

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2024**

The Road Committee of Zeeland Charter Township met at 7pm on Jan 24, 2024. Members present: Melissa Veldheer- Chair, Earl Mokma, John Wittengen, David Miller, Mike Riemersma – Trustee.

Chair Veldheer Called the meeting to order. A motion was made by committee member Mokma to approve the previous minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting, committee member Wittengen seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None present.

The Road Fund budget for 2024 was reviewed, as was the current balance in the Road Fund account as of EOY 2023. We finished 2023 \$130,000 under budget. The road budget has approx. \$4,687,000 in it. All scheduled 2023 projects were completed, including two brine treatments on all the gravel roads in the township. The expected available fund balance for 2024 forward is \$4.9 million.

Consideration of 2024 projects

- 1) **Improvement projects** – None were requested.
- 2) **Paving projects** – A list of projects was presented that were recommended by the OCRC. After much discussion regarding the overall good condition of the roads being recommended, the committee agreed that these roads do not require replacement at this time. Committee member Mokma did motion to move forward with the repaving of Production Court due to the Commercial traffic that that uses that section of road. Committee member Wittengen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Regraveling projects** – none presented.

6 year Road improvement plan – It was discussed and generally agreed that most township roads are in far better shape than most of our primary roads. A discussion took place on the county road millage being restricted to primary roads when many of the secondary county roads have more urgent needs.

The dust control plan was reviewed for 2024. - It was agreed that at least 2 brine treatments be planned each year with an emphasis on starting a little earlier than normal with an option for a third in extreme dry conditions.

Other Business – None discussed.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Recorded by,

Mike Riemersma
Trustee

Melissa Veldheer
Chair

