

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, MI on December 12, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Union President Mills, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Office Manager Decker, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh

GUEST PRESENT: none

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$175,969.22 and Vouchers in the amount of \$330,313.36 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 on November 27, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- State has not yet awarded funding for Ranger Road project.
- We received a letter from the Bridge Advisory Board. We have been awarded funding for the Six Mile Road bridge over Waiske River, just past Piche Road for construction is 2022. Discussion Ensued.

Foreman Erickson

- Busy with winter weather
- The crews put in a long day the day of the last meeting (November 27, 2019) with the wet heavy snow. Lots of broken trees.
- We've had a busy and steady start.

Foreman Goodman

- Busy with Winter work.
- Several mailbox replacements. Discussion ensued.

Foreman McConkey

No Report

Office Manager Decker
No Report

Clerk Christensen
• Nothing at this time.

Union President Mills
No Report

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore
• Nothing at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh
No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

- On Monday (12/9/19), we had an incident involving truck 627. The driver was on Riverside and 7 Mile applying sand and didn't see an oncoming vehicle. The vehicle collided with the truck. No tickets have been issued, however, there were severe injuries to the auto driver and the truck sustained considerable front end damage.
- We've been working on finalizing the 2020 budget and will have it ready for public review next week.
- Met with our attorney regarding the Paradise Garage property.
- Participated via telephone in the Maintenance Contract Negotiating meeting. MDOT is adding approximately \$400K per year to our non-winter maintenance budget. We are meeting with them this morning to review.
- It has been decided that Keith Erickson will be promoted to General Maintenance Superintendent. In addition to his regular duties, he will be responsible for coordinating with MDOT the deploying of our crews for state maintenance.
- A notice to advertise the Pickford Area Foreman's position will be posted to start an internal search for Steve McConkey's replacement.
- Invited to speak at the next Rotary Luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS

A. OPEB Corrective Action Plan transfer of funds.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to transfer \$250,000 to the Morgan Stanley account for a lump sum payment for the OPEB Corrective Action Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Legal Opinion regarding Paradise Garage property and the reversionary clause in the deed.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to follow the legal opinion of our attorney and revert ownership of the property in Paradise to the State of Michigan

MOTION CARRIED

C. 2020 Meeting Dates:

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the presented schedule of meeting dates for 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Upcoming conferences:

- a. UP Road Builders Winter Meeting- Thursday, January 30, 2020 & Friday, January 31, 2020 - Marquette
- b. Highway Conference & Road Show - Tuesday, March 10, 2020 through Thursday, March 12, 2020 - Radisson Hotel Lansing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee would like to see an insurance determination on truck 627 with a cost of ownership on our trucks (Peterbilt vs. Kenworth)and driver preference.

Commissioner Ormsbee would like for us to look into ways to stop the drifting on Mackinac Trail.

Chairman Timmer would like to see our presence at the County meeting. The commissioners will work out a rotating schedule for attendance.

Chairman Timmer asks that we keep an watch on the upcoming proposed legislation regarding snow funding.

Chairman Timmer does a lot of travel to the Lower Peninsula and our roads look very good by comparison. Good Job to our crew.

BE SAFE

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman