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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marie Hauswirth, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Barb Miller	Robert Matsura	Shelly Schloss
Eric Larson	Tim Sovel	Fred Mehl

Agenda included:

1. Road Commission for Oakland County Special Assessment District (SAD) Discussion
2. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
3. Public Comments

Mr. Mark Meszler, Subdivision Improvement Planning Coordinator, from the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) provided information to the Board of Trustees regarding Subdivision Roads. Supervisor Wall explained to him we have set aside \$1.0 million for Subdivision Roads for Residents to receive 10% towards the re-paving of their Subdivision Road when obtaining an SAD to help offset one year's worth of costs for the residents. Mr. Meszler explained that residents need to contact the RCOC if they want to start a petition for a SAD to re-pave their roads because they keep a list of all the active petitions. The RCOC works on a first come, first serve basis, and it usually takes about one year from the time the SAD is approved for their road to get re-paved. Included in the SAD is an Engineer's Estimate for construction costs, administration fees, and a 10% contingency. The RCOC follows Michigan Act 246. The estimate would have a low and a high cost included for residents to understand before moving forward with the SAD, and they will have 90 days to circulate the legal petition for SAD funding. For the SAD to move forward there must be 51% of the residents approving it. If it passes, there would be a Public Hearing.

If the SAD receives final approval, Public Bid Letting is coordinated with a virtual meeting every Tuesday morning, and the lowest qualified bidder would be selected. The RCOC has about six different contractors that they feel comfortable with using. Waterford Township would commit the 10% after the defined cost number is known from the bid. If a resident pays in full, then the 6% interest would not be charged to that resident. If the resident pays off the SAD early, there are no prepayment penalty fees. Some residents have chosen to obtain a home equity loan to pay upfront for the SAD, instead of 10 years, which eliminates the 6% interest. The RCOC provides a 15 year warranty on the roads they install.

Trustee Monohon asked about charging the DNR for some of the costs associated with roads where the DNR has public Boat Launches in Waterford, and Mr. Meszler said they have never charged the DNR and the RCOC follows Michigan Act 246. The RCOC also follows legal council provided by Mr. Bob Brown, who has said not to assess or charge the DNR. Trustee Monohon said Michigan Act 188 specifically states that the DNR can be assessed fees for roads. Mr. Meszler said again that they follow Act 246 and their legal council, and they cannot charge the DNR, Schools, or other Public Jurisdictions.

Supervisor Wall said anything implemented during the Depression time around 1930, needs to be re-visited and changed to make the laws applicable to the current times. Possibly Act 188 applied to a different time. Clerk Markee said, possibly a long time ago, the DNR was assessed and it went to court and the court may have denied the assessment to the DNR, therefore, today's legal council refuses to allow the DNR to be assessed. We do not know why legal council doesn't want to assess the DNR.

Trustee Monohon mentioned that Act 188 also allows the Township to override the residents and implement a SAD to the residents if it is for the safety of the residents.

Mr. Meszler said the RCOC receives their funds from the Gas Taxes, and Vehicle Registrations, by way of the State after M-DOT takes the first 75% to 85% of the tax revenues. Electric Vehicles do not help fund the roads because they do not run on fuel. Road funding that comes to the State first goes to the M-DOT primary roads.

Trustee Bartolotta asked if the RCOC would consider concrete instead of asphalt, and Mr. Meszler explained the RCOC does not use concrete because it is a lot more expensive, and has more restricting temperature requirements. When concrete has to be re-paved, the old concrete causes more difficulties to replace and re-use than old asphalt.

Clerk Markee asked if a resident had a rim or tire get damaged due to a large pot hole, can the resident receive reimbursement to cover the costs of their damage? Mr. Meszler said to call 248-858-4804, which is the Risk Management Repair Department and they would look into it.

The RCOC is looking to re-pave entire roads, not just 50' to 100' of the roads. They want the entire road to be included in the assessment.

Clerk Markee said if anyone was here for the Subdivision Road /RCOC discussion, they need to act now because the funds must be committed by 12-31-2024, and it takes a long time for the SAD to get approved. If the \$1.0 million is not used or committed, then the Township will have to re-purpose these funds to something else such as a water main replacement. Once the funds are committed, the funds have to be spent by 12-31-2026.

Clerk Markee thanked Trustee Bartolotta for responding to the resident that was frustrated with the Trucks using their jake brakes in the middle of the night while the resident wants to sleep. She had requested Waterford to implement an ordinance against using jake brakes, however, it would be very difficult to enforce an ordinance like this. If we can't enforce it, it doesn't make sense to write the ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.