

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Merri Berlage  
**DATE/TIME:** March 26, 2012 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dittmar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheridan

Others: Steve Keeffer,

**MINUTES**

**1. Citizen's Comments**

None

**2. Minutes**

Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the February 27th meeting minutes, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

**3. Highway Department**

**a. Project Schedule Update**

The committee performed their monthly review of ongoing projects. Steve Keeffer updated them on project progress and current status.

**b. 2012 MFT Maintenance Letting.**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the annual township and county MFT Maintenance Letting will be held on Thursday April 5th. Steve Keeffer will have the completed bid tabs prepared for the County Board Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Supplemental 2011 Maintenance Resolution**

The committee reviewed a 2011 supplemental MFT resolution. Supplemental resolutions are required to reconcile actual cost with the estimated cost that the initial MFT authorization resolutions are based on. Every year, a resolution is passed before the maintenance season begins, authorizing the expenditure of MFT funds on that summer's proposed maintenance program.

At the end of the year, a supplemental resolution is passed to reflect actual cost of the summer maintenance program and the cost of winter operations too. The cost of winter operations can be quite substantial because of recent salt prices. A supplemental maintenance resolution for 2011 was presented in the amount of \$180,319.44 (purchase of salt and liquid de-icer), Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the resolution, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

**d. Rush Township 50/50 Project**

The committee considered a request from Rush Township for assistance for replacement of a culvert on Schlichting Road. The existing culvert is a pair of 48” diameter metal culverts. The proposed improvement is a pair of 54” metal pipe culverts with cast in place concrete end sections. The estimated cost of the project is \$30,000. The county share of the project would be half (\$15,000). Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

**e. Hanover Property Purchase Discussion**

One of the committee goals was to purchase a lot that is adjacent to the Highway Department to build a salt storage building. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has been collecting signatures of property owners in the Hanover Industrial Park development to alter the covenants to allow the Highway Department to build a salt storage building on the available lot. The Village of Hanover currently owns the lot and the sale price is \$19,400. Dane Jackson made a motion to purchase the lot, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried

**f. Review Committee Goals and Objectives**

The committee reviewed the list of goals and objectives. No changes were made.

**4. Citizen Comments**

None

**5. Board Member Concerns**

Don Hill conveyed a concern he has heard about cars parking along Beaty Hollow road to access DNR property for hunting. Steve Keeffer will talk to the Sheriff and Highway Commissioner to see what can be done.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.