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January 5, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Signed payroll checks, reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Discussion regarding road at Weinerts, will investigate.

Discussion regarding dismissal of employees "resolution" presented by employees union representatives. They request notification of dismissal and reasons for same, and we think the resolution should work both ways, both parties should have notifications and time limits, before dismissal or quitting. This resolution was given back to the committee for revision and re-submission.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley to rescind motion of Feb. 17, 1953, relative to contract for lubricating oils for 1954 with Standard Oil Co. and notify said Standard Oil Co. of this action, as we are entirely satisfied with present oil from Shell Company via Slaggert.

Entered by Clerk

Chairman

Signed agreement with G. L. Towns, as follows:- Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley to accept offer of Geo. L. Towns to take Custer Bridge plank to sawmill to be ripped for our use as we use 3" plank on our bridges; same to be delivered by him after sawing, to County Road barn.

(Agreement in Custer Bridge File as follows:)

"It is agreed in conjunction with the Twp. and the County Road Commission, that the Contrattor, ~~for~~ George L. Towns, shall remove the temporary 7" timber decking on the Custer Bridge, and have the timbers sawed into 3" planks, 16-foot lengths, random widths, and delivered to our yard at no additional cost. All other salvage material such as railings, posts and hardware, shall be returned to the Mason County Road Commission. This work shall be accomplished on or before the completion of the bridge."

/s/ George L. Towns, Contractor

/s/ Wm. Hasenbank, Chairman of the Bd.

Wm. Hasenbank

Entered by Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

January 8, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Hasenbank present, Hanson absent.

Met Lee Klopfenstein in office regarding our responsibility with Village of Fountain bridge. Village sidesteps responsibility regarding repair of same.

Examined Custer Bridge, in very good condition and surely safe. Discussion on Twp. help. Feel there should be a more equitable policy so total cost would be more equal.

Florence I. Klenk

Entered by Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

January 12, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

William Bacon, Custer Twp. supervisor in and wants work on road between Sec. 3 and 10, running east one mile, will need sand cushion; 2 mi. between Sec. 30 and 31. Wants Engineer Lunde to give figures on cost.

Signed contract with General Telephone Co. for trimming trees along highways of county, as follows:-

COUNTY ROAD TREE TRIMMING PERMIT

"On all county roads occupied, crossed or paralleled by existing communication lines owned and operated by the General Telephone Company of Michigan during the year 1954. Permission is hereby granted to said company to do the necessary tree trimming along the above road (All County Roads in all ~~Twp~~ Townships) for the purpose of obtaining suitable clearance from applicabls poles and wires. This permit is effective for one year from date, for trimming only, on condition that such trimming be done in a proper and workmanlike manner without destroying the appearance of future growth of the trees, that all cut branches be properly disposed of and that the permission of the abutting property owner also be obtained. This permit may be revoked on failure to observe these conditions. Not valid for cutting trees.

Dated Dec. 31, 1953 and /s/ Wm. Hasenbank, Chairman, Mason County Road Commissioners."

Signed agreement with ^{Bank} Telephone Co. for construction of new lines in Riverton and Summit Twp.

Because of the new ruling, the auditors insist that no lump sums be paid for travel and therefore it will be necessary to readjust pay of Clerk Klenk. Motion made by Hawley, supported by Hanson that Clerk's salary be increased to \$4,000.00 per year, plus .07 per mile for use of her car in necessary trips between Mason County Road Commission at Scottville and the Courthouse in Ludington, or other necessary business travel; Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that Engineer Lunde's salary be increased to \$6,600.00 per year; both raises to be effective as of January 1st, 1954.

Florence I. Klenk

Entered by Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

January 15, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with the Engr. and Clerk. Meeting called to order by Chairman Hasenbank.

Motion made by Hanson, supported by Hawley to increase the salary of Supt. Englebrecht approx. \$130.00, or by enough to make a salary of \$4,500.00 per year for him, effective Jan. 1, 1954.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to rescind motion of January 12, 1954, increasing clerk's salary to \$4,000.00. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Hawley, to pay Mrs. Klenk salary of \$4,200.00 per year, effective Jan. 1, 1954 with mileage reimbursement of .07 per mile for necessary business travel using her own car.

Florence I. Klenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

The minutes for this meeting continued after 1/26/54

Ask That US-10 Split County Map

Mason county board of supervisors, at the opening meeting this morning of its January term, voted, 17 to 3, to request Consumers Power Co. and Mason county highway department to make US-10 the north and south dividing line on their county map of Mason county.

This map was prepared some time ago to facilitate the work of the power company, by placing numbers on the houses. According to this map the section road north of US-10 is the base line, so that a house located two and a half or less miles north of Scottville is considered, on the map, as being in South Scottville.

The matter was brought before the board by William Bacon, Custer supervisor, who said that he had been asked by Postmaster J. Ralph Reeds of Scottville if the board were going to take any action, saying the present system is confusing to the post office department and to the public in general.

Several of the supervisors spoke on the subject, including Hans C. Rasmussen, who said that this is a Consumers Power Co. map, not a postal map; Julius Peterson, who said he did not think the power company should have been in such a hurry in having the map made nor of numbering the houses; Glenn G. Wallace and Leo Klopfenstein, who felt that the post office should make its own map. "That's what I say," said Mr. Rasmussen.

The motion was made by Orvan Saxton, who said a similar motion had been made previously, except that the word "recommended" was used instead of "asked." Karl Chilberg supported the motion.

Before the vote was taken, Mr. Rasmussen suggested asking C. E. Beaumont, local manager of Consumers Power Co., be invited to appear before the board and Mr. Klopfenstein said, "I think we need to study this matter some more."

On the roll call the supervisors who voted for the motion were Chilberg, Robert Hunter, Bacon, Paul Sherburn, Floyd Eddy, Louis Backing, Bert Hall, Byron Masten, Saxton, Sam Baushke, Julius Peterson, Elmer J. Nelson, Dan R. Rathsbach, George L. Colyer, Earl A. Miller, Glenn G. Wallace and Woodrow Briggs. Those who were Rasmussen, and Archie Steward. Soli was not present.

January 20, 1954

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners, engineer and clerk present. Payroll checks were signed, vouchers for bills reviewed, approved and signed. Minutes of prev. meeting read and approved.

Moved by Hawley and supported by Hanson to include in the minutes, an article in the Jan. 18, 1954 issue of the Ludington Daily News relative to Supervisor's action on a change in the east and west base line through county, from presently designated base line to highway through Scottville on US-10.

Commissioners signed plat of Elkhorn Subdivision on Hopkins Lake in Pere Marquette Twp., Section 1, T 17 N, R 18 W, for the County Surveyor, Kenneth Stephens.

Florence J. Blank
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

January 26, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Hanson present, together with engineer and clerk. Commissioner Hasenbank absent. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Eugene Christman called to discuss Thunder Lake road. After discussion, Lawyer Christman advises to make a proposition to Mr. Pulleyblank that if he will give us the right-of-way as per map to the east of his cottage and will give deed to a four-rod roadway, and further, that he will be compelled to pay for the cost of said new road, that the commission accept this proposition. Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to accept above proposition.

Florence J. Blank
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

----- Supplemental to January 15, 1954, inadvertently omitted on original entry:- Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley to apply for F.A.S. aid on road work in Sherman Twp. between Sections 10 and 15, consisting of sand lift and replacement of bridge with culver. Also replacement of bridge with culvert between Sections 9 and 10, Sherman Twp., under same F.A.S. aid as above.

Moved and supported to take no action at present on Pulleyblank controversy as to relocating of road under dispute.

Motion made by Hawley, supported by Hanson, that 50 tons of Commercial Stoker coal, brand name "Leatherwood" be bought from Abrahamson-Nerheim Co. at the quoted price of \$13.00 per ton.

Florence J. Blank
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

January 29, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Hanson present, together with Engr., Supt. and Clerk.

Met with Mr. R. L. Wagner, of the Somerville Construction Company, who are requesting permission to lay a gas pipeline along a county highway for the purpose of bringing gas from Sippy Field to the Western Michigan Electric Cooperative Power Plant at Scottville. Designated route of this pipeline is:- Starting at Section 26, going along north side of Sections 27, 28 and 29, then diagonally across Sections 19 and 20, then north between townships of Riverton and Eden and Custer, to the City Limits of Scottville.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hawley, supported by Hanson, to give them the requested permission along the county highway as designated, providing they will post bond of \$1,000.00 for performance of contract."

(contd.)

The following agreement was signed by R. L. Wagner, for the Somerville Construction Co., and Robert E. Lunde, Engr.-Mgr. for the Mason County Road Commission:-

"With reference to the above action, the Somerville Construction Company agrees to furnish the required \$1,000.00 bond, and further agrees to perform the work under the direction of the County Engineer.

It is further agreed to remove the clay from all crossings, and to fill with sand and put one foot of gravel thereon. Any damage to existing culverts will be repaired to the satisfaction of the Mason County Road Commission. Any blow-offs for the drips will be installed at the fence lines.

Where there is less than eighteen inches of coverage, the pipeline shall be incased in a steel sleeve. On the bridge the line will be painted and the hangers and pipeline will be painted the same color as the bridge. Entrances to farms or business establishments will be maintained in such a manner that the owners will have access to their property while this pipeline is being built." (this agreement in file under Minutes - Supporting papers of)

Lorence H. Hunk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

THE REPORT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE FOR OCTOBER 1953

This clipping from the Ludington Daily News

The following resolution presented by the roads and bridges committee, was adopted by the board, the motion being made by Orvan Saxton with second by Hans C. Rasmussen:

"We spent two days touring the county roads. About 300 miles were covered and we also viewed gravel pits and stock piles. We found the roads in better condition than on our previous tour. We also feel that the roads should be inspected at some other time of the year.

"This committee feels that there is a definite lack of supervision of the help employed on the roads which we know of road funds enormous waste of road funds. This committee recommends the retirement of those employees who are eligible for retirement should be replaced by younger men as soon as possible. We also recommend the replacement of any other road employee who is not performing his duties.

"We recommend that Robert Lunde be retained as the county road engineer and that necessary foremen be named to supervise the actual work with complete authority over the workmen under them.

"We recommend four one-day tours by the roads and bridges committee in the future, instead of two-day tours, which will enable the committee to see the roads under all weather conditions.

Considerable discussion followed the presentation of the roads and bridges committee report, with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney William Stepleton telling the board that, while the statute states that the road commissioners shall be elected, it also states that the board of supervisors has the right to change the method of naming them. However the board does not have the right to hire and fire, but can remove a man from office, but only for cause.

February 2, 1954

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Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hawley and Hanson present, (Hasenbank absent) together with Engineer Lunde, Supt Englebrecht and the Clerk. Prev. meeting minutes read and approved.

First subject for discussion was Logan Twp., relative to payment of agreed sum for blacktop road, \$2,739.90. After discussion with Engr. Lunde, it is decided to request Logan Twp. to pay the amount due us on this section of the road and inclose a copy of the law which covers the question as to their right to township money on this type of road.

Board decided after discussion, to repair roads at Lock School to the amount or more than our liability to Logan Twp. because of snow removal credit, which is \$801.64.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to accept offer from Al Dittmer of \$100.00 cash, for #38 truck as is.

Motion made by Hawley to use same weight restrictions and public notices as used in spring of 1953 whenever necessary. Supported by Hanson. Board decided to use one of our own employees as weighmaster this year in checking on these restrictions being enforced.

Alan F. Walter, Sales Representative of Inland Lime and Stone Co., Manistique, Michigan, called regarding our requirements for stone.

Authorized the project brought up by Engineer Lunde regarding bridge at Millerton, to be accomplished with salvage materials in stock.

Question was raised by Clerk in regard to insurance coverage relative to our assumed liability of State Maintenance, as presented to her by Michigan Mutual representative. Emmett Briggs, a Auto Owner agent, present carrier, was called and he appeared to explain that the Comprehensive Coverage included in our policy covers this even tho' not specifically printed in standard contract.

Florence J. Henk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

February 5, 1954

Commissioners Hawley and Hanson present at this regular meeting, with Engr. Lynde, Supt. and Clerk. Hasenbank absent. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Motion made by Hanson, supported by Hawley that Saw-Saw Chain Saw purchased from the Earle Equipment Co. (Stan Heustis, representative) be crated up and held until Mr. Heustis calls for same. Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that we buy a Homelite, 1-man saw.

Signed payroll checks (Hawley acting for Chairman), reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills.

Mr. Howard McLees in regarding petition for snow removal at Walhalla Post Office, informed him petition had been referred to Cadillac for decision.

Florence J. Henk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

February 9, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioner Hawley present and presiding in the absence of Chairman Hasenbank and Commissioner Hanson. Supt., Engr. and Clerk also present. Minute ~~xx~~ of previous meeting read and approved.

Representatives from the Allied Sales, Inc., Mr. L. B. Reid and a Mr. Bruce were present for purpose of discussing our requirements for crushed stone. Possibilities of dock facilities for unloading are being investigated by them in Ludington. They quoted a price of \$1.86 per ton (delivered) for 1/2" stone.

Mr. Howard Rothrock of Standard Oil Co., Asphalt Division, was present as was Stan Heustis of Earle Equipment Co.

Mr. Hawley (Commissioner) voiced a complaint previously made to him in regard to no snow fence having been erected at Squaw Bay, Pere Marquette Twp., at Hans Rasmussen place on south side. Each year they have asked (or claim to have asked) but ~~a~~ no results thus far.

Lorence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

February 12, 1954

Regular meeting held with only Commissioner Hawley present together with clerk and engineer, and superintendent. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Glen Bowden of the Bowden Construction Co. was in regarding road to be made in Sun Ray ~~Ex~~ Subdivision, Pere Marquette Twp., Jebavy Road, and discussion on disputed culvert, owner of property is Rasmus Hansen. Estimate of necessary work was given Mr. Bowden by Engineer Lunde as follows: "Sun Ray ^{Sub} Division - Hazelwood Drive - 1000'

Oakwood Drive - 600' north end
1600'

Gravel surfacing - 4" thick - 16' wide
20 cu. yds. per 100'

320 cu. yds. @ \$2.00 (delivered) - \$640.00

Streets should be turnpiked for drainage and snow removal.

All streets shall be 66 ft. wide to come a county road. "

Bowden agrees to widen road to required width. Township to put gravel on as ~~xxx~~ lots are developed for F.H.A. requirements.

Lorence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

February 16, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank and Hawley present, Hanson absent. Supt., Engr. and clerk present. Minutes of previous meetings read for Chairman Hasenbank and approved

First discussion before the Board was the matter of invoice sent to the Summit Bd. of Education for work done at the French School. Mr. Fitch, Sec. of the Bd. returned the invoice for correction, in accordance with "amutual understanding of the matter". The invoice was rendered in the amount of \$217.37, on a 100% cost basis, whereas they want to pay for the materials only

The commission has no recollection nor record of having offered to do the installing of this culvert without cost to the School District, in fact there is some question in mind as to the advisability of placing this culvert at all. Inasmuch as this work was done solely for the benefit of the French School, it is not within our jurisdiction to absorb any of the cost especially since we have done similar work in other townships and other school districts on th basis of the 100% cost being paid by them.

After checking with adjoining counties, namely Manistee, Oceana and Osceola, Engineer Lunde suggests that we may have to go along with them on adopting weight restrictions similar to Stat loadings for our County Roads. Motion made by Hawley to rescind resolution of February 2, 1954 relative to road restrictions and that we establish weight restrictions identical to State requirements as to "Flexible and Traffic Bound Roads." This motion supported by Hasenbank.

Discussion re equipment requirements for coming season. Main topics of conversation were the Motorola Two-Way Radio System for trucks and the Motor Grader. Motion made by Hasenbank and supported by Hawley that we advertise for bids for Motor Graders and that bids shall be opened and read publicly on March 5, 1954. Prospective bidders may hear bids read, and the will be excused by the Chairman while the Board has an opportunity for discussion of same. Engineer Lunde to compose bid wording and enter same for publication in Michigan Contractor and Builders weekly magazine.

Lorence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Mason County Road Commission

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Mason County Road Commission, Scottville, Mich., until 12 Noon on March 5, 1954, for furnishing the following: Bids will be opened and read on March 5, 1954, at 1:15 P.M.

ONE—100 HP Diesel All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader, complete with 16:00x20 diamond tread tires, 14 ft. side shifting blade, cab with lights and heater, and windshield wipers, or equal.

ONE—Bulldozer blade complete for above grader.

ONE—"V" Plow complete for the above grader.

Separate quotations are requested on each of the above items, F.O.B. Scottville, Michigan.

The Mason County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids to the best interests of the Mason County Road Commission.

Bids will be opened and read at 1:15 P.M. on March 5, 1954, at the County Road Office in Scottville.

WILLIAM HASENBANK,
Chairman

LOUISE HAWLEY,
Member

ELI HANSON,
Member

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February 19, 1954

Regular meeting held with Hasenbank and Hawley present. Chairman Hasenbank signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Discussed our shortcomings in public relations with Twp. Supervisors, regarding promises of work to be done and false promises of time to do them. Supervisor Rasmussen of P.M. Twp. is vexed as it puts him on the spot with the people of his Twp. This discussion is to be continued when Engineer is present, as he is attending Government Day at the Courthouse today.

Board adjourned at noon as Chairman Hasenbank and Commissioner Hawley were also to take part in the Government Day program.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

February 23, 1954

Regular meeting held with Hasenbank and Hawley present. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Also present were Engineer, Supt. and Clerk.

Representative of the Motorola Two-way Communication System was present and gave the following quotations:- Installation cost - \$803.25

Rental cost - 211.00 per mo.

Rental paid will apply on eventual purchase of same; or system will be removed if not profitable.

Total cost of contract - \$8,363.88

Maint. cost per mo. - 114.00

Motorola Company will demonstrate this system at the March meeting in Grand Rapids.

Decided to order new Hercules Motor for 3/8 yd. Michigan Shovel.

Board decided to table matter of clearing road in P.M. Twp. west of middle blacktop road, south of Marchido School. (Bulldozing out trees, straight west of Chauvez Road, re Hans Rasmussen, P.M. Supervisor's complaint.)

A further discussion of the previous meeting's minutes wherein public relations with township was touched upon. Chairman Hasenbank reported that Supervisor Rasmussen also spoke with him on the same subject, and frankly admitted that the delay in doing the work in question was NOT the fault of the Road Commission, because the Road Commission cannot do their part until the Township gets the right-of-way.

Don Davenport of the Wolverine Tractor and Machinery Company ~~was~~ was in during this session. Arrangements were made with him to attend a sale of used equipment being held in Grand Rapids on ~~March~~ March 9th, 1954.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

February 26, 1954


Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank and Hawley present, together with clerk and superintendent. Engr. Lunde attending Engineer's Committee meeting at County Road Assoc Hdqtrs. in Lansing.

A Mr. Pruznowski was in from Victory Twp. to protest the use of road east from Victory Town-hall by bolt truckers. Motion ~~was~~ made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank that road signs "Closed to Truck Traffic" be placed at entrance to this road and that same should be done no

Jim Simons of the Miller Equipment Company was present during this session re Motor Grader bidding.

Mr. Sherman from Hamlin Lake called Mr. Hawley on the 25th of Feb. to remind Road Commission and Engineer that they still seem to be among the forgotten. Mr. Hawley promised to get definite action for him as soon as spring opens piece of road south of the South Bayou of Hamlin Lake, going east.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank that Night Janitor Charles Boyer should be paid the same wage as other night janitor, Fred Pappe, thereby raising him from \$1.10 per hr to \$1.25 per hour, retroactive to the 1st of January, 1954.


Clerk


Chairman

March 2, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank and Hawley present, together with Engr. Supt. and Clerk. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Clerk instructed to order steel stencils (3") for the purpose of making various road signs. Engineer asks the Commission about the request of Frank Jones to have our equipment dig him a basement. After much opposition from the Clerk, Commissioner Hasenbank says he will have personal consultation with Jones and report on March 5, 1954.

Engineer mentions the hiring of Cleon Kortge and Dick Carr as apprentice engineers for the summer only. Told to do as he sees fit on this. Engineer reports Consumers Power Co. agreeable to changing the numbering system and favorable to moving base line to US-10.

Very lengthy discussion on the problem of having a night crew here with nothing to do and no supervision, and no authority to go ahead on their own without consulting Thorne.

Sydney Bolton was in regarding the road in Victory which he would like to close. Advise of the procedure for closing a road.

Standard Oil Company representatives, Johnson and Striker were in regarding the rescinding of promise to use their oil in 1954. They presented quotation on Stanolube oil at 61¢ if delivered 20 bbls. at one time. Johnson described at some length their field service furnished to users of their oil, which is a service not furnished thus far by Shell Company.

Beach Mfg. representative called during this session, no business for them at present.

Bolt hauler in to protest the closing of the road east of the Victory Townhall, wants modification of truck signs, and commission agreed to modify sign.

Hamlin Twp. School holding open house, Sunday, March 7th, wants road fixed for above date. Will do this work if weather permits.


Clerk


Chairman

March 5, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank and Hawley present, also Engr., Supt. & Clerk. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Chairman Hasenbank signed payroll checks and vouchers for bills were reviewed, approved and signed.

Further discussion re matter of digging basement for Jones of Jones Pit, continued from discussion of March 2, 1954 on which Mr. Hasenbank was to report after talking with Jones about new contract. Mr. H. was unable to see Mr. Jones as he was away, and it was decided to do this work and charge him a State Rental rate for the use of the shovel and he will pay the operator direct.

Jim Simons of the Miller Equipment Co. was summoned to the upper chambers to inform the Commission regarding any used bulldozers which they might have for sale. He mentioned a D-4, diesel Caterpillar, completely rebuilt, (new ~~\$1000~~ 1100.00 engine, and \$1800. new tract for \$3,000; also a T-9, Gas-Engine International, ~~with~~ completely rebuilt, at a price of \$4,500.00

Opened bids (5) for Motor Graders, no decision, pending more information on one unit.

Moved and supported to submit price to Bowden Construction Co. for Hansen Plat. Street grading and gravelling to meet county specifications as follows:

Sun Ray Subdivision - Lake Wood Road:

1. To make a county road-

- (a) Deed the full 66 feet to Mason County Road Commission
- (b) This road can be turnpiked to necessary requirements at a cost of \$150.00 because of stumps and extra clearing this is more than original estimate of \$100.00.
- (c) Gravel the road, 100 rods, with 320 cu. yds. screened road gravel at \$2.00 delivered, \$640.00.
- (d) Road Commission will then accept this as a county road.

Florence A. Henk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

March 9, 1954

No regular meeting altho' Mr. Hawley was present to take care of any business which might come up. Commissioner Hasenbank and Engr. Lunde, together with Head Mechanic Gus Keson went with Don Davenport of the Wolverine Tractor and Machinery Co. to Detroit to look at some used bulldozers:

At Farmington, the following equipment was viewed-

Used TD-6, International Crawler Tractor, over-hauled, with bulldozer blade (with 33 draw-bar horsepower) - \$3,100.00.

Used TD-9 International Crawler Tractor, which has been overhauled with 40 draw-bar horsepower rating, cost \$5,400.00

Went on to Grand Rapids to the Miller Equipment Company and looked at:-

Used Diesel Caterpillar, Crawler Tractor with bulldozer, overhauled priced at \$3,200.00. (Company later called 3/12/54 with price of \$3,250.)

~~Used~~ T-9 International, Gas Driven Crawler Tractor with bulldozer, Has been overhauled and looks in good condition and priced at \$4,500. at Grand Rapids.

No decision made, at this viewing.

March 12, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank and Hawley present together with Engineer, Supt., and Clerk.

Discussions regarding equipment requirements for work scheduled at the present time. Engr. brought up the matter of fixing pickup #22, no decision at this time. Mr. Terhune, new sales man for the Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. was present re Motor Grader bid.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank that the bid of the Telford Equipment Co. be accepted for one Austin-Western "Master 99" All Wheel Drive, All Wheel Steer, Motor Grader (complete description in bid on file) at a price of \$15,180.25; also for one Heavy Duty Bulldozer with hydraulic controls, price \$818.00; and one Heavy Duty Giant "V" Type Snow Plow for machine equipped with bulldozer, price \$1,010.00; the total price to be \$17,008.25, F.O.B. Scottville, Michigan, and to be billed as of May 15, 1954 with 2% discount to apply from that date.

Mr. Ervan Saxton, Supervisor of Riverton Twp., together with board members Clayton Marrison, Clerk; Bess Brye, Treasurer, and Don Harmon, Trustee were present to discuss road ~~and~~ requirements for Riverton Twp. this year. Mr. Saxton asked the intentions of the Road Commission in regard to further work in Riverton Twp. and he was asked to present his ideas as to the roads which they desired to have fixed.

Without naming a definite amount Mr. Saxton said Riv. Twp. knows what they can spend for roads, and would want to hold back enough to take care of the road past the Brye place inasmuch as that is a project from last year. He pointed out the following roads which they desire fixed up in good condition, whatever is needed.

1. South 1/8 line in Section 36. (one mile).
2. West 1/8 line road in Sec. 24 & 25, around north side of St. Mary's Lake, west. (2 miles)
3. One mile on north - south, 1/4 line in Section 11.
4. One mile between Sections 29 & 32.
5. Road into Kiefer's, on Pere Marquette River.

Mr. Saxton requested that he be periodically informed as to the cost of this work as it progresses so they will not over-expend their funds. Payment to be made on the basis of 60% of the total cost to be borne by the Twp. and 40% absorbed by the Road Commission, for stumping, tubing, turnpiking and gravelling.

Sherman Twp. to come in Friday afternoon, March 19th, for consultation on future road program clerk to notify.

In further discussion on equipment needs, Engr. advised that Mottl, Ford dealer in Ludington advised him at present, delivery of trucks could be made in three weeks.

Mr. Saxton shows Mr. Hawley a letter received from R. F. Rogalke re condition of roads. Mr. Rogalke has made several complaints to Mr. Hawley. Mr. Saxton says the roads in question are all right, it is merely a matter of comparison as Mr. Rogalke has just moved to count from off a paved street.

Lorence J. Henk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

March 19, 1954

Regular meeting held with two commissioners, Hawley and Hasenbank present, together with Engineer, Superintendent and Clerk.

Clerk authorized to purchase some new lighting fixtures for the Commission room.

Mr. Terhune of Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. was a visitor at this meeting. Also Don Davenport of the Wolvering Tractor Co. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank that we buy the used International Model TD-6 Crawler Tractor, complete with straight bulldozer blade, mounted, offered by Don Davenport at a price of \$3,250.00, F.O.B. Detroit.

Sherman Twp. board was present to discuss their road requirements for this year. Engr. will give them an estimate on cost to them on the roads they have chosen. The theme is Blacktop on two main roads, namely the 2 1/2 miles from Reek School to Batchelder; and 3 miles from Miney's Corners to Fletcher's.

Lorence J. Henk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commissioner Hanson is now back from Florida. Also present were Engr., Clerk and Supt.

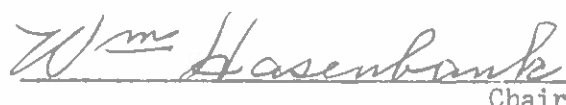
Met with agent from Muskegon regarding brakes for trailer. Cost about \$190.00 to \$200.00. Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley to buy same.

Signed order for Austin-Western Company for Motor Grader at bid price of \$17,008.25, complete with plow and bulldozer, delivered Scottville, to be invoiced as of May 15th, 1954, with 2% discount to apply from that date, as per purchase order No. 1632.

Mr. Hans Rasmussen ~~brought~~ brought in a representative from the Time Insurance Company of Milwaukee regarding hospitalization coverage with a Catastrophic Casualty Group. Professes to excel Blue Cross for coverage. No action taken, just discussion.

A representative from the Jensen Bridge and Pipe Co., of Sandusky, was present to discuss corrugated pipe and culvert needs.


Clerk


Chairman

March 26, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley, Hasenbank and Hanson present, also Engr., Supt. and Clerk.

Rasmus Hansen was in regarding new road in Sun Ray Subdivision. He presented the recorded deed to the Commission and asked how the payment for the work would be accepted. Hansen was told to put the money in escrow or some responsible person's hands to hold for the completion of the work. Also that if he gets the Township Board to participate in this cost he is to let us know in writing what the Twp. will pay. Rasmus Hansen says the township wants him to pay half, and that it is his job to have the grading done at his expense. Now that it is deeded to Road Commission and is county property the Twp. can participate.

Engineer explains a situation arising from new building by Wadel at St. Mary's Lake and asks the Commission if they want to set up a standard for platted streets similar to state requirements. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that standard for improvement of street plats in accordance with state requirements as set forth in bulletin from County Road Assoc. with reservation that gravel be placed to a thickness of 4" or equal. A complete explanation of the minimum standards for new and proposed subdivision streets has been prepared by the Engr. and a copy of same is in file supporting Minutes.

Various matters discussed were (by Hanson) road by Goodrich farm in Victory, culvert plugged up and washed out; Dostal culvert worked up and getting smashed; (by Hawley) some insurance survey company was in to see him at his Ludington office re putting in a pension plan to supplement social security benefits. Request Engr. Lynde to inquire about Lake County's pension plan.

No further word from Hamlin Twp. re their claim that they had paid Road Commission \$700. some time ago to do certain work at the North Bayou, and Mr. Hawley says he wishes to go on record as saying we did not receive such money and furthermore we are not in favor of going into the enterprise on which they claim to have paid the money.

Stan Heustis was present to give information regarding conveyor for gravel plant. Presented price of sand elevator and screen, \$5,390.00, 44' length, 30" belt, 15 HP Motor. Moved and supported to delay action on this.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to purchase rebuilt motor for Dodge Pickup #22.

Mr. Hawley presents problem of having no agreed policies on culvert distribution. Engr. ~~Under~~ favors state policy of making property owner pay for culverts on new construction projects; After ~~much~~ much discussion and dissension, Engineer will get more information from other counties having such policy, for the meeting on next Tuesday.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that commission accept proposition from Sherman Twp. on estimates of work prepared by Engineer. Estimate as follows:

Florence I. Klenk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

March 30, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank, Hawley and Hanson present, together with Engineer and Clerk.

Engineer brought up the matter of insulating the stock-clerk's office with Nu-Wood as this office cannot be heated satisfactorily the way it is with two outside walls on north and west. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that this work be done immediately.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that new lighting fixtures be purchased for Commission meeting room as those now installed give no appreciable light for the current being used. Catalog and price list of Martz Electric presented to Commission by Clerk and one fixture selected to try for style and lighting results, a second fixture to be purchased if one does not furnish enough light.

Representative of General Sales Co., Cadillac, Michigan, and Max Kiefer, were present regarding the purchase of a new door for the northwest entrance to grease rack in garage. Price complete, installed, less wiring, \$741.28. This matter left for discussion.

Mr. W. Schreiber of the Contractor's Machinery Co. was in with quotation on a Used LeTourneau Model D. Roadster Tournapull, at a price of \$9,000., terms to be arranged to fit needs, price is F.O.B. Scottville and delivery could ~~max~~ be made within approx. one week after receipt of order. (Letter of substantiating facts in file)

Florence I. Klenk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

April 2, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hasenbank, Hawley and Hanson present together with Engineer and Clerk.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley, to allow Superior Oil Co. to rent Motorgrader with operator on a Saturday to level road in Sippy Field.

Met with Contractor Bowden and Rasmus Hansen regarding plat on Lake wood Drive controversy over streets in Rasmus Hansen plat. After discussion, commission decided to ask Mr. Hansen to deposit checks with County Treasurer (to be held for security until completion of work) for his share of cost to build streets, said share to be cost of grading and turn-piking, namely \$150.00; also 50% of cost of gravelling same, namely 50% of \$640.00.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to purchase two-way radio system from Motorola, Inc., Communications and Electronics Division, on a rental payment plan of approximately \$8,363.88. Purchase order for same signed by Chairman Hasenbank. (Copies of Cost and Equipment Estimate and purchase order in file)

Received a resolution from Farm Bureau regarding dead-end roads, signs, etc. Request that such roads be plainly marked for safety. Resolution placed on file.

Selected a lighting fixture for Commissioners room from Martz Electric of Tallman. Decided to try out one Slimline Louvre Commercial, 4-bulb light, price of \$63.50 to include 4-bulbs which are ordinarily not included, but usually cost an extra \$14.80; installation charge not to exceed \$5.00.

Don Davenport of Wolverine Tractor was present to apologize for condition of used tractor ordered from him. Assures Commission this tractor will be placed in first class condition with no expense to us. Parts invoices received are to be held for record only and credit memo will be issued to cancel.

Lourence J. Hank

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

April 5, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engineer and Clerk.

Mr. Louis Olsen was present re money for gravel, commission promised to pay him the last of May 1954.

Rasmus Hansen brought to office a copy of letter from County Treas. verifying his payment to County of an amount requested by Commission, namely \$150.00 for grading and \$320.00 for graveling road at Hansen plat, known as Sun Ray Subdivision.

Employees committee request a meeting sometime in the near future, meeting set for April 20 at 1:15 P.M. Representative of union to which hourly employees belong were in the building but did not gain audience with Commission.

Howard Hawley present to discuss an individual insurance plan to supplement Social Security benefits. Only advantage of this since it is not a group plan, would be deductions from the payroll, and would increase clerk duties acting as collection agency for insurance company.

Hawley asks Engineer when crew will get into Pere Marquette Twp. and is informed that Harold King is holding this job up waiting for sketch by Engineer.

Lourence J. Hank

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

April 9, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley, Hasenbank and Hanson present, also Clerk and Engineer.

Received letter from Hans Rasmussen, P.M. Twp. Supervisor, that Twp. has agreed to pay the \$320.00, 50% of graveling cost on road in Rasmus Hansen plat, known as Sun Ray Subdivision when road is finished. (letter in file)

Bert Masten, Supervisor of Logan Twp. and Lyle Taylor, Clerk, were present to discuss Logan Township's wishes for future road work. They wanted another mile of blacktop between Sections ~~12~~ 11 and 12, a ~~Primary~~ Primary Road. However, inasmuch as $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of blacktop is scheduled to be done on the east and west road, between Sections 3 & 10, and 2 & 11, Primary Road, a discussion with Engineer revealed that the proper ditching, drainage, turn-piking, grading and graveling on the entire north and south road to the County Line would be to their advantage, since more blacktopping than is now scheduled could not be done this year anyway.

~~These minutes have been checked by the township clerk and found correct. The township clerk has also checked the minutes of the previous meeting and found them correct. The township clerk has also checked the minutes of the previous meeting and found them correct.~~

Taylor informs Commission their intent was to pay their present outstanding account today, but inasmuch as the Twp. Treasurer could not be present, the check will be mailed in immediately. Taylor also volunteers information that a comparison of blading operations near his store as done by Oceana and Mason County equipment, and Mason County suffers by comparison. Mr. Hawley wants to know why this should be and says he will certainly go out and survey situation, to prove or disprove information.

Motion made by Hawley that Engineer be requested to change the present plans of the Pere Marquette (Buttersville) work and do the Appledorn road first; Pere Marquette township has this work tied in with Bradshaw Road money; \$1,200.00 for the two jobs. This motion supported by Hanson. Engineer was not present during this action.

Residents of Vorac farm in Summit Twp. want trees removed from R.O.W. by county equipment.

Laurence A. Hunk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

April 13, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Superintendent, Engineer and Clerk.

Read letter from Summit Twp. Clerk regarding two actions they want:-

1. Twp. requests that road to Twp. dump be plowed at least once after each snowstorm during the winter of 1954-1955. Commission says same may be done with charges to be borne by Twp. This action in interest of public relations.
2. Relative to second request, not clearly stated nor understood re closing of a road, and in view of results of previous situation of similar nature. Engineer is instructed to contact Summit Board relative to this matter.

Discussion then took place relative to purchase of new Ford Trucks. Motion made by Hanson, and supported by Hawley to advertise for bids for 4 F-800 Ford Trucks or their equivalent.

Engineer brings up matter of purchase of brush and weed-killer, told to go ahead and purchase same. The estimate of budget for this item was \$2,000, per Mr. Claypool of the Chemi-Trol Co. Re willows in ditch by Charles Woodard berry patch, (commissioners noon tour,) temporarily push the willows out with motor grader and dig the ditch at some future date.

Laurence A. Hunk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

(Meetings with Supervisors in Ludington, on April 14th, 1954, and therefore no meeting on the 16th., regular meeting day.)

April 20, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll checks signed by Chairman and vouchers reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Moved and supported to purchase 200 sets regular grader blades at price of 75¢ per ft., delivered Scottville, from Paul Callendar.

Met with employees committee requesting additional benefits, namely:-

1. They wish to be paid every two weeks, every other Friday. (Turned down)
2. They want better seniority conditions regarding new equipment.
3. Moved by Hawley, supported ~~by~~ by Hanson, to give men sick leave as asked by them. Must have Dr.'s certificate to get any pay for these days off. One day per month to a limit of 24 accumulated days.

4. Agree to change prevailing policy in paid vacation to one week after one year's (full working time for 12 months) employment *complete*
5. Want more pay ~~for~~ for 5 yd. hauling. (Will discuss this further later)

Sick leave and change in vacation policy to be effective as of May 1, 1954.

Suggested raise for Brautigam in shop of 5¢ to equal the Second Assistant O'Farrell, met with the disapproval of two commissioners and motion was quashed.

Moved by Hasenbank, seconded by Hanson, to order Superintendent to do some work on road between Blue and Thunder Lakes to Paul ~~R. Reid~~ Reid's farm.

Florence J. Link
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

April 23, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with engineer, supt and clerk.

Met delegation from Riverton, Summit and Pere Marquette Twps. regarding repair work on road on line between Summit and Pere Marquette Twps., East from U.S.-31 one mile and continuing east 1/2 mile in Riverton Twp. Road needs widening and ditching to allow drainage.

Opened bids on Fleet, Liability and Workman's Comp. Ins., no decision this date. Two bids on from Michigan Mutual Liability Co. and Auto Owner's.

Pere Marquette Twp. Board requests a meeting with the Road commissioners on May 11th.

Florence J. Link
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

April 27, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of previous meeting read, commented upon and corrected.

Relative to letter from Maurice LeBarr re excusing of employees for military rites, decided to inform him that our working conditions will not allow for any call from outside as it would interfere too much with each day's planning. Very sorry to not be able to co-operate in this matter.

Harold Love, who is at the present time on sick leave re operation for hernia, asked for hearing regarding his standing with the commission. No solution.

George Towns was in and offered \$200.00 for the planking (being removed by him from the Custer Bridge) with the nails in. This is half-price compared to what the commission paid for said planking. Engineer recommended that the plank should be retained by us.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to accept bid from Mottl Motor Sales and the T. D. Smith (on Ford Trucks, bid prices, with additional price as quoted on extras needed. Price of \$4,152.48 delivered, only bid meeting specifications, with Perfection Hoist. Both Anthony and Perfection Hoists showed favorable points.

Moved and supported to accept Auto Owner's bid on Fleet, Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurances.

Letter (registered) received from Union of employees asking for hearing with Commissioners to try for contract. This letter signed by Geo. Hansen, Secretary of Local No. 109 (Ltr. in Minutes Supporting file) This matter tabled for one week.

May 5, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for payment of bills.

Moved by Hawley and supported by Hanson to place order for culvert pipe for Fletcher road according to State specifications, with Armco Drainage Company.

Larence J. Blenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

May 7, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Visited Jagger Road, Pere Marquette Twp., also Hansen Road in Amber, also Buttersville project in Pere Marquette Twp. Much worse conditions on this road than anticipated, on account of soil conditions, springs and clay mixture.

Victory Twp. Board in for discussion of their coming year's work. They are asking for one mile north from blacktop, between Sections 17 and 18; also 1/2 mile east between Sec. 8 and 17, consisting of turnpiking, grading and gravelling same.

They will participate to the extent of \$4500 for grading and gravelling and also for claying in Twp. to stabilize gravel for brine; also 1 mile west from pavement between Sections 1 and 12, consisting of turnpiking and gravelling same as other projects, with no additional funds.

Gus Keson, Head Mechanic in Shop, is to investigate and report merit of hoist for use in shop.

Engineer authorized to purchase 4-ft. tile for washout on Amber Road.

Sherman Twp. Board could not come in as scheduled, want another date set.

Hawley conveys message from Gregor Christofferson who wants roads in Grant Twp. (Forest Trails and Cooper's Creek Roads) bladed and graded.

Larence J. Blenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

May 11, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Met with committee from Custer Chamber of Commerce, who presented a petition requesting that we use pressure to get Custer Bridge completed.

Pere Marquette Board met with Commission to consider road problems for coming year. Twp. agrees to match both Summit and Amber Twps. with one-half of cost of whatever work is agreed on by either or both of these townships.

Pere Marquette Twp. Board agrees to delay action on Wischnoff Road until we can submit cost of same as they must pay total cost on this new project. Pere Marquette Twp. wants work done on road leading to Ralph Kendall farm from blacktop north.

Look up cost of repairing ~~at~~ First Street from Ludington Avenue, East.

Larence J. Blenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

Regular meeting held with ~~table~~ commissioners present.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley that we immediately purchase an underbody scraper from the Root Spring and Scraper Co.

Report on Custer Bridge given that Geo. Towns, contractor, is pouring cement today and expects completion by July 1st, 1954.

Engineer Lunde gives a report on the matter of charging for driveway culverts as practiced by other counties:- "Four counties were contacted on this matter, with the following results;-- one county charges a flat rate of \$25.00 for 12 inch pipe, which covers materials cost and installation; for larger sizes the cost increases; another county requires a permit with the applicant paying all material costs and does his own installation; another county requires the owner to buy the culvert and the county installs it free." No recommendation was made for Mason County at this time, (pending further research,) which county does now furnish and install, free of charge, all necessary driveway culverts.

Discussion regarding the accumulation of vacation time earned, no decision arrived at.

Discussion on scarifier. This matter tabled until later, want more information from Supt. regarding kind to be ordered.

Florence A. Hlenk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

May 18, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with supt. and engineer.

Visited Thunder Lake road with Sheridan Board members. Opinion seems to justify Commission in a firm stand with the Twp. Board to wait for Pulleyblank to take action; unless he wants to build a road himself that will satisfy the Twp. Bd. and also the County Road Commission.

Lawrence Lind called to request some work done on the Harmon Road. This complaint justified.

Florence A. Hlenk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

May 20, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for payment of bills. Further discussion on various subjects, accumulation of vacation time, payment of culverts, etc. with no actions taken.

Work authorized for Fair Board's auto races for Memorial Day week-end, at insistence of Commissioner Eli Hanson, who is also a member of the Fair Board Assoc.

Consumers Power Company representative brought new county maps now changed in accordance with desire of Board of Supervisors, and they are to pay the cost of same. Major portion of these maps to be placed at Ludington Court House for distribution.

Request of O. E. Fowler, Box 61, Route #3, Ludington, who lives on road known as Lincoln River Drive (or Jagger's Road), a through road between Jevavy Road and Lake Shore Drive. He reports it to be full of ruts and holes and very dusty due to much truck hauling over this road, at great speeds. Wants confirmation or denial of rumor that this road is programmed for blacktop in the near future. This is a secondary road and blacktopping of same would have to be requested by and cost participated in by the Twp. Board. (Clerk notified Mr. Fowler that road had been freshly gravelled and brine would not serve its intended purpose on such road, also that the blacktopping is NOT programmed.)

More discussion on vacation time accumulation, but no decision reached.

Lorence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

May 28, 1954

Commissioners Hasenbank, Hawley and Hanson present at this regular meeting, but meeting was adjourned at noon.

Gasoline bids were opened and discussed, tabled for decision next meeting after perusal and digestion of Engineer.

Ernest Larr was in regarding his gravel agreement. His copy of the May 26, 1953 agreement was in file, this was completed and given to him, with original returned to file.

Lorence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

June 1, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with engr., supt and clerk.

Gasoline bids which were opened on the 28th of May were further considered, and motion made by Hawley that the Home Oil Co. (lowest bidder) be given bid for gasoline at price of 12.95¢ less 1 % 10 days on material. Motion seconded by Hanson.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that fuel oil bid be given to Crystal Refining Co. at the price of 13.1 for No. 1, and 12.3¢ for No. 3, terms 1%, 10 days, on material.

Discussion regarding material for bridge at Lock School. Engr. says the bridge will be checked for the materials necessary, the yard will be checked for necessary materials available. Suggests that steel could be brought up by our new trucks which are now in G.R. getting dump boxes installed. Commission makes recommendation that suggestions of engineer be followed to put bridge in a safe condition.

Further discussion of military leave for funerals as requested by Maurice LaBarr. Decided to let minutes of April 27th stand, turning down the granting of such leave.

Matter of unpaid bill of the French School culvert work brought up and Mr. Hawley and Mr. Hans both voice intention of conversing with another member of the board besides Mr. Harold Fitch who has not been co-operative in the matter.

Engineer brings up problem of equipping all license bearing vehicles with directional lights in accordance with new State Law to be put in effect the middle of August, 1954. We have 46 vehicles which will need these lights, at an estimated cost of \$17.00 per vehicle, involving a total of approximately \$800.00. These lights, plus other required lights, will put an additional load on the generators and batteries, involving added maintenance cost for these vehicles.

Received request for a meeting date with the employees committee, and informed them by letter (copy in file of "Minutes Supporting papers") that the committee should submit in writing any questions they wish to bring before the Board for ~~consideration~~ consideration. After consideration a date will be set for a joint meeting between the Board and the Committee for further discussion and settlement of the questions.

Matter regarding the payment for new culverts was again brought up and altho' Engr. has presented policies of 4 other counties, he asked for more time to gather more information and decide on most suitable policy for our use.

Lorence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

May 25, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Meeting called to order and commission opened bids for painting of the county road commission building. Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to accept price and terms of Kraus Paint Co., Manistee, Michigan, for this work per bid: "Contract bid on painting exterior of Mason County Bldg., at Scottville, Mich.

Masonry Surfaces: Patch cracks, fix loose blocks in south side of building, wire brush where necessary. Paint two coats Outside Luminall.

Wood Surfaces: - Scrape loose paint and putty, reputty where necessary.

Cornish: One coat of Paint.

Doors: Two coats of paint.

Metal windows: One coat of paint. Rust spots to be wire brushed.

Labor and Material for the sum of \$1,275.00. Payment in full to be made within 30 days after completion of work.

/s/ Robert C. Kraus

Doyle Thompson

Kraus Paint Company also agrees to paint new door (northwest repair shop door) when installed if not installed at time the job is completed.

Opened bids on power sweeper for road use. Bid of Miller Equip. Co. was \$1,335.00 delivered Bid of Contractor's Mchry. Co. was \$1,325.00

Moved by Hawley and supported by Hanson to purchase HyPort Power driven sweeper from Miller Equipment Co. at cost of \$1,335.00, delivered Scottville, (Deciding factor of bid in view of small difference in price was the fact that manufacturer of accepted item is close by in Peoria, Illinois, whereas the other manufacturer is in Dallas, Texas, in the event of repair parts availability.)

Lawrence A. Gluck
Clerk

Wm Hasenbanc
Chairman

Commissioners Hasenbank, Hanson and Hawley present at this regular meeting, together with Engineer, Supt. and clerk.

Chairman signs payroll checks, and board reviews, approves and signs vouchers for bills.

Motion made by Hawley, seconded by Hanson, to rescind motion of June 1, giving fuel oil bid to Crystal Refining Co. as the lowest bidder, in view of a lower bid from the Aurora Refining Co. which was overlooked on the previous viewing due to the fact that it was in the same communication with the gasoline bid as was not true of the bids from the other companies. The Aurora price on both No. 1 and No. 2 fuel oil is 11.98¢. (Clerk contacted Aurora regarding the 1% 10d. discount and was told it would be allowed, but that an error in typing had occurred in making the quotations of the two types of fuel oil identical, the price of the No. 1 was 12.98¢, one cent higher, but inasmuch as this was still the lowest bid, bid remained with Aurora.)

Upon comparing two quotations on Multi-Plate pipe arches for the bridge north of Fletcher's Corners, reveals a great difference in price, therefore bids on this material will be asked for in the Mason County Press Publication of the coming week, for opening on the 18th of June.

Telephone call came to the Chairman regarding conditions west of LaSalle School where culverts are blocked and road flooded so that children cannot get to school.

Engineer presents estimate he has prepared for Eden Twp. on the 1/2 mile between Section 5 and 8 by the Marble School, which they requested work on. ~~He~~ Gave price of for grading and culvert work, and for gravelling and surfacing, of which the Township share will be \$720.00 or 60%.

Commission asks Engineer if we can handle this extra work, and he informs them that the sand cushioning program is definitely full and cannot be expanded for this year, but the grading program is open for additional work and the gravelling operations depend on consistent and speedy production in the pits.

Engineer brings up the matter of getting the State Highway Dept. to include in their present program, the programming and construction, vertical re-alignment, bituminous surface treatment and base correction, for that portion of M-116, between Ludington's north city limits and the existing concrete pavement to the north, such portion being 1.3 miles long. Letter to Mr. Ziegler, Michigan State Hwy. Commissioner was composed by Engr. Lunde, and signed by Chairman Hasenbank, requesting the inclusion of this portion for the above-mentioned work. (Copy of ltr. in "Minutes Supporting File".)

After noon recess, the Commissioners went on an inspection tour of jobs in progress:-

1. First visit to the Brye Road - Find this work to be progressing very well, and the quality of the job is very good.
2. Visited Morton Pit operations.
3. Visited in Summit Twp. and on to the Buttersville Road. This work is completed with the exception of culverts and Athey work to complete ditches. This road is in very fine condition, hard and smooth, and Engr. Lunde and Supt. Englebrecht should be commended for this admirable job.

Lawrence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

June 8, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. ~~Chairman~~ Chairman Hasenbank reports that G. L. Towns says he has been just too busy to haul plank to sawmill but he will do so just as soon as he can. A Mr. Coyne was in and wanted to buy some of the bridge plank. Told to see Engr. Visited Custer Bridge and grading and drainage work on hills on both sides of the river. Discussion as to reply to be made to ltr. from employees union regarding signed of agreement. Clerk read Attorney General's opinion that road commissions are not permitted to sign such agreement and clerk was instructed to prepare letter setting forth this opinion.

Lawrence J. Hlenk

Wm. Hasenbank

June 1, 1954

Inspection tour with road and bridge committee. Started out from County Bard at 9:30 A.M. Went north of town to the North Amber Road, turned left and went through to the Stiles Road where we found a chuck-hole in the side of the road. (Twp. line bet. Amber and Victory.) Went north on Stiles and turned west at Methodist Church and went to Herban's blueberry patch, to view poor drainage along highway and county drain to Herban's farm.

Then, went to Lincoln Bridge to view a chuck-hole reported by Eli Hanson, which was fixed at this viewing. Went north across to the Lower Bayou and then across to the Hamlin store, went to resort where big hill is, on Townline between Hamlin and Victory, and went down to see Mrs. Sutherland. Looked over dismal prospects of that wide open space, road ruined by Camfield and Merrill hauling logs out over this road. Supervisor Hall of Twp of Hamlin had ~~ag~~ agreed to meeting with road and bridge committee regarding this townline road, but failed to attend. (It was later learned Mr. Hall had been at the county barn earlier and talked to Engr. Lunde about the situation and had to leave) Mr. Peterson, Victory Twp. Supervisor agreed to see Mr. Hall and arrange for the financial part of repairing this road.

Went on east over to Freesoil-Custer road and stopped for lunch at Custer. Party split up with Hanson, Peterson, Saxton and Eddy stopping at the restaurant, while remainder of the party came to barn for Engelbrecht to issue orders to crew and then went to Scottville for lunch.

After noon, the party visited the Custer Bridge, and road and bridge committee apparently well satisfied with Custer Bridge project. Went on to Sauble Gravel Pit where ~~max~~ stockpile of screened gravel was checked, then on to the Jones Pit, where approx. 11,000 cu. yds. are stockpiled; then north and west on through Meade and Freesoil Twp. to Freesoil, west to US-31, north on 31, one mile, with short intermission in between, ~~stopped~~ went west through Grant Twp. as directed by Grant Supervisor to the bridge at Old Freesoil which we found in the same condition as on the previous visit the year before. ~~Max~~ Opinion is that the the amount of travel on this road does not warrant Grant Supervisor's request for a new bridge, but rather repairing of present bridge. Continued trip south through resort area of Grant Twp. across the Cooper Creek, continued south and east to Highway 31, and on to Scottville, arriving ~~max~~ at 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Saxton of Riverton Twp. voiced his opinion that it was a very useless trip, and he ~~knuggx~~ suggested that in the future this committee and commissioners meet at the county barn and have a general discussion rather than make this useless trip.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

June 15, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Reference is made to the latest communication from the employees Local No. 109 in which they request a meeting for the purpose of signing an agreement. Hawley made motion, which was supported by Hanson, that commission refuses to grant request for meeting for purpose requested in view of Opinion rendered by Attorney General Herbert J. Rushton on July 25, 1941 and confirmed by Attorney General Millard's ruling on Mar. 21, 1951, which still applies. Clerk and Engr. to compose letter to reply to this request in accordance with these rulings, and also set forth in another letter policies, fringe benefit etc. These to be read and approved at next meeting.

Mr. Hasenbank asked about gravel which Village of Fountain wanted, and informed by Engr. that Max Blohm is hauling pit run for them from somewhere which is no concern of ours.

Discussion as to dustlaying program, and merits of blading. Commission authorizes work of blading to be done on Saturdays after a rain if warranted.

Commission hears Engr. on program to take 3½-foot cut off hill south of Custer Bridge. Approve Clerk read letter from County Road Assoc. regarding "Function of the Board of County Road Commissioners". (This letter in Minutes Supporting File)

Discussion of dustlaying program, question arises as to why ~~max~~ plan was abandoned of having twp pay for material in this work. This method freed commission of explanations of why all twp. roads were not brined and why some were and some were not, as well as aiding financially. In 1952, 8 Twps. paid for materials in the amount of \$2,473.50, and the application of same cost commission \$1,162.61. In 1953, dustlaying in the Twps. cost us \$4,800. and on the primary road

cost was \$2,700.00. Discussion re clay stabilization and brining and suggestion was made that men work overtime on brining.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to purchase a brine tank for later delivery.

Lorence I. Klenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

June 18, 1954

Regular meeting with all commissioness present, with Engineer and Superintendent.

Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Mr. Fleming of Blue Lake property requests commission to meet with him on June 22nd at his property. Commissioners agree to this date.

Mr. Gray of the Monroe Roofing Co. was present to discuss repairs to the roof of the county road building. Decide this work is not necessary at this time.

Lorence I. Klenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

June 22, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Visited road past and through Mr. Fleming's resort property. This road is between Blue and Thunder Lakes, in Section 5 of Sheridan Twp. Need further discussion but don't believe commission can do anything for him.

Also visited project where R.E.A. repair crew are cutting brush along highway with power equipment, but it does not look economical to Commissioners.

Signed agreement to vacate Pine Street in Village of Pere Marquette, east from Sherman St. in Ludington.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to sign agreement allowing Consumer's Power Co. to set pole on right of way on Freesoil road, west 1/2 mi. bet. Sections 19 & 30, 29 feet from center of road.

Petition from Riverton residents received asking for scheduled program for improving one mile per year on road east of Buck's Store, but as petition was directed to Riverton Twp., no action was taken except to refer back to Riverton Board.

Lorence I. Klenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

June 25, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commission took tour over work being done bet. P.M. and Summit line, east from US-31, cleaning ditches and hauling the surplus material to the Brye road in West Riverton for base material to hold gravel. Very good motor-grader and bull-dozer job.

Crew hauling gravel on Brye road today from Bigsby Pit. Very good quality, visited Morton Pit, small crew uncovering more surface; poor quality gravel here. Screen is idel because somebody had forgot to order spare parts.

Next went to Amber Townline road, account of complaint of owners of property along this highway. Needs shovel and trucks to remove high sand shoulders, only 1/2 mi. (Eastman and Pappes Property)

Visited Lake County construction work where they are laying blacktop road mix type. They were using a new grader that did a very fine job of rolling the material out on the road.

Moved and supported to return to the State Highway Dept. \$23,000.00 of available Federal Aid Secondary funds with recommendation that these funds be used on M-116 north of Ludington.

Lourence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

June 29, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with supt. and engr. and clerk.

Mrs. Vorac from Summit Twp. in with request that some trees be removed from the roadside by the property. After a vociferous lecture from Mrs. Vorac, she was referred to Engr. Lunde for pacifying. Mr. Lunde told her he would take a look at the situation and contact the telephone company regarding removal of these trees. Mrs. Vorac also wanted brine on her road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming from Blue Lake again called regarding Blue Lake Road; they inform commission that conservation department is coming in there to give them the layout so they will know what has to be done.

Mr. Hawley voices complaint regarding brining policy, that is as to the spotty brining rather than concentrating on specific areas. Engr. says we are brining where requested and if a different policy is desired, action of the entire board should be the order of the day.

Engr. reports on meeting with Amber Twp. Board. He has requested that they pay for the culvert used on the Hansen road, on a 100% basis as the other Twps. have done.

Mr. Hasenbank brings up the matter of the narrow road leading into the Daly packing plant. Daly's complain that there is not room for two trucks to meet on that road and they have a thriving business which is being obstructed by the condition of this road. Recommendation is that this road should be widened as ~~there~~ there is high grass right up to the tracks and no shoulders there so that a driver can see the ditch. Engr. reports that this work should be done in the spring or in the fall, but that at the present time, there won't be a shovel free for at least a month.

Clerk requested to advise Armco Co. that their bid was the lowest and accepted on the multi-plate arches.

Lourence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

July 2, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Board goes on tour to view road near Schwass road where fill fell out of sight. Also going down to Bass Lake to view conditions reported to Mr. Hawley several times re road near Morrison cottages. Board found the job on sink hole will be a very costly job, but necessary for permanent rebuilding of this road. Hope to have Riverton Twp. co-operate on this costly project.

As to Camp Morrison complaint, commissioners could not find any reason for same except that road was a bit dusty.

Lourence A. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

July 6, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took drive through ~~Branch~~ Branch Twp. to county gravel pit to inspect fire in Twp. dump at side of road. Bulldozer being used to cover fire and also cans and rubbish. Seems to be the same old story of using side of the road for dumping grounds.

Went through Sheridan Twp. to check road sides where we have sprayed, still ~~much~~ must get brush out of ditches when dead.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbark
Chairman

July 9, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engr., Supt. and Clerk.

Motion made by Hawley and seconded by Hanson that a ~~new~~ new driveway shall be installed in front of road commission building. Engr. will present drawing of proposed driveway. This is necessary for parking space especially in wintertime as shoulders of road and parking space at that time are considerably lessened by the piling up of snow and vehicles cannot get as far off the ~~the~~ highway as they should be.

Visited Bass Lake resort complaint to Com. Hanson regarding street to Lake by H. Thiels. Wants street opened, so he can launch boat in lake. Twp. must open or pay us for same after petition is received and acted on by Twp. Board.

Discussion of policies to be set forth for employees. To be brought up again on Tues. July 13th when Com. Hanson has more time. Discussion also as to screening and crushing of boulders in Morton Pit. Engr. states he would like to have factory representative visit pit and point out fallacies and remedies of this situation.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbark
Chairman

July 13, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present together with engineer and supt.

After discussion of letter from State Highway Department regarding the road on M-116, north of Ludington, commission decided to visit this piece of road to determine the feasibility of a seal coat to hold this road until time for permanent improvements on this project. Commission requests Engr. Lunde to send estimate of cost on this to State.

Also visited street on South Bayou. This section calls for some ~~prompt~~ prompt action as distance to be improved is only about one-tenth mile. Residents of this area will contribute to some extent on this project. Commission recommends that Hamlin Twp. and residents on this street should pay 100% cost.

Commission voted to send invitation to 7 adjacent counties for a luncheon meeting at Stearns Hotel on July 27th at 11:30 A.M., to form a permanent organization for mutual interests and protection.

Matter of policies for employees put over until Friday July 16th.

Florence J. Henk
Chair

Wm Hasenbark
Chairman

July 16, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners and engineer present.

Committee from Victory Twp, Section 6, consisting of Mr. Caramouche, P. Erickson, and Frank Hansen called on Commission. Want repair on road to their cottages, Government land, Phone 206-R, when commission is able to inspect same.

Drove to Logan Twp. to inspect grade on Mason Lake Road and bridge at Locke School. Old bridge is gone, new bridge material on the way for immediate construction. Headwalls are repaired in good condition.

Hans Rasmussen, P.M. supervisor, called in after noon recess to request action on Buttersville Road, to speed up blacktop on this road; and also to begin work on Sherman St. in Ludington. Moved and supported to do this work.

Discussion regarding policy regulations being written up by Clerk at direction of Engr.-Mgr. Moved and supported to adopt regulations as written except for correction regarding dismissal ~~pk~~ ~~pk~~ policy.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

July 20, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Mrs. Riedl in regarding road to Hamlin Lake. Victory Twp. wants to have estimate on cost of cutting road to Lake, by the 21st, will go the 23rd.

Look up Blue Lake road at once for permanent site & so Flemings can start operations for resort building.

Received letter from Committee of employees, asking for meeting with board for discussion of working conditions. Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to refer them to letter of June 1st 1954, requesting that they must specify items to the commission in writing for discussion before meeting.

Moved and supported to purchase 3 side plows and one V-plow with hitches included, (to be invoiced separately for safety)

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

July 23, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming again in regarding Blue Lake area road. Engineer ran a new line to change location along Blue Lake front, but we cannot act on this as proven in case of Pulleyblank vs Road Commission.

Much discussion on this issue, exploring all legal aspects of this case, and informed Fleming that they should contact Sheridan Twp. Board for help in solution of their problem as it is not now within our jurisdiction.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

July 27, 1954

Special group meeting, 7 counties, Lake, Manistee, Oceana, Mecosta, Mason, Newaygo County unable to be present.

General discussion on wage classification, working conditions; (2) Maximum gross axle loading for trucks during the spring break-up; (3) Organization, permanent, another meeting set for Tuesday, Aug. 27th, at Bladwin for purpose of electing permanent officers and set ~~in~~ up the organization.

July 30, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners and engineer present.

Mr. Dennis and Mr. Long, who have recently purchased the Sauble brine wells from which we now haul brine, were in to discuss the possibility of the commission purchasing two of these well.

The asking price is \$6500., they claim they have been working ~~over~~ these wells over just before they bought them and that the rigging involved is in very good condition, such that if commission should decide to quit the brine business, commission could sell these wells back to them and realize about 50% at least for the salvage material. Material involved given as 375' of 10" pipe; 720' of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe; 1500' of 7" pipe (1300' of which could be salvaged); 2100' of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe (1900' of which could be salvaged); 2100' of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe; 2100' of 3/4" road. Total depth of well is 2,136 feet. These wells could be serviced by them for \$150.00 per year, perhaps less. They will leave motors there and also storage tanks. Storage tanks hold 250 bbls., 42 gal. to bbl., 10,500 gallons.

Commission and Engr. viewed these wells in the afternoon. Interested if price can be adjusted.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

August 3, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussion regarding oil well. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that if we can buy these brine wells for approximately \$5,700.00, (maximum \$6,000) complete as they are and free from legal entanglements, that we do so providing our financial status will allow.

Don Klingan of the Klingan Roofing Co. was in to give price on roofing the commission building. Cost is too much and quality too indefinite, and this matter must be put out for bids anyway.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

August 5, 1954

Regular meeting held, with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills.

Board discussed further details on brine well. Many legal points enter into this contemplated ~~purchase~~ purchase and must be cleared up before decision on purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. Petefish and Mrs. Lambrix, Bass Lake resorters in to present complaint regarding right of way to lake for parking purposes. Engr. Lunde will look this up with Summit Twp.

Oil men were in to explain regulations regarding rights of owners when and if the oil ceases to flow. We will contact legal authority on rights of transportation and trespass.

Petition received from Walhalla residents to be referred to State Highway Dept. at Cadillac, regards speed limit signs along US-10 at east and west approach to Village.

Refuse to give tile to run water across yard at Barnhart's, Hamlin Lake.

Moved and supported to refer accident claim of William Darr against Ralph Morell and Mason Co. Road Commission, to Auto Owners Insurance Co.

Booklet containing Rules and Regulations and Fringe Benefits is given out to employees with their checks. Engr. and Supt are to enforce these rules. Question arises as to whether Supt. is also over State crew, answer is definitely yes! Supt. is authorized to fire any of the crew who deserve such action.

Florence J. Hlenk
Clerk ~~Chairman~~

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Aug. 10, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, Engr. also present in the afternoon sessi

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming again in to get more information and help. They are willing to give the right of way 200 ft. to the east for about 500 ft. to get around the building site. Engr. Lunde will again contact them, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 12.

Victory Supervisor called to hasten work on projects promised them. Engr. promises that crew will be in there to start work on these projects very shortly.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Hawley to accept Custer Bridge project contract, No. ~~2x~~ CS Bl 53-3-23 Cl, Fed. No. S 618 (1).

Motion made and supported to complete the street into Willoughby's, shaping and blacktopping it on the basis of Twp. or adjacent owners furnishing 75% of the cost with Twp. responsible for payment of this 75% cost.

Florence J. Hlenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Aug. 13, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present together with Engr. and Clerk.

Two representatives of the Consumers Power Co., were in regarding a complaint of Harry Darr concerning the placing of light poles on his property, conveyed by his lawyer, Rupert Stephens

After considerable discussion, Consumers representative will contact Stephens that Road Com. gave them permission to set poles 29 feet from center of existing road, but that job will be held up until Road Commission contacts Prosecuting Attorney and he will no doubt contact Stephens as to the legality of this situation.

Al Pratt was in regarding the contemplated purchase of the Sauble brine well by the Road Com. He offered to furnish bond that he will do ~~his~~ his work according to laws of Conservation Dept and relieve the Road Commission of all responsibility of the operation of the well and con - tamination of the river. Lake County asked the commission to have a meeting with them on Monday evening at 8 P.M. to discuss the brine well problem, as it is similar to ours.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that another statement be sent to Mr. Fitch for the French School bill and tell him what auditors instructions were.

Florence J. Hlenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

August 16, 1954

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Commissioners Hasenbank and Hanson, together with Engr. Lunde and Prosecuting Attorney Stapleton, went to Baldwin to meet with Lake County Road Commission at the Lake County barn, the Lake County prosecutor was also present. Al Pratt agreed to operation of both wells of Ma County and Lake County for the oil he can get out of them. Expense to us will be approximated \$25. or \$30.00 a month while they are being operated for brine. Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Cooper are going to draw up the working agreement between the Road Commissions and Mr. Pratt for study and decision.

August 17, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Also, Engr. Clerk and Supt.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hasenbank to rescind the minutes of July 19th, August 5 and August 10, 1954, regarding work to be done in Hamlin Twp. re road to Willoughby property re percentage of sharing of cost on this job; and to record the resolution to have this job paid for on a basis of 66 2/3% share for Willoughby and Twp. Bd. and 33 1/3% for the County Road Commission. This percentage was agreed to by Commissioner Hawley only on the condition that this proposition will not set a policy ~~precedent~~ for future work of this type. The job on which this percentage of sharing is based is estimated at \$300. for the entire cost of work on the east and west street known as Ohio Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were again in regarding their new resort project and their desire of relocation of road thereto. Road Commission agreed to erect "Road Under Construction" signs at both ends of existing road entering the area of Blue Lake.

Commission receives a letter dated Aug. 14, 1954 from the employees union Local No. 109, U.C.W. UMWA requesting a meeting for the purpose of discussing the new working rules drawn up by the commission and to reconsider the last wage request which was turned down.

Clerk directed to notify employees that commission will meet with them at 8:00 P.M., August 25th, 1954.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

August 20, 1954 - R

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Hasenbank present, Commissioner Hanson attending Republican Convention in Grand Rapids as delegate.

Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed bills in the amount of \$2,783.05.

Working agreement from W. A. Pratt received regarding the oil and brine well deal, drawn up by Lawyer Dongvillo. Looked this over and instructed Engr. Lunde to take same to County Attorney for review and approval or change.

Claim adjuster for Auto Owners insurance company in to get a resolution appointing Gerald M. Meehan, an attorney from Hart, Michigan, to represent the Mason County Road Commission in the suit entitled "William Darr vs Ralph Morell et al." (copy of this resolution is in Minutes Supporting file)

Discussion regarding precedent again being set for doing individual work for some and not for others, reference made to former resolution turning down this type of work, etc. No definite decision reached.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

August 24, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Julius Peterson, Victory Twp. supervisor and M. Tyndall, Drain Commissioner, were in regarding north and south road, north of Lesarge's store. This road to be turnpiked and tube across the road to be lowered. Victory Twp. to pay \$150.00 toward this work.

Mr. Hawley returned to Ludington at noon while the other commissioners and Engr. Lunde went on to Baldwin to the second meeting of the new seven-county association. Returned at 3:30 P.M. and adjourned after giving following resume to clerk.

At the Baldwin meeting, six counties were represented, Osceola was absent. Wages and working conditions; methods of payment for driveway culverts; traffic count; are subjects of discussion. Most of them when they build a new road put culverts in for everyone, but if road is in then owner buys the culvert and county put it in. County replaces old culverts. Traffic count is a main topic of discussion for the coming meeting of the Northern Assoc. of Road Commission at Alpena, Sept. 2nd and 3rd, 1954, therefore not gone into much detail at this meeting.

Lawrence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbanc

Chairman

August 27, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Commission discusses matter of policy to be established for the charging of culverts. This matter was discussed at latest meeting of new 7-county assoc. and majority charge for the culvert and then county installs same.

With reference to previous motion of August 3rd, 1954 regarding purchase of brine well, in consideration of our present financial status, motion by Hanson is now made and supported by Hawley that at the present time we find it impossible to enter into such an agreement.

Letter read from Lawyer Christman regarding present status of Pulleyblank case. Plaintiff failed to appeal within time permitted by court ruling and Circuit Court has lost jurisdiction (Letter in ~~Monks Suppicking~~ Pulleyblank file)

Mrs. Fleming was in and wants Motorgrader to smooth up the new grade at new resort road. Floa the Larsen road. She is told this will be done immediately.

Discussion of employees proposal to changes in Rules and Regulations of August 1, 1954s. Mr. Hawley says the ridiculous thing about the whole business is that the employees should have the say about who has the trucks. If the man is driving a junker, he is getting just as much money as the man who has the new truck.

~~When authorized to make recommendations for Chairman to sign and use~~ After consideration of proposals the following decision was made by the Board: "After consideration of the points brought up by your employees committee, the members of the Mason County Road Commission thinks that this publication of August 1, 1954 reports conditions under which the County Road work should be ~~xxx~~ conducted.

As to the guaranteeing of a certain number of hours to be worked, the guarantee would have to be qualified by adding "weather permitting", and "Finances permitting". No such guarantee can be made in this type of work.

Lawrence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbanc

Chairman

August 31, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Aside from general discussion of routine business, the only action taken was the signing of a plat named "Birch Grove Plat" in Grant Twp. The owner is named LaPrete from Detroit and it was plotted by Mr. Dodt.

Mr. Hawley requested that it be entered in the minutes regarding Al Pratt's further agreement to pay the \$30.00 per month for electricity which he had previously requested be paid by the Mason County Road Commission, and also agreed that if at any time within the period of two years there was replacement of anything except the outside casing, that he would replace it free of charge. Pratt said that \$2,500.00 would be all that was necessary to pay at this time, on the price of the well. Reconsideration of the matter decided on August 27, 1954 was not discussed.

Florence A. Gluck
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Sept. 7, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Township Board members from Sherman, Sheridan, Meade ~~and~~ Freesoil and Grant Twps. were present. They had been requested to appear by Al Pratt regarding oil well proposition that they assume the obligation of buying the well. This they refused to do. After this refusal Mr. Pratt has made a proposition of selling the brine from this well to the county of Mason for a price not exceeding one-half the present price we are paying in Ludington and Manistee for brine, providing that we take approximately 200 tank loads during the season. He is to assume purchase of well and all expenses.

Julius Peterson of Victory Twp. was in and wanted to know about work scheduled for Victory Twp. This work is already started; 1/2 mile north of LeSarge's store, ditching; going from their own to road past Catholic church, this road to be turnpiked; Hansen road ~~including Turnpike~~ north and south road, to be turnpiked.

Meade Twp. wants 3 3/4 miles of blacktopping done on the East end of road in Meade Twp. that is already blacktopped, however a motion to do one mile of this blacktopping was made only with the consent of Freesoil's Supervisor Floyd Eddy, that the seal-coating work which had been planned to be done in Freesoil Twp. this year be left unfinished.

Tour of inspection with Road and Bridge Committee scheduled for September 17th, 1954.

(Info. given Sec. after afternoon session of commissioners) The Road Commissioners ~~are~~ are willing to contract with the producer of Sauble Well for a minimum annual ~~per~~ purchase of 200 loads (approx. 2200 gallon loads) per year, with a minimum guarantee of \$800.00 per year, for brine.

Florence A. Gluck
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Sept. 10, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Also Engr. and Supt.

Discussion re agreement with Pratt for getting brine from Sauble well next year. Pratt wants a guarantee of a minimum of \$1,000.00 per year and the cost would be \$4.50 per load. If he doesn't get the brine for us, he voids his contract. If we have a minimum of \$1,000.00 set, he is to be running six days a week and if he cannot furnish us the brine we need, we shouldn't be penalized. However, in making this agreement, and in comparison with the cost of hauling from Ludington and the price of brine at Ludington, we would still be ahead. Pratt has said, if necessary, he will install additional storage tanks.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson to accept Pratt's agreement for one year with ~~pr~~ privilege of renewing for ~~other~~ years on basis of county using an amount of brine to the minimum value of \$1,000.00 or 222 loads at \$4.50 per 2000 gals., per year., with the following provision; that in case of failure to supply amount as needed at any time during brining season that Mr. Pratt shall reduce the above amount that is the minimum of \$1,000.00, in proportion to time lost or brine furnished.

During this meeting a telephone call was received from Deane Lyons, Motorola representative in Traverse City. He dictated a letter to be sent to Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. requesting a change in our application regarding the frequency change in our application regarding the frequency change to 33.10 mc. This frequency is the same as Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties. This letter was written, signed by the Chairman of the Board and mailed Sept. 10, 1954. Telegram sent to Lyons telling him letter had been sent. On Sat. Sept. 11, Engr. Lunde received a letter from Lyons dictating a telegram to be sent to Federal Communications Commission. This telegram was sent Sept. 13, at 1:15 P.M. and also telegram to Lyons notifying him that telegram had been sent to Washington.

Discussion regarding work to be done in P.M. Twp. re road to Father Marquette memorial. Supervisor Rasmussen is quoted by Engr. Lunde as saying Twp. Bd. is unanimously in favor of doing the two miles if we can do it. We ~~shall~~ should know today so we can order the tar. Twp. is to pay 100% for materials. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that this blacktopping work be done. Engr. orders tar same afternoon.

Florence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

September 14, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills in the amount of \$1,845.80 only as this was all that could be taken care of besides the payroll on present fund status.

Florence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

September 17, 1954

All commissioners present at this regular meeting, together with engr., clerk and superintendent

Read letter from Attorney Keiser re petition of lot owners in Block 7 to close Lake Avenue, in Miller's subdivision at Ford Lake, on behalf of his client Mr. B. D. Emick of Filer City, Mich. owner of lots 46, 47, 48 and 49 of Block 5, because access to Emick's lots would be cut off.

Engr. Lunde informs Keiser by letter that no such petition had been received and we have no information as to such intention. The supervisor of this Twp. has talked to the Commission ~~and~~ about this situation and it appears that any such petition to close this road would have to be denied.

Went on tour of inspection with Road and Bridge Committee to following locations:- (These notes were given to Clerk by Commission Hawley upon return from this tour)

1. Ruba road, 1 mi. between Vicotyr and Hamlin Twp., needs brushing and turnpiking.
2. LaSalle School road, west 1/2 mile being completed now.
3. Visited P.M. Memorial Highway, supervisors not very enthusiastic.
4. Amber Townhall road, new blacktop, very good, had a very good days work here.
5. Victory road north of Budreau store, has been surveyed for ditching and turnpiking.
6. Johnson's pit in operation, running good quality gravel.
7. Visited Custer Bridge, supervisors very much pleased.
8. Ordway road (Eden Twp.) very good condition, good work.

Florence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank
Chairman

Regular meeting of Sept. 20 put over until 21st on account of proceeding afterwards to the new association meeting. Short meeting held at Scottville before leaving for the noon session at White Cloud.

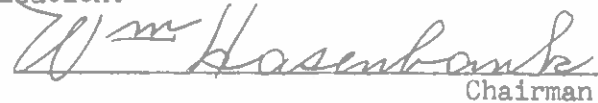
Upon return from White Cloud in the P.M., the commission reassembled.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley, authorizing Chairman and Clerk to sign the 1954-1955 State Maintenance Contract. Copy of resolution to be attached to contract sent in to State.

Decided to give crew one-half day for the Harvest Festival, with pay, the same as last year, (the rest of the day to be on banked time or without pay as the case might be), providing they finish the blacktopping now in progress.

At the White Cloud meeting, the temporary chairman and engineer from Mason County Road Commission were appointed to draft by-laws for this organization.


Clerk


Chairman

September 24, 1954

Meeting not held, although Chairman Hasenbank had said there would be one and came with that intention. Engr., Supt. and Clerk also present.

September 28, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engr. and Clerk.

Minutes of the past three meetings read and approved. Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that the minutes as read, of the August 25th, 1954, meeting with the Employees Committee be adopted and entered into the record, and that a copy of such entry be made for posting on the bulletin board for the information of all the employees who were not present at the meeting.

Members of the Amber Twp. Board present at this session were Supervisor Karl Chilberg, Clerk Carl O'Dean, Treasurer William Johnson, Harold Hansen and C. K. Hansen. They wanted to know just when to expect the work and completion of the project known as No. 154, a secondary road in Amber Twp., also known as the Hansen Road, bet. Sections 1 and 12.

This group very bitter because they claim they have set up quite a bit of work to be done and are willing to participate on same and they have seen nothing of it altho' same has been promised for two years. Supervisor Chilberg complains that work is being started in other Twp's ahead of theirs, and they want to know just what the score is.

Engineer Lunde explains to this group that work has to be done according to availability of our equipment. Also that this year much trouble has been encountered with failing bridges and culverts which held up programmed projects because of this emergency work. Even in Amber Twp. near Ted Hamilton's place was an unexpected expense and work in the caving-in of the large culvert and necessary replacement in which Amber Twp. participated in the cost of the material only. This culvert cost \$650.00 of which Amber Twp. paid \$500.00. As to the unexpected situation in Riverton Twp. where the sinkhole took the road out of sight, this project had to be done twice in a short space of time.

This group made quite an issue of the advantage or disadvantage of having these projects let out on a contract basis. They feel it could be done more quickly and just as economically. Treas. Johnson presented check for \$1,196.90 for share on Amber Townhall Road blacktop. Discussion regarding the new traffic count to be conducted in our county.

Working policy of Oceana county read and discussed. Find it to be in keeping with ours published Aug. 1, 1954 and that it is no more of an agreement in which the union has any say than ours is in spite of claim of the union representative during the meeting on August 25, 1954.

Engineer Lunde reports on his meeting with the P.M. Board re presenting of bills for the projects completed. All bills were accepted as rendered. On the Buttersville Dip work on which they had promised \$1,200.00 and which ran into such a greater amount than anticipated, the commission may request a larger participation on this.

Chairman authorized to sign the negotiated contracts on Proj. CS Bl 53-13-22 S-547 (2) and Proj. CS Bl of 53-13-23 S-790 (1) by motion of Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Hawley.

Chairman also signed letter to union notifying them of decision of Board in regard to policy of August 1, 1954, being the policy under which the work of the Road Commission should be conducted. (Copy of letter in "Employees, matters re" File)

Letter to Eric Thorne, State Highway foreman signed by Chairman notifying him that his employment would be terminated on Oct. 1 and that banked and vacation time would be absorbed by regular pay periods.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson that Henry Englebrecht's name be omitted from the State Maintenance contract to clear up the matter of responsibility in carrying out this work. Harry Brankert is named on this Contract to replace Eric Thorne as State Maintenance Foreman.

Lorance I. Hunk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

October 1, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also clerk. Discussion of the matter of Fritz Pappé's recent visits to Commissioners Hawley and Hasenbank regarding clerk's authority to reprimand him for going home at 4 P.M. instead of 5:30 P.M. and turning in time slip for full 10 hours.

General discussion followed when engineer and superintendent joined the meeting. Some of the subjects brought up were: - Blocked culvert at Goodrich farm; reduction of crew as soon as State crack-filling is done, this will take a couple of weeks; Summit wants beach road fixed up; should scrape the gravel off the road past poor farm, north to corner; Ed. Gilbert wants ditch on his road so cellar will not be full of water; Mrs. Timpy wants two loads of gravel on her road in Victory Twp. to assure passage of school bus; crew is to go from Millerton Bridge project to Wiley, then to Hansen Road, Beyer road and some spot patching.

Lorance I. Hunk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

October 8, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Head Mechanic Keson was called into the meeting to explain the condition of the Allis-Chalmers Bull-Dozer. Commission decided no more should be spent for repairs as \$7,095.00 has already been spent on it in last 2½ years and Keson claims it is in worse condition now than before. Decided to work it as is until new one can be obtained.

Lorance I. Hunk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Supplemental to Oct. 5, 1954

Supervisor Hall of Hamlin Twp. was in and agreed to pay the \$100.00 due on the Leslie Modeweg deal, but declines brine bill of July 27 and July 6, 1951. Claims he doesn't know where this brining was done, time slips of those days were shown to him, but he is not convinced. Therefore, motion made by Hawley, and supported by Hanson to cancel the 1951 brine bill in the amount of \$74.00.

Hamlin Twp. wanted tile for putting through man's lot. Board decided at meeting that wounty could not furnish this tile. Engr. Lunde says there is some sewer tile in yard that would neve be used for anything else and we might let them have that but it is not enough for what they want it for. Supervisor apparently satisfied to get what tile ~~xxxxxxx~~ is available.

Regarding pay for festival which was not allowed to those on vacation at that time, this time was given to the ~~man~~ with the provision that the blacktop job be finished the day before and therefore employees on vacation were already getting paid for their time off and were of no help in earning this half holiday.

Lourence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Oct. 15, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Moved and supported to authorize Chairman to sign contract covering work on No. CS Bl of 53-13-23 C-1 with State Highway Dept.

Took trip to Riverton Twp. to inspect bridge on road at Septrion farm. Advise buying large tube for replacement, but will request Riverton Twp. to participate as this is a secondary road and a major project.

Bridge at Harmon farm needs cleaning off and ditches on both sides deepened to allow water to go off sides on way down to bridge.

Prospected for gravel on Inman road, but not good enough to test out.

Michigan Tractor and Machinery representative called to give specifications and prices on D-7 Caterpillar tractor. The larger type appears to be a better buy even at high original cost, \$18,750.00 complete with bulldozer and all other necessary attachments. Will check present Allis-Chalmers tractor for allowance.

Lourence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

October 20, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Passed resolution to accept the permit to erect pole line and necessary tree trimming on Chauvez Road, Section 6, P.M. Twp., T17N, R17W. Motion for this resolution made by Hanson, supported by Hawley.

Complaint reported from Herb Wardell, that since his road was brined, the blades afterwards fixed it so the water ran down the road more than before and it would take a couple loads of gravel to fix it.

Mr. Hawley asks Supt. Englebrecht why the road at the Rose McClatchie place has not been fixed as she calls him frequently on this and he has reported it previously. Discussion re merits of culvert there now which someone has filled with stone. Supt. says she used the road for a yard, and that he has cleaned out the end of culvert and it was open the last he knew, and he also dug off the shoulder. Hawley says something has to be done to keep the water out of the road, but also out of her yard.

Lourence A. Lunde
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

Oct. 22, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

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Went on road inspection tour:- First to Millerton to inspect new bridge and commissioners are very pleased with the work on this bridge; also visited the new Fleming resort construction and inspected the road that Flemings built to replace former road according to his agreement; went south of Freesoil and looked at a gravel pit on Jim Sherada farm, but prospects look small.

Thomas J. Funk
Clerk

Chairman

Oct. 26, 1954

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Hasenbank present; Commissioner Hanson came at noon.

Motion made by Hawley and seconded by Hasenbank that Chairman sign agreement with the Motorola Co. for the two-way radio system; installation cost, \$412.50; tower, \$280.00; maintenance, \$129.00 per month.

Mrs. Rose McClatchie contacted Mr. Hawley and wishes to convey her thanks to the superintendent for repairing the culvert into their home in Summit Twp.

In discussion of work done for Village of Freesoil, it is apparent that a check on the time slip should be made by the Superintendent who is familiar with the work being done by each man to see that the correct charges are being turned in. This is especially important where the recipient of these services are to pay 100% of cost.

Thomas J. Funk
Clerk

Chairman

Nov. 2, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Inspected road in Sherman Twp. past Reader farm. Water course has been filled at roadside holding water back from its natural flow. Board advises engineer have prospector write Mr. Reader giving him choice of letting water go across natural area across his farm, or ditch water in front of his farm west to County drain. Reader must decide in ten days what his choice ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ is.

Visited proposed road in Pere Marquette Twp. to Wischnett factory. Already staked out and P.M. Twp. advised their cost will be about \$1000.00.

Thomas J. Funk
Clerk

Chairman

Nov. 5, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and no vouchers for bills were signed as funds were not available for anything more than payroll account

Thomas J. Funk
Clerk

Chairman

Nov. 12, 1954

Regular meeting date, went on inspection tour of roads with Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Hawley and supported by Hanson to retain attorney Meehan of Hart, Michigan for handling case with State Mediation board in connection with Employees Union complaint to them regarding conditions with Board of Commissioners.

Signed petition authorizing opening and cleaning drain known as Cassie drain in Custer and Sherman Twp.

Thomas J. Funk
Clerk

Nov. 17, 1954

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Regular meeting date of the 16th omitted in view of meeting scheduled with employees committee and representative of State Mediation Board. Minutes of this meeting will be attached as they are not yet translated from shorthand and will occupy more space than afforded here.

November 19, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed checks (payroll) and vouchers for bills were reviewed, approved and signed. Payroll in the amount of \$9,316.80 and bills in the amount of \$9,582.54 were signed.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to adopt resolution giving Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. permission to lay additional track for siding across highway between Sections 14 & 15 in Amber Twp.

Clerk expressed her thanks ~~for~~ to Mr. Commissioner Hawley and other board members for their ~~support~~ expression of confidence in her execution of ~~business~~ road commission business.

~~Signed paid order~~ Called on Bruce Wadel and had conference on road in P.M. Twp. to new factory. Also call at Bowden Co. to get O.K. on grading work in Subdivision of Rasmus Hansen.

Chairman signed contract with Motorola Company for radio system.

Continued discussion regarding union committee personnel.

Lorence J. Plunk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

November 23, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commissioners Hanson and Hasenbank, together with engineer, supt. and Earle Equipment Co. salesman, Stan Heustis, went to Lake County to view some machinery in operation there. Also visited some new roads in Mason County. engr. and supt. viewed some blacktop work done on our road by Lake County. Also looked at some prospective gravel pits.

Letter read from Northern Michigan Road Assoc. secretary requesting a map of our primary system for discussion at the coming meeting at Grand Rapids. Engineer presented one he had prepared for them.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hasenbank to grant permission for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to bury a telephone line on the right-of-way ten feet from the center of the road in Sections 8 and 5 of Sheridan Twp.

Mr. Harold Goodrich was in about cutting poplar poles on County Road clay pit. He was in about one year ago about the same matter and was to be informed on this in December 1953 but had thus far received no word. Commission says that this matter was decided the first time he was in that he was NOT to cut the poles. They had agreed to contact him only if he was to go ahead with it. Clerk notified him via telephone of this continued decision on November 23 1954 at 3:30 P.M.

Lorence J. Plunk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

November 26, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Julius Peterson, Victory Twp. supervisor, was at this meeting and brought in a check for \$4,500.00 for various projects now ~~being~~ in progress in Victory Twp.

Victory Twp. wants one mile from King's Corner, west, on program for blacktop in 1955.

Board passed resolution, with motion by Hasenbank and supported by Hawley, giving Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. permit to lay gas line in P.M. Twp. on county road extending east from Melendy Street in Ludington, on north side of road, approximately 1,050 feet.

Laurence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

November 30, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.
(Continental Life Insurance)

Discussed insurance/weaknesses as to our men over 60. Policy apparently should be revised.

Read letter from Lawyer Meehan and his minutes of meeting on November 17, 1954.

Rep. William Tilton of the Lamar Pipe and Tile Co. showed commission his line of products and discussed merits as compared to the multi-plate now in process of assembly in the yard.

Laurence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

Dec. 3, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with the engineer, no supt.

Signed checks and bills for \$3,883.55. Supervisor Bacon of Custer was in and wants to bring his Township Board in Tuesday, December 7, 1954. Appointment made for that date.

~~Granback~~ Mr. Granbacka was in re road he wants up near Tallman Lake. Superintendent to be requested to go up and the situation over.

Discussion of payment of Holiday pay on Saturday which is only a ~~5~~ 5-hour work day. This discussion to be resumed Tuesday before resolution for Meehan's amendments is adopted.

Laurence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

December 7, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Resolution adopted, Motion by Hanson, seconded by Hawley, to sign agreement with Consumer's Power Co. relative to tree-trimming in county for coming year.

Resolution adopted:- Motion by Hanson, seconded by Hawley, giving permission to Consumers Power Co. to erect poles for power line and do necessary tree-trimming for power line on County Road in Section 24, Branch Township.

Custer Twp. board in to confer with commission regarding Township work. Discussion on road 1/2 mi. north of Custer, east of blacktop. Blacktopping this is out of question, will grade and gravel one mile in spring on basis of Twp. ~~payment~~ 100% payment, approximately \$6000.00 as shown on project form; also, road between Sections 30 and 31, Custer Twp., 1 mile, same agreement as above only this agreement does not commit either party regarding blacktopping later; Twp. wants road east of Resseguie school gravelled (1 1/2 mi.) this winter using pit run gravel at cost of operation, maximum \$2.00 per cu. yard.

Laurence J. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm Hasenbank

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also engineer, superintendent and clerk.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to adopt amendments to work agreement as set up by Attorney Meehan on November 17, 1954, meeting and to post copy of same on the employees bulletin board.

Suggest keeping close file record on Continental Insurance Co. correspondence regarding ~~xxx~~ severance time, return to job, etc. Mr. Howard Hawley was in to answer some questions for the commission. Letter of December 3, 1954 from the company and signed by the present Adm. Ass't. Lincoln C. Cocheu, was placed on file as it answers the question of 'termination date'.

Moved and supported to lay off five men as soon as culverts are finished. (This action took place on December 18, 1954.)

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hanson, that statement of September 10, 1954, for Proj. No. 454, Butterville Road, Sections 27-22, be resubmitted to Pere Marquette Twp. calling their attention to the total cost of this project in view of the extra expenses encountered on this work, and requesting that they give their utmost consideration to further payment toward this cost, to bring the Twp. participation up to the usual 60-40 basis of such work. Total cost of the project is \$7,501.33; the Twp. 60% share would be \$4,500.80. Of this amount \$1,200.00 has been received, leaving a ~~xxxx~~ balance of \$3,300.80. On the Twp's previous payments, they have a credit of \$18.00 caused by the transposition of figures in the cost of one project (their error); applying this credit, the balance due would be \$3,282.80. Clerk instructed to send this request to the Twp. board, (letter on this was sent Dec. 16, 1954.)

Lorence A. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

Dec. 14, 1954 - Commissioners Hasenbank, Hanson and Engineer Lunde were attending the Southern Road Commissioners convention in Grand Rapids. Commissioner Hawley and Supt. Englebrecht had a discussion of general conditions.

Dec. 17, 1954 - Regular meeting held, no notes given.

Dec. 20, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and commissioners reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Lorence A. Hlenk

Clerk

Wm. Hasenbank

Chairman

Dec. 24, 1954

No meeting held upon mutual agreement of all commissioners.

Dec. 28, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with engineer and superintendent. Engineer showed slides of various projects in process during the year of 1954.

Discussed road and ice control problems, also the need for State as well as county publicity for better understanding of the relationships between all the groups concerned.

Motion made by Hasenbank, seconded by Hawley that ^{when} the streets in Hanson's Subdivision have been improved according to the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 1952, that Russel St., Gary Street, and Ellis Street, shall be advertised for certification into the county's local road system.

Engineer informs Commission that Lawyer Meehan of Hart, Michigan, attorney for Auto-Owners Insurance Co. informed him that ^{the} William Darr vs Ralph Morell case will be on the calendar for the January 1955 term of court. It is not yet known whether or not it will be necessary for the road commissioners to appear.

General discussion of future ditching work, etc. Discussion of wants and needs of various townships. Pere Marquette Twp. board wishes to meet with the commission soon after the first of the new year.

Lourence J. Alenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman

December 31, 1954

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engineer and Clerk.

Letter written to Dow Company advising them Board's action in regard to streets in Hanson Subdivision in order to obtain private easement now held by them to make Ellis Street a public road in this new subdivision.

Petition dated November 22, 1954, addressed to the Riverton Township Board and the Summit Township Board was received in this meeting, but ~~xxxxxx~~ clerk is instructed to forward this petition to the supervisors of the townships who are interested in having this work done due to the necessity of action by the township boards prior to presentation to the Road Commission. Petition was forwarded to Supervisor of Riverton Twp. as majority of signers were from this Twp. Petition read as follows: "We the undersigned Residents on the Anthony Road running East of The Nickerson School, and the residents in this area East of US Highway 31, respectfully request the improvement of this ROAD BY BLACK TOPPING same, account of the increased amount of traffic in both East and West directions, of gravel trucks, school busses, milk trucks, fruit trucks, and privately owned cars. The condition of this road due to the heavy traffic, has been very poor for quite some time."

This being the last meeting for Commissioner Hasenbank, a picture was taken by Engr. Lunde as Commissioner Hasenbank was signing the letter to the Dow Company referred to above.

Lourence J. Alenk
Clerk

Wm Hasenbank
Chairman