



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Road Committee Meeting Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting – July 11, 2017, 7:30PM - Township Office

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mast at 7:39pm.

Roll Call

Committee Members –

Present - Leann Carpenter, Bruce Williams, Gary Lozmack, Jim Trapp (left at 8:00 for fire call), Jerry Mast

Absent – None

Road Commission – None

Guests – None

Agenda

Bruce moved to approve the agenda, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Minutes

Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2017 regular meeting as presented, supported by Leann. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Nye Road Bridge Plan Status – Per the Berrien County Trial Court register (Case 17-000027-CC), the case against the Road Commission has a pre-trial conference set on July 24. As for the Administrative hearing with the DEQ, Jerry talked with Pablo Rojas at MDOT and he indicated that depositions were scheduled for July 22. He again assured Jerry that MDOT funding for the bridge will be held until the case and hearing are resolved.

Paver Patch Recommendations for 2017 – Jerry updated the Committee that Don has received our list, but has not started working on the county wide list yet.

Olive Branch Road Reconstruction –Olive Branch between Cleveland and Nye had the first layer of sealcoat placed on June 20. According to Don Geisler, it will be 4-6 weeks before the second layer is applied. Chloride was also placed on the gravel roads on June 20.

Spring Creek Flooding Issue (West of Nye Rd) – Jerry updated the committee on the email correspondence with Janine Trotzke at the Drain Commissioner's office. Janine indicated

that they do not have a cost estimate for the work – waiting on the contractor's estimate. Both Gary and Leann visited the site and noted that although there was no flooding over the road, the water was not moving indicating a problem.

New Business

Hampton Rd and Olive Branch Rd. Reconstruction Years – Jerry raised the issue of whether it is appropriate to flip reconstruction years on Hampton (2019 - U.S. 12 to Buffalo) with Olive Branch (2018 – Nye to Hampton). The contiguous section of Olive Branch between Hampton & Beaver Dam is scheduled for 2019, and making this switch would mean that Olive Branch between Nye and Beaver Dam would all be done in 2019 (all 1.5 miles). This would also help with the breakup issue we having with Hampton by reconstructing that section next year. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of making this switch and the consensus was to take it to the Board and then discuss with the Road Commission to get their thoughts.

Public Comments

No visitor comments.

The next meeting was set for August 1, 2017, 7:30pm at the Township Office.

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Gerald O. Mast
Chairperson, Galien Township Road Committee