

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting February 16, 2017

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, February 16, 2017 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 16, 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 Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve minutes of February 2, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,072,572.10, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Representatives of Ottawa County Parks Department, Parks Engineer, and Robinson Township Supervisor joined the meeting to discuss a non-motorized path location deviation on North Cedar Drive in Robinson Township.

After consideration and discussion, Commissioner Miedema moved to table the issue awaiting further information, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the preliminary plat of Hathaway Lakes No. 8 located in Crockery Township, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the preliminary plan for the Elderwood extension located in Park Township as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve the construction plans for 112th Avenue from Cleveland Street to the County line as presented, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve the project estimate agreement with Polkton Township for gravel surfacing on 60th Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to abandon the platted right-of-way described as:

All that part of River Street from the south right-of-way line of Leonard Street south to the Grand River in the plat of the Village of Newburg, located in Section 11, T7N, R14W, Polkton Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.

Seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented a Traffic Survey Report regarding a left turn phase for 8th Avenue at 44th Street in Georgetown Township. Based on the review of crash experience, traffic counts, and left turn motorist delays, the recommendation is to install a left turn signal for the northbound approach at this intersection as scheduling and weather permits.

Commissioner Bird moved to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented the following traffic survey reports:

Safe Approach Speed for Blairwood Drive at Twin Lakes Drive in Georgetown Township

Based on the safe approach speed analysis the installation of a Yield control (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) would be appropriate.

Safe Approach Speed for Loringwood Court at Twin Lakes Drive in Georgetown Township

Based on the safe approach speed analysis the installation of a Yield control (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) would be appropriate.

Safe Approach Speed for Gilmore Lane at Twin Lakes Drive in Georgetown Township

Based on the safe approach speed analysis the installation of a Yield control (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) would be appropriate.

Safe Approach Speed for Lehigh Trail at Twin Lakes Drive in Georgetown Township

The roadway geometry (T-type intersection) limits the prevailing approach speeds on Lehigh Trail to less than the calculated safe approach speed of 22 MPH, thus the installation of a Yield sign (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) or Stop sign (less than 10 MPH safe approach speed) would not fulfill a need nor contribute to traffic safety.

It is recommended to continue with present (unsigned) operation at this T-type intersection which is consistent with other county subdivision intersections having similar characteristics.

Safe Approach Speed for Twin Lakes Drive at Lowingside Drive in Georgetown Township

The roadway geometry (T-type intersection) limits the prevailing approach speeds on Twin Lakes Drive to less than the calculated safe approach speed of 22 MPH, thus the installation of a Yield sign (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) or Stop sign (less than 10 MPH safe approach speed) would not fulfill a need nor contribute to traffic safety.

It is recommended to continue with present (unsigned) operation at this T-type intersection which is consistent with other county subdivision intersections having similar characteristics.

Safe Approach Speed for Lehigh Trail at Gilmore Lane in Georgetown Township

The roadway geometry (T-type intersection) limits the prevailing approach speeds on Lehigh Trail to less than the calculated safe approach speed of 23 MPH, thus the installation of a Yield sign (10-30 MPH safe approach speed) or Stop sign (less than 10 MPH safe approach speed) would not fulfill a need nor contribute to traffic safety.

It is recommended to continue with present (unsigned) operation at this T-type intersection which is consistent with other county subdivision intersections having similar characteristics.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to accept the reports, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve traffic control order #899 for the following:

- Yielding eastbound traffic on Blairwood Drive at Twin Lakes Drive
- Yielding eastbound traffic on Lowingwood Court at Twin Lakes Drive
- Yielding eastbound traffic on Gilmore Lane at Twin Lakes Drive

Seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented County Road Association ballots for amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and Board of Directors ballot. Commissioner Bird moved to vote yes for the proposed amendments and Larry Brown for Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following;

- Upcoming CRA meetings
- Millage receipts to date
- Special meeting of 2/23/17 at MDOT – Grand Region Office
- Commissioner Gajewski moved to cancel the regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2017 due to annual CRA Conference, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried
- Review of winter costs and salt supply

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- February 23, 2017 MDOT meeting
- Review of March newsletter
- March 3, 2017 quarterly meeting with County officials
- Ottawa MTA meeting to be held March 30, 2017
- Meeting held with Crockery Township Supervisor
- Meeting scheduled with MDOT on March 23, 2017 regarding M-231 plans in the Zeeland area

Commissioner Bird moved to accept bids for HMA Item I – 2017 on March 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the 2017 road program update.

Manager Laughlin reviewed options for utility relocations for road improvements.

Manager Laughlin reviewed old business issues.

Commissioner Gajewski reported on attendance at a meeting for a US-31 update in Grand Haven City.

At 11:40 a.m., Chairman Elhart temporarily adjourned the meeting to take up the Public Utilities agenda.

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman Elhart re-convened the meeting.

Commissioner Bird moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

At 1:15 p.m., Commissioner Grifhorst moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 P.M.