

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 9:02 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bruce Clark, Commission Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Absent: Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Dan Mieske, Edenville Twp; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township attended virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow from Larkin Township complimented the crew on how nice the Hubbard Road paving project looks.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for June 9, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for June 9, 2022, in the amount of \$900,079.59.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business: A resolution establishing authorized signatories for MERS contracts and service credit purchase approvals was discussed. Previously Brenda had the authority to be the signatory, so a new one would need to be appointed due to her retirement.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to establish Jonathan Myers, Managing Director, to be the authorized signatory for MERS.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Misc:

None

Staff Reports:

Russ was on vacation last week. He reported that Jeff and Ashley were at drone training for two days in preparation for the drone pilot license certification test.

He also gave an update about a meeting held with the Edenville Township Supervisor and Water District 1 staff regarding right-of-way issues in Edenville Township. The Township and Water District 1 own parcels upon which the road commission has certified roadways. The property is proposed to be used as both a water filling station and facilities for the township park. Russ will review legal documentation and recorded documents to determine the best method to assist both entities. A petition for relinquishment or abandonment of the existing road right-of-way may be received in the future.

Ben updated everyone on how well the parking lot project came together. Staff are very happy with the expanded areas of pavement.

He also gave an update on the windows. He & Jon are still working on the problem with the window panes, which is expected to be resolved soon.

The new excavator delivery was delayed due to an issue with parts, so it is now expected to be delivered next week. They did provide us with a demo machine in the meantime.

Ben took a few mechanics to Genesee County for training and reported that they all learned a lot on that trip. There was lots of information on the newer Western Star truck line that they are looking forward to.

Art reported that we are helping MDOT with a few projects that include mowing M20 and US10 as well as traffic control on M20.

He also reports that all 5 of our mowers are running right now, keeping everyone busy.

Reconstruction projects are underway. We will be doing 6 miles of reconstruction this year.

Paving is also ongoing, with Bombay Rd being paved on Friday and Vantage Point on Saturday.

Art also gave an update about the sealcoat projects. They are mostly done, with fog seal finishing up a little late due to rain.

He had attended an active shooter tabletop exercise put on by Emergency Management. He reported that it was informative but very scary. He was impressed by how well our police departments were trained to handle an incident.

The seventh summer help student started this week, which is the last of them to begin working this year.

Art also reported about a culvert failure up in Edenville Township that is being repaired by Corby Energy. They are going to install a liner instead of replacing the entire culvert, which is much more convenient.

Jon gave an update on the settlement around catch basins on Eastman Road. The structures and pipe are in good condition and fully sealed, settlement following construction appears to be the problem, we will continue to watch for additional settlement and we will patch the asphalt surface.

He gave a report on a meeting with DNR regarding Turner Parkway. Unexpected fees are over \$80,000 for easement and timber consideration. That is at a standstill now, with the only other option to move forward being pursuing it legislatively with State Representatives.

He provided an update from OHM on design projects. Stewart Road crossing over Bullock Creek needs to be analyzed by OHM to determine the optimal structure type.

Jon has received documentation from MDOT for the federal aid buyout program. Applications will be accepted starting at 10:00am on June 21st and he is going to submit the 2023 RTF project.

He also attended a Midland County Internet Connectivity meeting. Jon is leading a subcommittee to coordinate information from the road commission and drain commission.

Jon also reported that he has recently needed to make connections with some of our state politicians with regard to suspension of the gas tax as well as a house bill regarding suspension of fees from the DNR for mining.

Jeanette updated the board about some EPA issues that are going on with a property in Edenville Twp. that is in foreclosure that is very near the road and may cause some issues for the Road Commission.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:32 a.m. until Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair