

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 7, 2018.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$156,301.49 and Vouchers in the amount of \$239,160.99 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on January 25, 2018 and the Special meeting minutes held on January 31, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Winter Maintenance, very busy.
- Stormy and Windy weather.
- The wing is out cutting down the snow banks.

Foreman Goodman

- Very busy with Winter Maintenance/storms.
- Keeping up with truck maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Winter Maintenance.
- Spring Bay Rd tree removal for upcoming road project.
- Burning brush piles.
- Mechanic shop busy.

Office Manager Decker

- 2017 year end in complete.
- The 2017 audit has been scheduled for the first week of March.
- The OPEB Actuarial is complete. Discussion ensued

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop very busy.
- Going through off road equipment.
- Rough roads causing spring and suspension repairs.
- Two plow trucks were involved in collisions. They have been repaired and are back on the road.
- Sign Truck is near completion.

Union President Hopper

- All is well on the night shift.

Managers Report

- Lakeshore Drive and Baker Side Rd project work.
- Lakeshore Dr Project meeting being held today.
- The Union contract has been finalized.
- Received notice that the Road Commission is being accused by a former temporary employee of age discrimination.
- The Frost Law Enforcement Contract with the State Police has been signed for the upcoming season.
- Participated in two Webinars; New Frost Law Software & MDOT endangered species. Discussion ensued.
- Posted information on the Road Commission Face Book page about the Plow/Auto accidents in hopes of educating the public and increasing safety.
- Attended the Straits Area meeting yesterday.
- Will be attending the U.P. Road Builders Conference in Marquette this week and the CRA General Policy Meeting on the 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Union Contract

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to ratify the Union Contract.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS - None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ormsbee Thanked the Union for a smooth Contract Negotiation.

Chairman Timmer stated that the Union negotiations went well and ended with a good contract. He reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman