

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on February 23, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Office Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Surveyor Wiggins

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$184,442.49 and Vouchers in the amount of \$255,487.82 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Review:

The following policies were reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board with no changes. The Purchasing Policy, the use of Road Commission Vehicles Policy and the Mailbox Replacement Policy. The Policy on Board Travel was updated to reflect a name change by CRA and reaffirmed.

B. CRA Board of Directors Ballot

Chairman Timmer reviewed two requests from CRA that required action by the Board. The first was a ballot to fill an opening on the CRA Board of Directors.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to cast Board support for James Iwanicki of Marquette to fill the three year term starting April 1, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer then reviewed two Amendments to the CRA Constitution and Bylaws. Proposed amendment #1 would acknowledge the addition of a standing S.A.M. Committee. Proposed Amendment #2 would acknowledge the membership of associate members that wish to further the objectives and purposes of the association.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to cast Board support for proposed amendments #1 and #2.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor asked the Board to turn off the water (rain). Everyone laughed

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Winter storm with strong winds hit.
- Pushing back banks and winging.
- Back to mild weather and water problems
- Pothole patching.

Foreman Goodman

- Roller coaster of weather.
- Some gravel roads are in bad shape. Biscuit Rd from Teets to Bear Creek had to be shut down.
- Ditches are full of a snow/slush/ice mixture. Hard to clear.

Foreman McConkey

- Heavy storm followed by clean-up.
- Working on ditches, trying to get the melting water away.
- Staff work on truck maintenance in their down time.

Office Manager Decker

- Financial portion of the Act 51 report is done and ready for audit.
- 2016 final numbers show us ahead by 96K. This is largely due to the Bridge project. Several other big projects are schedule for this year (2017) as well.
- The three Pick-Up trucks have been ordered from O'Connors.
- All the 1094C & 1095C forms have been generated and mailed. Some confusion was caused by the need for two different forms this tax year. One was generated and sent from Blue Cross and the other by 44 North.

- The mandatory Deferred Compensation change notices have been delivered to the enrolled Employees and Retirees. The changeover is on track for the middle of March.

Engineer Krouth

- Had conversation with the Little Rapids Group regarding the Sugar Island Bridge. Discussed having a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting ceremony and having a plaque made listing all the involved agencies and having it permanently placed on the bridge.
- The Rural Task Force meeting will be held here on March 3rd at 9 a.m. Discussion will be held on which proposed projects to add.
- We were granted the Category F Funding for repairs to the Sugar Island Ferry ramps. We will be working with EUPTA to develop a plan for the 2018 funding.
- Waiting to hear from the Forrest Service regarding the Curly Lewis Road Grant. We should receive word tomorrow. Discussion ensued.

Project Manager Jere

- Attended Office Technician Training in Lansing.
- Prepared outline for the school/preschool safety program.
- Frost Laws went into effect on Tuesday February 21st at 8:00 am. This has generated several permit requests.
- Started an Office recycle program.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Got the old snow blower out and ready for use.
- Working on chassis specs for the new sign truck.
- All is well in the shop.

Union President Hopper - No report

MANAGERS REPORT - No Report

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Office Manager Decker informed the Board that our County snow markers have been stolen from the Rudyard area. We are the only agency that has the blue snow markers; the staff is keeping their eyes open for them. A police report was made.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman