

September 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 12, 2011. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke
Alma Hedberg
Donald Peters

Absent:

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Margaret Whirry, Alternate
Tony Daley, The Berlin Journal Co
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt
Quirin Klink, MSA Professional Services, Inc.
Sharon Gebhardt, Resident Town of Brooklyn

Agenda

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the meeting Minutes of August 2, 2011. Motion Carried.

Public Comments None

Correspondence

Email from Thomas Kloosterboer regarding CTH K bike lane; email from Alan Wohlferd regarding resurfacing between CTH K between STH 73 and CTH A; email from Darlene Rhone regarding resurfacing CTH S; WCHA Informer (September & October Issues); John Selsing letter regarding the Afeldt's and mediation and discussed the presence of the county's insurance company during the mediation; Safety Committee letter from the Sheriff's Department regarding the legality of placement of the "No Parking" signs during the detour – CTH K.

In regards to Thomas Kloosterboer's email regarding cutting down on mowing in order to aid in the cost of a bike lane on CTH K, Podgorski informed the committee that the average cost of mowing is approximately \$85,000/year. Don Peters commented that any savings should go into road repair, not a bike lane if mowing is reduced.

Podgorski stated the "No Parking" signs were put up legally.

Podgorski contacted Darlene Rhone, resident Town of Mackford, and Steve Sorenson of Sorenson Law Office regarding resurfacing CTH S.

Appearances

Quirin Klink appeared of MSA consulting firm and expressed their interest in the STP Rural and CTH D bridge work.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$751,202.15. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crew paved and shouldered 1 mile CTH D; mowed county roads, mowed for Town of Brooklyn; centerlined county roads; paved CTH W; put in cross culvert for drainage problem on

CTH F; and worked on State wayside. Crash data consisted of 20 deer, 8 other and 3 county damage reports.

DOT Request for Services

STH 73 to CTH A to CTH K will be revised as they found problems on CTH A and D, so this request will be revised with a higher maximum.

CTH PP Farm Entrance and Speed Limit

Sharon Gebhardt, resident Town of Brooklyn appeared with concerns about the speed limit on the south side of McConnell and CTH PP and requests an enforceable 45 MPH all the way through CTH PP; and also questioned as to why she didn't get a culvert like everyone else did when the road was redone as their farm entrance that was put in is very dangerous and has always been dangerous.

Discussion was held. Henke and Peters both agreed that the current farm entrance is useless. This will be included in the October Road Review.

CTH S Surfacing and Widen Shoulder

Podgorski thought that we would have a letter from Sorenson Law Office by now. If one doesn't come shortly, we will post the road.

CTH H Traffic

Podgorski received a call from Margaret Whirry regarding the Amish produce section on STH 44 to the Chapel regarding parking in the Town of Kingston. Peters suggested putting no parking signs on one side of the road if the problem persists. Podgorski will call Alan Hoffman.

Equipment Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

Expenditure/Revenue/Accounts Receivable Summary Report

The Committee reviewed the April Expenditure/Revenue Summary, and Accounts Receivable Summary Report.

Railroad Consortium

None

Use of County Property

The use of grounds for spook house was voted down by P&I.

2012 Budget None

Fuel

Discussion was held. Fuel pricing are starting to come done.

Filling Vacant Positions

A letter of retirement was received from John Zimmerman, Labor, and the 15 day trial period for the Mechanic II, and Sign Man has been satisfied, therefore leaving a vacant Laborer position and a State Patrolman position to be filled.

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve filling (2) Laborer positions and (1) State Patrolman position and to recommend the Personnel Committee to fill such positions. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Peters) to move into Closed Session per ss19.85(1)c for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, (0) absent, Motion Carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Peters/hedberg) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, (0) absent. Motion Carried.

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Motion/Second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the evaluations of Laborer's Doug Nighbor, Gary Jenkins, and Steve Otto, and State Patrolman/Mechanic II, Kevin Sternitske and to forward on to their personnel file. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, (0) absent. Motion Carried.

Committee Discussion

Podgorski reported more problems were found during the Inspection of CTH I bridge. A temporary 15T weight limit was put on, and temporary repairs are being done.

Sherwin Industries demoed new plastic arrows going into Crossroads Market which will cost approximately \$2,300.00 for machine rental. The arrows are expected to last 8 years.

Theft of snow fence posts at Shop II occurred. The subject was caught and will be prosecuted.

Field Road Review

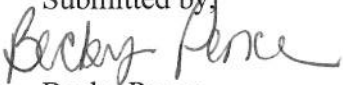
Due to committee member scheduling, the road review of CTH's A, D, F, S and W was postponed until the October meeting.

Future agenda items for action and discussion:

- **Regular meeting date: October 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM**
- **CTH A Arrows**
- **B&H**
- **CTH S**

Adjournment

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to adjourn at 11:30 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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Administrative Assistant