needed as well as on street parking, feels a mixture of reverse angle and parallel is a good idea. Feels it is easier and safer to reverse angle park. Suggests changing the width and or angle may make it easier for the public.

J. Dan-feels unsafe and opposes. Feels the safety study has told us it is unsafe. Feels reverse angle parking will be a hindrance to the downtown area. Feels if there is not parallel parking for vehicles with boats and trailers they will pass through town and not stop.

Mary and Tom Gainor-opposes

J. Overly feels if there are not spots for easy pull traffic will pass through.

A Luckshere-lives on corner of Prospect and S. Straits Hwy, opposes idea, watches traffic daily and it is a circus. Feels blind spots with reverse angle parking and vehicles speeding will be an issue for those trying to park.

J. King- Feels an ill conceived plan-opposes the reverse angle parking

D. Hand-Does not feel the NB parking pods are a good idea. Feels if vehicles with trailers and RVs will not stop if no parallel parking areas.

P. Markowitz-ditto to the opposition.

M.Howe-Ditto to opposition

M. Lang-opposes, when she came back for winter could not believe the bump outs by Chamber were there.

E. Moore-Feels as long as built to MDOT standards and done right may be ok.

S. Roddy-Feels since the design does not meet standards who is going to pay for the fix? No answers yet.

F. Goddard-Feels a bottle neck area at the current reverse angle parking area and maybe a caution light may help.

R. Crawford-Feels NB traffic has issues with hitting bump outs as well as plows. When looking SB to try to pull out into traffic you have to pull ½ way into traffic before get a clear view.

B. King-opposes but want to see the project move forward some way.

Ken and Mark Richards-opposes

K. Reusch has never seen all the parking spaces ever used in Indian River that additional space is needed. Opposes

S. Swanson-opposes, feels has never seen the parallel parking areas ever filled, a parking problem does not exist to have to change.

R. Rohraff-his car sustained damage while parking in front of McClutcheys, road too narrow, opposes.

K. LaPeer-Opposes, has never tried using the reverse angle parking but does not like it.

B. McFadden-neutral on the situation

L. Hanson-opposes for himself as well as for the owners of the Insurance Company. They alleyway they currently use is being blocked per the design and will not be able to access their property.

K. McClutchey-feels road too narrow and will back up traffic with reverse angle parking.

J. Breitbarth-Star Gate Motel-DDA member-Will support if it makes sense and the design is changed for safety concerns as the study confirms. Placing reverse angle parking is normally placed in a situation where parking is unsafe or additional parking is needed and he feels none of that applies here. Has only seen it two other area in two different states and they are in residential areas. He feels we need to make sure it all makes sense before moving on.

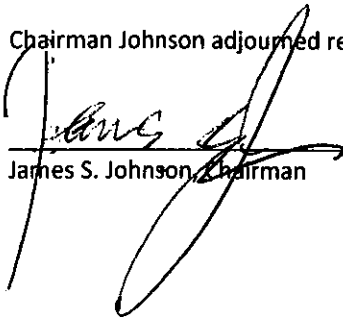
D. Fister-River Street resident and had a close call with a near collision trying to pull out onto S. Straits Hwy.

G. Cook feels the study is complete and the design is flawed as well as does not feel parking was ever an issue in the downtown area.

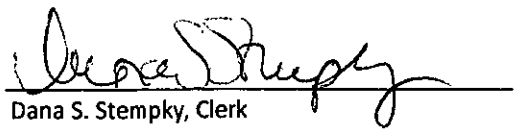
K. Swanson-opposes. Feels the Engineering firm did not listen to the public and business owners. Does not feel the design is appropriate for the area.

D. Neivelt-DDA member-Commented the 8 foot sidewalks you will lose parking no matter what type of parking you have.

Chairman Johnson adjourned regular meeting at 7:35 P.M. being no further business to come before the Board.



James S. Johnson, Chairman



Dana S. Stempky, Clerk