

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

500 N. Hancock Street, PO Box 512, Pentwater MI 49449

Minutes of Meeting of October 20, 2026

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Members Present: Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, Dean Holub, Tom Hicks

Members Absent: John Faas

In Attendance: Keith Edwards, Township Zoning Administrator
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Hicks to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of May 19, 2026 :** A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Cole to approve the meeting minutes May 19, 2026. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Status Report: 2026 Road Projects:** Member Holub stated that the only 2026 road project was actually initiated today. He said that the project was delayed due to issues with coordination between Hallack Construction and Rieth-Riley. Mr. Holub stated that the existing pavement would be stripped, a new base would be installed and then overlaid with new asphalt. He said that the drainage would be improved to tilt the road and drain surface water inward toward the non-lakeside portion of the roadway via spillways.
 - b. **Status Report: Drainage Issue on Monroe Road:** Member Hicks inquired about the status of a previous report regarding the drainage issue on Monroe Road. Mr. Edwards responded that the storm drain that was installed in 1926 had been video recorded and the result was that it had deteriorated and is now basically non-existent. There was further discussion regarding other alternatives to determine remedies to the water discharge.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Review & Discussion: Paper Streets:** Mr. Edwards stated that he has had some requests to develop property located on paper streets. He defined a paper street as one that has been recorded on plat but never constructed. He stated

that there are many examples in the Township, but specifically referred to Pentwater Boulevard south of Business 31. He said that it is a seasonal road per the Oceana County Road Commission and is not more than a two-track sand-based road. Mr. Edwards stated that a property owner has requested a zoning permit to develop their property adjacent to the road, which meets the minimum 66' right-of-way. He said that he has required the owner to make the road passable particularly for emergency vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding potential funding for improvement of such paper streets when property owners wish to develop. Alternatives presented were Township general funds, road millage and special assessments.

While there was no particular consensus on which funding or combination was the most desirable, Mr. Edwards stated that his intent was only to introduce the Committee to the issue for consideration at a later date.

b. Review & Discussion: 2027 Road Projects: Mr. Holub referred members to a list that he had previously prepared for the Committee. He said that the Committee had recommended and submitted a long list of potential road projects last year knowing they would not all be funded. He said that the six projects on the list that were not funded totaled some \$295,524, while the anticipated road millage funding for next year is \$158,000.

The Committee then discussed recommending the following roads for potential inclusion for improvement in 2027: Madison Road, Lake Breeze Drive, Lakeview Drive, Lansing, and Pentwater Boulevard. The 2025 estimates for the subject projects totaled \$99,328. Members discussed the potential increase in costs for 2027 could be an additional 5-10%, which could total around \$110,000.

Mr. Holub stated that in addition to the projected cost (\$110,00+/-) of the five road projects, the anticipated budget of \$158,000 will also include \$5,000 for administration and \$12,000 for brining earthen/gravel roads. The total for all of the road fund items would be \$127,000 leaving a potential carryover for 2028 road projects of some \$30,000.

A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Cole to recommend the following road projects for 2027: Madison Road, Lake Breeze Drive, and Lakeview Drive – Chip Seal & Fog Coat; Lansing Avenue and Pentwater Boulevard – Slag Upgrade. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Election of Officers: Chairman Hooyman opened the floor for nominations for officers for the coming year. A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Cole to elect the current slate of officers: Pay Hooyman, Chairman; Tim Cole, Vice-Chairman, and Dean Holub, Secretary. The motion was approved by voice vote:

Aye: All Nay: None

VII. **Citizen Comments – None**

XIII. **Other Items from Members: None**

IX. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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Dean Holub, Secretary