

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Derek Diederich	Josh Bowren	Shelly Schloss
Barb Miller	Gary Allison	Mark Simlar

Agenda included:

1. Subdivision Roads
2. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern

The virtual meeting started at 4:30 p.m. with Supervisor Wall saying, we started a fund of \$75,000 for subdivision roads, and we know it's not enough but it is a start. We are trying to find out if the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will allow these funds to be spent for roads. Independence Township used their weigh ticket revenue to help fund a 5% match – about \$50,000 to help with their subdivision roads. The RCOC owns the roads in Waterford Township.

Trustee Hauswirth said, Clerk Markee sent several letters to; Federal and State Legislators, and County Commissioners, asking them to allow us to use the ARPA funds be used for roads, but could we ask our Legislators to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss and lobby for Waterford Township to allow the ARPA funds be used for roads? She thinks, first come, first serve is how we should distribute the money.

Clerk Markee informed, the office of Senator Peters said it may be possible to use the ARPA funds for roads. She would also like to use the GFL, and Marijuana money for the roads.

Trustee Monohon said, he is hearing the road funding would only be available from the new infrastructure bill that is currently being circulated and not from the ARPA.

Trustee Bartolotta said, we should have a meeting with the RCOC, and the County Commissioners.

Treasurer Thomas was wondering how many subdivisions do we have in Waterford and start a scoring system and list the roads from worse to better.

Supervisor Wall said there were several groups that came forward and proposed a SAD but nothing came of it. They spent a lot of time working on it and it was voted down.

Trustee Monohon said he would research with SEMCOG to do a study to assess the quality of the roads. Clerk Markee said the subdivisions will do this and it will be first come first serve to get the funds, and Trustee Hauswirth said these people really have to want their road re-done because it is a lot of work to get a SAD started and completed.

Supervisor Wall wants the funding to be a continuous, sustainable amount that can be used each year for roads.

Clerk Markee said she would try to set up a meeting with everyone we can get to come, and talk about how to fund our roads including County Commissioners, State Reps, etc. The County is also getting \$243.9 million and would they be able to use this money for roads? It was suggested 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the meeting on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Derek Diederich, Budget Director, said he commends us for tackling this huge issue. It was only a few years ago that we had zero money available for roads, so it was easy then because there was nothing to decide. Independence Township passed 2.0 mills for roads, and it was not for subdivision roads. We should also monitor the road infrastructure proposal currently going through the House.

Barb Miller, Assistant Budget Director, said it is a good start to think and talk about this difficult topic.

Supervisor Wall asked Trustee Monohon to check with SEMCOG to see how much money they might have to give towards our cause, and Michigan is the worst in the country for poor roads. We rank number 50 out of 50. We have several tri-party projects occurring this year, and we have completed several tri-party projects in the past. We will have to work according to the RCOC rules. There is only so much we can do.

Trustee Hauswirth suggested doing a PSA, and Clerk Markee mentioned Supervisor Wall's show, "Inside Waterford".

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Kim Markee, Clerk

Gary Wall, Supervisor