

**Regular Meeting
Highway Committee
October 10th, 2016**

Members Present: Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Fran Modschiedler, Larry Dzekute, and Larry Neuens.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Tiffany White

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

Approval and/or revisions to current agenda: A motion was made by Neuens, seconded by Dzekute, and voted unanimous to approve the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute, and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the September 12th Regular Highway Committee meeting.

Old Business

Update on CTH 'N' STP project: Corre is wrapping up the necessary wetlands permits. The engineer is looking at options for addressing the corner at Fisher Lake Parkway that would fit within the current right of way. Also, Corre is planning to hold a town meeting on the 1st or 2nd week of November in Aurora.

Update on CTH 'U' culvert project: Northeast Asphalt is completing the patch over the culvert. In all, the road was closed for approximately 7 days and was re-opened as planned in time for weekend traffic. The project did go a bit over the \$100,000 budget, however some will be reimbursed through the culvert program administered by Land Conservation.

2017 Budget: DeMuri met with the Audit & Budget committee and the plan is to move forward with bonding as a funding source for road projects in order to decrease the Highway portion of the tax levy. There was some discussion by the committee members in regards to bonding and what that will mean for the Highway's plans for upkeep and new construction projects.

Update on employee positions: Raymond Thomas is back to work as Foreman, so Chad Hedmark is back to his usual Equipment Operator position. Ryan's promotion to Equipment Operator was approved by the Personnel Committee and is now in effect.

New Business

North Central Fall Meeting: This is a meeting that will be held on Friday 10/21. It is a breakfast meeting with the DOT, and Craig Thompson with the TDA. It will cover the "Just Fix It" campaign. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please notify DeMuri so he can get the registration taken care of.

Equipment Auction: There will be an auction in Wausau on October 28 & 29 by Nitke Auctions. DeMuri would like to attend to look for some of the equipment purchases he'd like to make in the coming year, specifically a tag trailer and/or a pressure washer. It was moved by Dzekute, seconded by Bomberg and voted unanimous to approve DeMuri to attend and bid on items that are within the budget presented to the committee.

Fall Commissioner Meeting: This meeting is being held on October 10 & 11 in Wausau. It was moved by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve DeMuri's attendance at the Commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner's Report: DeMuri reported that we are still working 4 10-hour days, and is planning to make the switch to 5 8-hour days toward the end of the month. We are doing a job for Vilas County where we'll be sending a few guys and some equipment to work over in Vilas for about a week. Also, DeMuri said that the guys requested that the schedule when they are working 8-hour days be switched from 7am-3pm to 6:30am-2:30pm. After some discussion it was decided

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to keep the current schedule of 7am-3pm.

Distribute monthly financial statement: The monthly financial report was presented by White. It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute and voted unanimous to approve the financial report as presented.

Present bills: The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee for their review. After review and discussion of the bills, it was moved by Dzekute, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$160,492.92.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Neuens brought up the possibility of including something in future contracts guaranteeing the work done. He mentioned the fact that the epoxy paint that we paid extra for as part of the CTH 'N' project is completely failing and flaking away in some sections of the road and they have been unwilling to offer much by way of replacing/repairing the work. Neuens also asked about bridge inspections that were taking place.

Adjourn to next regular meeting: There being no further business, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and unanimous to adjourn to November 14th, 2016 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany White,
Office Manager