

Mr. Pearson explained that he is going to take bids to crush the concrete slabs that were removed from I-69, into a 5A product. Mr. Pearson stated that the rebar will be removed and the stone will be used on road projects. It was stated that there is between 2,000 and 3,000 ton of concrete at both the Imlay City and Lapeer garages.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the frost was still coming out of the roads and we had six roads closed. Mr. Pearson stated that to date 9,457 ton of salt had been used for the 09-10 winter season. This is compared to 13,000 for 08-09 and 15,000 for the 07-08 seasons.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Meinz asked for approval for the MDOT contract.

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Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the contract with the MDOT for the HHRR and STP 44609 projects for Lapeer County and allow Chairman, Douglas Hodge and Vice Chairman Joseph Suma to sign said document. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Meinz stated that he attended the Bridge Conference yesterday and found the conference beneficial as the information is on the cutting edge of technology.

Mr. Meinz explained that the latest update on the Imlay City Road project is that the Stimulus Project went to bid, but the Federal Aid section to Mitchell Lake Road was not going to be bid.

Mr. Doyle stated that he had received a petition for the designation of a Natural Beauty Road for Burnside Road from M-24 to Oliver Road. Mr. Doyle stated that the Road Commission will go ahead with the public hearing as soon as possible.

Public Comment:

Mr. Louis Swift

Mr. Swift stated that he objected to the removal of the trees on Hadley Road. Mr. Swift stated that some of the trees that are marked to be removed are only twenty five feet from the intersection, and the traffic is already slowing down. Mr. Swift explained that he has asked in the past to have trees cut and that didn't happen because of the wetlands, but then this project comes along and everything is going to be cut. Mr. Swift stated that he is against pork money being used on this project.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt stated that he would like to see the guardrail extended to fill the 100 foot gap between the two existing sections on the north side. Mr. Meinz explained that he would consider this section for the next round of funding.

Mr. Tim Zirnhelt, 5537 Stewart Road

Mr. Zirnhelt stated that he also did not think the trees needed to be cut. Mr. Zirnhelt went on to state that he can't see any need why the oak trees have to be removed. Mr. Zirnhelt stated that Stewart Road was recently ditched and that ruined the road, but did want to thank the Road Commission for grading the road.

Mr. Richard Smith, 1419 Hadley Road

Mr. Smith stated that there are some trees marked on his property that you have to go up a four foot hill to get to and it doesn't make sense to remove them. He also pointed out that there are telephone poles closer to the road than some of the trees.

Mr. Smith also stated that he has property on Willits Road and there are places on the road where two cars cannot pass. He would like the Road Commission to trim the branches in this section.

Mr. Hodge stated that the Commissioners have taken all of the comments into consideration, but have a policy in place that encourages the removal of trees from the right of way whenever possible in order to make it safer for the traveling public. Mr. Hodge went on to state that the policy was implemented for a reason and the Board has agreed to follow it.

Mr. Duckert stated that his son was traveling down the road this past Friday, and although he was only traveling between 25-30 mph, when the rim on his tire split, he was immediately thrown into the ditch. Mr. Duckert went on to state that if there had been trees in that location we would have been seriously injured.

Mr. Zeb Schons

Mr. Schons stated that he has seen the disappointment in the faces of the residents when he informs them that he has to cut the trees on their property, but it doesn't come close to the expression on people's faces when as an emergency worker he has to tell a relative that their loved one died as a result of hitting a tree.

Mr. Suma stated that another factor that hasn't been mentioned regarding the removal of trees on the road is, the weathering that the shade causes and the ice that remains longer than on a road that has no trees.

Mr. Eldon Card, Oregon Township Supervisor

Mr. Card asked the Board about the placement of advertising signs on the utility poles and who was responsible for removing them. Mr. Brandt stated that Hadley Township has an ordinance and the Township will remove them. Mr. Card stated that Oregon Township also has a sign ordinance, but was looking for information regarding the actual removal. Mr. Hodge stated that the placement of a sign on a utility pole can create a dangerous situation for the utility worker as they climb the pole and cut or puncture a glove on a nail or staple and lose the insulation that is needed to protect them from the electrical source on the pole.

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Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary