

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 21, 2021**

The Zeeland Charter Township Road Committee held a meeting on January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan.

Members present: Chairman Melissa Veldheer, Supervisor Tom Oonk, Trustee Mike Riemersma, and committee members Earl Mokma, John Wittingen, and Dave Miller.

Chairman Veldheer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review of 2020 Road Committee minutes. Motion made by Committee member Mokma to accept the minutes as submitted. Committee Chairman Veldheer supported the motion, which passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: *none.*

Update and current status of Road Fund. – Chairman Veldheer reviewed the current Road Levy funding, and the status of the road fund, which stands at approx. \$3,594,000.00. Projected income for 2021 is approx. \$745,000; projected expenditures are approx. \$948,000

Road Project considerations for 2021:

Improvement Projects:

- a. 80<sup>th</sup> Street from Felch to Chicago Drive. An action plan to construct this section of road to a Class A Rd was presented. The plan includes improvements, and gravel in 2021, with paving scheduled for 2022. Motion to approve by Mokma, Wittingen supported, motion passed unanimously.
- b. Seal Coating by OCRC for ZCT moved to 2022

Subdivision Resurfacing projects:

- a. Drenthe Grove subdivision (Community Ln, Groveside Dr, Midgrove Dr, Settlement Ln)—motion by Chairman Veldheer, support from Committee member Mokma, motion passed unanimously.
- b. Logistics Dr. -Chicago Dr. to 708' East of Empire Dr., a motion was made to approve the paving project, and investigate if the remainder of the cul de sac, as well as Empire Dr. should be done at the same time. Motion to approve by Committee member Mokma, support from Trustee Riemersma, motion passed unanimously.
- c. Woodbridge St. - 96th Ave. East to road end. The committee felt that this should be considered a county road, and the road is scheduled for Chip and Seal repair by the county in 2022. A motion was made to remove this project from the paving plan for

2021 by Chairman Veldheer, support from Committee member Mokma, motion passed unanimously.

Review of 6 year Road Improvement Plan

2021 Dust Control Program – 3 applications are budgeted for in 2021, Motion to approve by Chairman Veldheer, supported by Committee member Miller, motion passed unanimously.

Other Business –

- a. A plan was discussed to meet again in the fall to discuss priorities for the 2022 season. Township staff will gather traffic data to aid in the development of a plan to prioritize the paving of any remaining township roads that might be considered for improvement. There remain 16.5 miles of gravel roads in the township.
- b. A request was made by Committee member Wittingen to look into guardrails on 72<sup>nd</sup> St. near Chicago Dr. railroad tracks. This would be a county responsibility, but the township will initiate a discussion about the viability of the proposed improvement. In addition, the speed limit on this road was discussed.
- c. Committee member Mokma motioned asked the township board to consider an ordinance prohibiting engine braking in residential areas. Chairman Veldheer supported the motion, which passed unanimously. The board will consider this at their next meeting.
- d. Committee member Riemersma asked that the Township communicate guidelines for asphalt care after resurfacing with subdivision associations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Riemersma –Township Trustee