

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 18, 2016

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, February 18 , 2016 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Elhart.

Present: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Gajewski, Grifhorst, Miedema, Manager Laughlin, Utility Director Staskiewicz, and Secretary Mikita

Absent: None

The Board reviewed and audited vouchers for February 18, 2016.

At 9:00 a.m. the regular meeting was called to order. All present as before.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve minutes of February 4, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,513,782.80, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Jerry Felix, Park Township Manager, and Skip Keeter, Park Township Clerk addressed the Board regarding the Ottawa Beach Road township “Gateway” project. The township requested the Road Commission consider the following:

1. The reconstruction and realignment of Ottawa Beach Road at the historic pump house location. Commissioner Bird moved to deny the request for Road Commission funding for this option but will allow the township to secure other funding and accomplish the project under permit issued to the township. Seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.
2. Deviation request for light post installation locations along Ottawa Beach Road. Commissioner Miedema moved to approve a deviation location of 20’ minimum from the centerline of Ottawa Beach Road to the front of sign base. Seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried with Yeas: Commissioner Gajewski, Miedema, Bird, Elhart and Nays: Commissioner Grifhorst.
3. Deviation request of the existing tree policy for placement of new trees along Ottawa Beach Road. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to table this issue to a later date to gather more information relating to the types of trees and grade areas affected, and reviewed by staff, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

4. Request to construct 18' concrete curb along Ottawa Beach Road near the General Store area. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.
5. Request to install for leaching basins along Ottawa Beach Road near the General Store location. No motion was made to allow the proposed leach basin system. Manager Laughlin will explore an appropriate drainage system and options on behalf of the township.

Public Comment:

A resident of Tiffany Shores Subdivision addressed the Board regarding snow removal concerns this winter. The Board directed staff to respect the concerns

Commissioner Bird moved to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the Quit Claim Deed for returning the maintenance strip located along the east leg of Switchgrass Lane and Shenandoah Drive to the Savannah Lakes developer, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried;

Manager Laughlin presented the CRA ballot for Board of Directors election. Commissioner Miedema moved to submit a vote for Bradley Lamberg, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the following public hearings:

- Mason Street / 28th Avenue project on March 31, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
- 78th Avenue project from M-45 to Pierce Street on March 31, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.

Seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve the bid date of April 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., for the Ottawa Beach Road resurfacing project, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the Signs within Right-of-Way Policy for possible language revision. After consideration and discussion, Manager Laughlin was directed to bring back the policy at a future meeting with additional language revisions.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- Current MTF Collections.
- Salt Purchases to Date
- Winter Costs to Date and State Trunkline Budget Status.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Quarterly County Officials Meeting.
- Work session at County Board on February 25, 2016.
- March Newsletter.

At 11:23 A.M., Commissioner Elhart moved to temporarily adjourn the meeting to take up the Public Utilities agenda.

At 12:21 P.M., the meeting was called to order.

Manager Laughlin presented a Road Commission revenue report to be presented to the County Board.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.