

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on November 2, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price, and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$124,432.98 and Vouchers in the amount of \$191,684.94 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2017.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

East Lake Road resident Steve Baer was present to request drainage and road improvements. He indicated that during the Spring thaw and heavy rains the road becomes impassable. Manager Laitinen offered to send the grader to drag the road but East Lake Rd is a Forest Service Rd and any major improvements would be their responsibility. Manager Laitinen indicated that they are under contract with the Forest Service to replace a culvert on East Lake Rd in the spring and that plans for paving the road are moving forward.

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore was present and asked when the pavement markings will be applied. Manager Laitinen indicated that because of the extended paving season the pavement markings will be applied in the spring. Supervisor Moore then asked about the replacement of chatter bumps on M-80 west of the Airport. Manager Laitinen referred him to MDOT.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Erickson

- Snow staking and putting up ice/sand.
- Dragging gravel roads.
- Getting sanders ready for winter use.
- Winter salt has been delivered to the Kinross Salt barn.

#### Foreman McConkey

- Hanna Rd work is complete.
- Snow markers being set and putting up salt/sand.
- Dragging gravel roads, some are too wet.
- Shop busy, almost done with truck overhaul.

#### Foreman Goodman

- Thanked the crew for their quality work.
- Snow markers being set and putting up salt/sand.
- Gearing up for Winter.

#### Office Manager Decker

- Security system has been tied in with the phone system, the monitor and the automatic door lock. The replacement security window has been delivered and we will be doing the installing.
- Will be traveling to Schoolcraft County on the 8<sup>th</sup> to train their new staff on Act 51.
- Financials for October will be ready for the next meeting.

#### Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Ready for Winter.
- Helping with the Pickford truck overhaul.
- Sanders are on, shop is busy.

#### Union President Hopper

- Mentioned that he saw a set of discarded tires on the side of the road at 12 Mile and Bound. Discussion Ensued.
- State Nights are starting this weekend.

#### Managers Report

- Will be attending at meeting with the BIA and the Bay Mills Tribe to discuss drainage issues along the upcoming Lakeshore Dr project.
- Will be attending the Super Pave conference and training in Mt. Pleasant next week with Engineer Krouth and Project Manager Jere.
- Attended a meeting with Kevin and Dawn with MDOT in Newberry regarding the culvert crossing in Paradise. Discussion centered around the logistics of winter plowing.
- Attended an Access Management Meeting with the City and MDOT staff regarding driveway changes along the Business Spur.
- Manager Laitinen met with the City Engineer and City Manager to discuss a speed limit complaint by a Resident. Riverside Dr has varying speed limits and the Resident feels the traffic is going to fast. Discussion ensued.
- A Manager has been hired for the Wetland Banking Board. Jeffery Silagy is a former MDEQ employee and will be starting today.

- The rental loader has been delivered to the Salt Shed in Kinross and deliveries are almost complete. Office Manager Decker noted that the salt company paid for repairs to the Sault Carbide dock area to insure timely deliveries this year.
- Manager Laitinen was interviewed by CRA staff about the 12 Mile Box Culvert project and the Sugar Island Bridge project. The articles will appear in Crossroads Magazine.
- Manager Laitinen reported that he has applied for an opening on the Superior Region Bridge Council. This Council selects proposed bridge projects for funding

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2017-05

Resolution 2017-05 is written in Support of Kincheloe Dr.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #2017-05 and authorize Chairman Timmer and Supt/Mgr Laitinen to sign.

#### **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

Hayward School Road Plowing Request

Manager Laitinen received a request from Trout Lake resident Ken Sherman to plow Hayward School Road. Mr. Sherman gave a brief history of the road and how it developed over the years. He indicated that at one time the Road Commission would plow for them. Manager Laitinen recommends we do not take this on. Mr. Sherman's driveway is a private drive off of a Forest Service Rd. and therefore it would be unlawful to provide service.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore asked about funding for Park & Ride lots.

Chairman Timmer mentioned that the East West Rd/M-123 Road sign is missing.

Manager Laitinen mentioned that State nights start Saturday.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner Ormsbee adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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Amy L Price  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman