

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

Minutes of Meeting of November 22, 2022

- I. Vice-Chairman Cole called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- II. Members Present: John Faas, Tim Cole, Tom Hicks, Dean Holub
Members Absent: Pat Hooyman
Others Present: Dave Spitler, OCRC Commissioner
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Hicks to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of October 25, 2022:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Hicks to approve the meeting minutes of October 25, 2022. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business: None**
- VI. **New Business:**

a. Review & Action: Recommendation for Township Road Improvements for 2023: Mr. Holub distributed a communication from Mark Timmer, Manager of the OCRC in response to a request for cost estimates for several potential road improvement projects for 2023. Members entered into discussion regarding each one of the suggested road segments for maintenance/improvement and respective tentative cost of each.

Member Faas inquired as to the anticipated revenue from the road millage for 2023. Mr Holub stated that the millage would generate a total of \$122,000.

At its previous meeting the Committee recommended the improvement of Lake Breeze Drive as its first priority for 2023. Members noted that the proposed Lake Breeze Drive project, estimated at \$118,200 would therefore consume nearly all of next year's millage revenue.

Members then discussed the proposed Lansing Avenue project for 2023. It was noted that the OCRC, with funds from MDOT, would finance the project in its entirety, however it differed from the suggested improvement from the Committee.

The Committee also reviewed cost estimates for the streets in the Madison Ridge plat.

After further discussion **a motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Faas to recommend that the Township Board approve/accept the following road improvements in 2023 with road millage funds and submit the same to the Oceana County Road Commission:**

- **Lake Breeze Drive** – Ridge Road to end – Pave - \$118,200
- **Lansing Avenue** – Intersection at BR 31 – Improve Drainage - \$0 (OCRC with MDOT funds)
- **Local Gravel/Earthen Roads** – Brining - \$8,000
- **Committee Expense** – Meetings - \$2,000

The Committee noted that the subject Road Fund expenses total some \$128,200 while the anticipated millage revenue is \$122,000 or a shortfall of \$6,200.

Due to the anticipated shortfall of some \$6,200 for the above projects, **the Committee further recommended that the Township allocate funds from its 2023-2024 General fund budget to fund the difference/balance (\$4,200) of the brining cost and the Committee meeting per diem expenses (\$2,000).**

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

The Committee then reviewed and tentatively approved projects in the Pentwater Township Road Improvement Schedule for 2024 including the interior streets in Madison Ridge and Wayne Road in 2024. After further discussion, **a motion was made by Member Holub and duly seconded by Member Faas to include the interior streets in Madison Ridge for crack sealing and chip seal and fog coat, and the wedging and chip seal and fog coat of Wayne Road in its Pentwater Township Road Improvement Schedule for 2024.**

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

Mr. Holub stated that he would prepare a communication with the Committee's recommendations to the Township Board for its review and action at its December 14, 2022 meeting.

b. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023: A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Faas to keep the same meeting schedule as in 2022.

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

The Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the following months in 2022:

May 16, 2023
July 18, 2023
October 17, 2023
November 21, 2023

- VII. **Citizen Comments** – Mr. Spitler reported on financial issues that the OCRC will be facing next year. He stated that reduced allocations from the State would impact its budget for primary and local roads and state trunklines by nearly one million dollars. He said that the only increase will be for equipment rental in the amount of \$400,000.
- VIII. **Other Items from Members: None**
- IX. **Announcements: None**
- X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Holub to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Holub

Dean Holub, Secretary