

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

Minutes of Meeting of December 5, 2023

- I. Vice-Chairman Cole called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m..
- II. Members Present: Pat Hooyman, John Faas, Tim Cole, Tom Hicks, Dean Holub

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None
- III. **Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Faas to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- IV. **Minutes of Meeting of October 17, 2023:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Hicks to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2023 as amended. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business: None**
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Review & Action: Recommendation for Township Road Improvements for 2024:** Member Holub referred members to a communication from Mark Timmer, Manager of the OCRC in response to a request for cost estimates for several potential road improvement projects for 2024. Members entered into discussion regarding each one of the suggested road segments for maintenance/improvement and respective tentative cost of each.

Member Holub stated that the road millage would generate a total of \$130,000 in 2024.

At its previous meeting, the Committee recommended the improvement of Crescent Drive, Hilltop Ct. and Bent Pine Avenue as its first priority for 2024 at a cost of \$55,000. Members noted that the proposed Wayne Road project, estimated at \$130,000 would consume all of next year's road millage revenue.

Member Holub distributed a communication from Mark Timmer in response to a question regarding the possibility of dividing the Wayne Road project up into two years (2024 & 2025) subject to the renewal of the road millage next year. He said that the wedging portion of the project could be done next year at a cost of approximately \$60,000, which would use the balance of the road millage revenue for next year.

Members then discussed the proposed Lansing Avenue project for 2024. It was noted that the OCRC would finance the drainage project in its entirety, however it differed from the suggested improvement from the Committee.

Member Hicks inquired about any citizen complaints regarding road conditions in the Township. Member Holub noted that a resident of Bone Avenue has repeatedly complained about the poor condition of the entrance to Bone Avenue at its intersection with BR 31. He stated that the road is essentially sand and grading/blading does little to improve the condition for any length of time. He said that in a conversation with the OCRC foreman that the only remedy for improvement would be to remove the sand and install gravel or slag material. Members felt that the situation should be addressed and included in potential improvements for 2024 since it likely could be accomplished fairly inexpensively.

After further discussion **a motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Faas to recommend that the Township Board approve/accept the following road improvements in 2024 with road millage funds and submit the same to the Oceana County Road Commission:**

- **Hilltop Ct., Crescent Dr., & Bent Pine Dr.** – Crack pour, chip seal and fog coat - \$55,000*
- **Wayne Road** – Asphalt wedge (Township line to newer chip seal section) - \$60,000**
- **Bone Avenue** – Gravel/Slag (Intersection of BR 31 to 200' north) - \$5,000
- **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

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

The Committee then entered into discussion regarding potential renewal of the road millage next year. Members felt that considerable improvements have been made to the quality of Township roads over the past three years and unanimously agreed that the millage should be renewed for another four years at the same rate of .5 mils.

After further discussion, **a motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Cole to request the Township Board to place renewal of the Township Road Millage on the August primary election ballot next year.**

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 13, 2023 meeting.

b. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024: A motion was made by Member Faas and duly seconded by Member Hicks to keep the same meeting schedule as in 2023.

Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

The Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the following months in 2024:

May 21, 2024
July 16, 2024
October 15, 2024
November 19, 2024

VII. **Citizen Comments – None**

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

IX. **Announcements: None**

X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Hicks duly seconded by Member Cole to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Holub

Dean Holub, Secretary

Unapproved