



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Road Committee Meeting Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting – February 6, 2018, 7:30PM - Township Office

The meeting was called to order by Jerry at 7:31pm.

Roll Call

Committee Members –

Present - Leann Carpenter, Bruce Williams, Gary Lozmack, Jim Trapp, Jerry Mast

Absent – None

County Road Department – None

Guests – None

Agenda

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

Minutes

Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting as presented, supported by Leann. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 special meeting with the Berrien County Road Department meeting as presented, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Nye Road Bridge Plan Status – Jerry informed the Committee that Administrative Hearing with the DEQ has been dismissed. However, the case with the Berrien County Road Department is still moving forward and a pretrial hearing was held yesterday. According to Jerry's January 30 discussion with Pablo Rojas at MDOT, if the case settles in time for the trees to be cleared by March 31, the project can be rebid for completion this year. Further, Pablo assured Jerry that funding is still being held for this project.

Spring Creek Flooding Issue (West of Nye Rd) – A few weeks ago the water was running across the road and carved a small washout across the road. Gary reported that the Road Dep't has placed gravel in the washout and water is now flowing back through the tube under the road.

Drainage at Buffalo and Nye – Gary reported that the Road Dep't made two trips out shortly after our meeting with them in early December and cut back the shoulder so that water flows into the ditch on the west side and through the tube under the road. Gary indicated that this has been resolved.

Paver Patch Recommendations for 2018 – Gary indicated that per his review of the Road Dept's website, this has yet to be bid. Further, he commented that only a few HMA projects have been put out for bid, and none of grinding or gravel for our projects have been bid yet.

New Business

Annual Meeting with County Road Department (December 6, at 3:30 at Napier office) – Jerry gave a brief recap of the discussion at the meeting, including the Road Dept's Upgrade Report (See minutes from this meeting). The Committee discussed the Road Department's desire to return to grinding the roads in the fall and letting them set gravel over the winter. We left with the understanding that our roads will still be ground in the late spring/early summer and put back together that same summer.

Road Fund Recap – Jerry mentioned that he did not have this completed yet, but will have it for the March meeting.

2020 and beyond Road Plan – The Committee reviewed the scheduled Road work for 2018, 2019 and tentative 2020. Jim mentioned the condition of Olive Branch East of Andrews vs. the difference West of Andrews to Cleveland (width, drainage etc). Gary and Bruce discussed whether the direction of the Road Dep't will change under the new director. The consensus was to ask Jason to come down to our meeting to talk with him about direction before we get too involved with adding on to our current Plan. An additional question of the Road Commission's rainy day fund was brought up, as well as whether to add gravel roads to be sealcoated. Jerry will ask Jason to come to our next meeting in March.

Public Comments

No visitor comments.

The next meeting was set for March 6, 2018, 7:30pm at the Township Office.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Gerald O. Mast
Chairperson, Galien Township Road Committee