

## **OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

### **Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting January 19, 2017**

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Elhart.

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

Absent: Commissioner Miedema

The Board reviewed and audited vouchers for January 19, 2017.

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 Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve minutes of January 5, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,095,456.10, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Gajewski, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Bill Sahlberg, Polkton Township Supervisor, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the abandonments of Money Street, First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Kenyon Street, Hopkins Street, and River Street in the plat of the Galen Eastman Addition to Eastmanville, located in Polkton Township, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

The Board may consider the abandonment of Welles Street at a later date if another suitable right-of-way from Leonard Road to the Grand River is conveyed to the Road Commission.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the abandonments of First Street, Second Street (as platted), Third Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Hopkins Street, Kenyon Street, and unnamed street from Third Street to Fifth Street between Blocks B4/B11 and B3/B12 and Church Street from the north right-of-way line of Second Street (as certified) north to the north right-of-way line of Fifth Street, and Spring Street from the north right-of-way line of Second Street (as platted) north to the north right-of-way line of Fifth Street in the plat of the Village of Eastmanville, located in Polkton Township, all subject to the

conveyance of a right-of-way for a future turnaround at the north end of Spring Street or the retention of Second Street (as platted) to Hopkins Street to Leonard Road for a future outlet, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

The Board may consider the abandonment of River Street at a later date if another suitable right-of-way from Leonard Road to the Grand River is conveyed to the Road Commission.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the preliminary plat of Timberline North located in Park Township as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to allow staff to implement Seasonal Weight Restrictions on behalf of the Board on a date and time that is determined to be in the best interest of the county road network and to approve the maps showing affected roads, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve Traffic Control Order #898 yielding northwest and southeast bound traffic on Fairwood Drive at Wallin Drive in Georgetown Township and the related traffic survey report, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Gajewski moved to approve a traffic signal agreement with Meijer for cost participation of the proposed signal upgrade at 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Quincy Street in Jamestown Township and authorized Manager Laughlin to execute all related documents, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented and reviewed four ballots to amend the County Road Association of Michigan Constitution and Bylaws. Commissioner Bird moved to approve proposed amendment #1, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried. Commissioner Bird moved to approve proposed amendment #2, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried. Commissioner Gajewski moved to approve proposed amendment #3, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve proposed amendment #4, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin discussed the State Maintenance Contract for the upcoming five years. Commissioner Bird moved to direct staff to send a letter with proposed alternatives and to set up a workshop meeting with MDOT representatives to discuss the contract and concerns prior to considering executing the documents, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following;

- Winter Costs to Date
- Status of Salt Orders
- Report of Millage Dollars Received
- Discussion of CRAM Annual Meeting
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Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Input from township supervisors regarding dead deer removal
- Review of "Understanding" pamphlets regarding asset management and truck ordinances

- Crockery Township resolutions for the Road Commission to be the ACT 51 sponsor for a TAP grant application and a State Infrastructure Loan for the North Bank Trail. After much discussion, the Board expressed concerns with the State Infrastructure Loan program as the Road Commission MTF would be at risk and used as collateral for the loan, a long term debt that would be reflected in our books and credit rating, the potential for other local units of government to request Road Commission sponsorship for loans which would increase debt and risks. Commissioner Bird moved to authorized staff to assist the Township with TAP grant application as an ACT 51 sponsor but to deny the request of sponsorship for the State Infrastructure Loan, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.
- Review of February Newsletter.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.