

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION OCTOBER 18, 2018

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** D. Brown, D. Brandt, H. Ginop, K. Paquet, Engineer/Manager B. Shank and Clerk D. Stempky

**ABSENT:** C. O'Connor (excused)

**VISITORS:** F. Cribb, E. Cribb, J. Moore, T. Horrocks, P. Brandt, P. Crowe, C. Veneros, S. Crusoe, T. Olson,  
D. Novak and G. Friske

**MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by H. Ginop to approve regular meeting minutes of 10/2/2018 as mailed. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

**MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brandt to approve for payment current payroll voucher #18-40-\$75,071.97 and accounts payable voucher #18-41-\$241,180.45. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

**MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by H. Ginop to approve agenda as presented. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

C. Veneros, Aloha Township, A. Rosenthal as 4680 First Street has a dead tree along right of way, in his yard and wants it removed. Engineer/Manager Shank noted we will gladly issue the homeowner a permit to have it removed or when it falls we will take care of it. We are not a tree removal business that cuts down trees.

Bids were received to purchase one new wheeled excavator on October 15, 2018. Four bids were received with one not meeting specifications. The three bids received met specifications. Will be putting the Badger out for bids to sell, if does not sell there was a trade in allowance included in the bids. Engineer/Manager Shank asks to accept all bids and award at next regular meeting so Shop Foreman can review bids as well.

**MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by H. Ginop to accept all bids for One New Wheeled Excavator and award at next regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Road Commission. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

Engineer/Manager Shank presented a Resolution regarding Senate Bill 396 for the Board, opposing the Bill. This Senate Bill would exempt timber harvesters from several sections of the Motor Vehicle Code, most importantly, weight restrictions and bonding. County Road Association has been negotiating with Committee all along and everything decided in Committee was ignored. Most UP Counties have already adopted as well as northern Counties.

**MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by K. Paquet to support and pass Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 396 as follows:**

**SENATE BILL 396 RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Cheboygan County; and**

**WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and**

**WHEREAS, It is a fact in Cheboygan County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and**

**WHEREAS, SB-396 (S-5) also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and**

**WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and**

**WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and**

**WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Cheboygan County residents and the traveling public; and**

**WHEREAS, the Cheboygan County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Lower and Upper Peninsulas work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County, the Lower and Upper Peninsulas moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Road Commissioners hereby STRONGLY opposes SB 396; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairperson of both the house and senate transportation committees and to the offices of Representative Allor, Representative Chatfield and Senator Schmidt.**

**4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor)  
CARRIED**

**MOTION by H. Ginop seconded by D. Brandt to receive and file the following correspondence as follows: Township Meeting Minutes: Koehler 9/10/18, Benton 9/4/18 and Grant 9/11/18; September State Maintenance; Safety Committee Minutes 10/17/18 and G. Friske Ref. Waubun Woods Site Subdivision. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

Gary Friske is asking for waivers for Waubun Woods Site Condominiums Subdivision, Wintree Drive and Sequoia Drive to be taken over by the Road Commission. Requesting waiver that pertains to the width of the existing gravel base. The current width in the specifications is 30 foot wide while the roads noted above are only 26 foot in width. Requesting waiver of the grade requirement of 6% on Sequoia Drive near the intersection of Wintree. The specifications require a 6% grade requirement a current piece of Sequoia Drive, approximately 150 foot stretch near

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the intersection of Wintree has a grade of 9.4%. Engineer/Manager Shank noted if the waivers are approved Mr. Friske will need to be able to deed the current 66 foot right of way to the Road Commission by Warranty Deed. A turn around that meets 100 foot diameter, would have to be constructed on Wintree Drive north of Sequoia Drive, if no turn around provided, the Road Commission would not consider adopting Wintree Drive from Sequoia Drive to the (north) end. Shank noted the Foreman August felt taking over the road would not be problem.

**MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by K. Paquet to grant waiver of the existing gravel base of 26 foot from the 30 foot requirement and grade requirement of 6% for a 150 foot section of Sequoia Drive near the intersection of Wintree Drive which currently has a grade of 9.4%, so he can move forward in securing the warranty deeds for the right of way to the Road Commission. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

**Engineer/Manager Shank Update:**

- New driver hired Pat Badgley and Royce Peterman as new Mechanic. D. Tohm will be moving to Tower as a HTD
- 2019 Primary Projects-Finish Mann Road, S. Straits will have a 30 foot wide paved surface and will end 1,000 feet short of White Road
- Parke/Reams Road will be shortened up to end at the bottom of the hill due to budget limits
- October 23 County Local Task Force Meeting with Regional Meeting November 9
- Need to add a project to the 2023 Federal Aid List: Levering Road-North Extension to Hill Road, Riggsville Road from VFW to Cheboygan City Limits, South Black River Road-Starting 4,000 feet north of M-68 to Hutchinson Highway or S. Straits Hwy from Hackwood to Berry Creek Road.

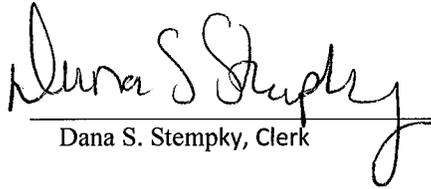
**MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brandt to add Levering Road from North Extension Road to Hill Road to the 2023 Federal Aid Task Force List. 4 Yeas 1 Absent (O'Connor) CARRIED**

**Travis Horrocks Construction Update:**

- Twin Lakes Road shoulder gravel and restoration need to be completed
- Temple Road restoration needs to be completed
- Gravel projects and Shire Roads are completed
- Little Canada looking at finishing Monday and Baker Road will be finished after that with restoration
- Crump Road structure was paved
- Waveland Structure complete with W. Brady Road should be burying by Tuesday.

Chairman D. Brown adjourned regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Road Commission at 7:00 P.M. being no further business to come before the Board.

  
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 David D. Brown, Chairman

  
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 Dana S. Stempky, Clerk