

## PENTWATER TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE

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

### Minutes of Meeting of October 17, 2023

- I. Chairman Hooyman called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- II. Members Present: Tim Cole, Pat Hooyman, Dean Holub, Tom Hicks  
Members Absent: John Faas
- 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 16, 2023:** A motion was made by Member Hicks and duly seconded by Member Cole to approve the meeting minutes of May 16, 2023. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None
- V. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Status Report: 2023 Road Projects:** Member Holub stated that to date, both road projects (Lansing Avenue and Lake Breeze Drive) have been completed as well as both applications of brining of gravel/earthen roads in the Township. He said that the cost of the Lake Breeze Drive project came in as originally estimated while the Lansing Avenue project was funded by the Oceana County Road Commission.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. **Review & Discussion: Pentwater Township Road Improvement Plan:** Members entered into discussion regarding the Township Road Improvement Plan. It was noted that the streets in the Madison Ridge subdivision were programmed for improvement in 2024 as well as Wayne Road last year. Cost estimates for both projects were previously requested from the Road Commission. The cost for improvement of the three streets in the Madison Ridge subdivision was \$51,000 while the cost estimate for Wayne Road was \$110,000. Member Holub stated that the road millage revenue for next year should be around \$124,000 while approximately \$9-10,000 of that amount is for brining and Committee administration, which leaves some \$115,000 for actual road improvements. Members agreed that it would be unlikely that both of the subject projects could be completed next year.

**b. Selection of 2024 Road Projects:** Members discussed potential road projects for next year. There was discussion that the improvement of Lansing Avenue did not totally resolve the issue of water ponding at the intersection at BR 31. During discussion it was noted that since both of the original programmed road projects likely could not be accomplished due to the limited road millage funds, it was suggested that we also solicit input from the Road Commission as to road improvements that it would recommend in the Township. Further, Member Holub noted that the Committee had previously overlooked Ottawattamie as a street for potential improvement in the Committee's list. He stated that the road is in need of improvement, however there is a drainage issue while the road only has a 25 foot right-of-way.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Hicks to request cost estimates from the Oceana County Road Commission for the following road projects for 2024:

- Crescent, Hilltop & Bent Pine Avenues – Crack Seal, chip seal and fog coat
- Lansing Avenue – Pave (40-50' approach at intersection of Bus.31)
- Wayne Road – Wedge, chip seal and fog coat

Further that the Committee request the following from the Road Commission:

- Potential improvements for Ottawattamie Street
- Potential road improvements from the OCRC perspective

The motion was approved by voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None

**c. Discussion Renewal of Road Millage in 2024:** Members discussed the potential renewal of the Road Millage next year. Member Holub stated that the Committee would have to recommend its renewal to the Township Board at its meeting in May of 2024 for consideration at the August primary election. Members stated that it may be necessary to be more aggressive in promoting the renewal in light of the village becoming a city issue. It was suggested that taking advantage of social media and/or direct mailings would be good ways to promote renewal.

VII. **Citizen Comments – None**

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

IX. **Announcements: None**

X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Member Cole and duly seconded by Member Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m. Voice vote: Aye: All Nay: None