

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2021

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- II. Members Present: Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, John Faas
Dean Holub, Tom Hicks

Members Absent: None
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Hicks to approve the meeting agenda as amended to add an Item VI. C regarding potential grant funding for improvements to the Pentwater River and its impact on Longbridge Road. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of July 20, 2021:** A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Faas to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2021. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Status Report: 2021 Road Projects:** Member Holub stated that all of the 2021 township road projects including, Ridge Road, Hammett Road, Lakeview Drive and Lake Breeze Drive, have been completed and within the original cost estimates.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discussion with OCRC Representative:** Member Holub said that there would be no representative from the OCRC in attendance since both potential representatives were attending a training workshop. He provided members with some preliminary cost estimates for the road improvement projects identified by the Committee at its last meeting from Mark Timmer. He said that Mr. Timmer would be providing actual cost estimates for the subject projects for consideration at our November meeting.
 - b. **Review & Discussion: Draft 5-Year Pentwater Township Road Improvement Plan/Schedule :** Chairman Hooyman referred members to

a draft document entitled "5-Year Pentwater Township Road Improvement Plan/Schedule. Member Holub described the background and intent of the document. He said that it could/would provide a long-range plan for future road improvements versus doing one on an annual basis. He stated that the roads identified in the document represented those roads that do have a 66' right-of-way whether hard surfaced or gravel. Member Holub said that all of the roads were prioritized based upon several criteria.

Discussion ensued among members and there was consensus that the document would provide the basis for a five-year plan and that annual windshield surveys of the road system would likely not be needed.

A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to adopt the format for the 5-Year Pentwater Township Road Improvement Schedule. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

Members then discussed road improvements for 2022 previously discussed at the July meeting. There was general consensus that improvement to Madison Road should be considered high priority and that improvements to Wayne Road could be postponed indefinitely.

In light of potential improvements to Madison Road, members also raised the possibility of improving the segment of roadway from Madison Road to Monroe Road, which is in the Township and Village. There was discussion about the safety of the entire intersection. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to MDOT requesting that the brush/trees on the inside (west) of the curve be trimmed back to the right-of-way line. Member Holub was directed to draft such a letter with a copy to the Village of Pentwater.

c. Discussion: Potential grant funding for improvements to the Pentwater River and its impact on Longbridge Road: Chairman Hooyman reported that he had recently been informed of some potential grant funds for improvements to the south branch of the Pentwater River and possible impact on Longbridge Road, particularly the bridge and immediate area. He said that the report was from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC).

VII. **Citizen Comments – None**

VIII. **Other Items from Members:** Member Holub reported that Shelby Township had recently entered into an agreement with Shelby State Bank to issue some 1.8 million dollars in bonds to do road projects in the township. He said that the Committee may want to invite the Shelby Township Supervisor to a future meeting next year to discuss their plan.

IX. **Announcements: None**

X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Voice vote: Aye:
All Nay: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Holub

Dean Holub, Secretary