

## Ottawa County Transportation Improvement District

Regular Meeting

January 22, 2020

This regular meeting of the Ottawa County Transportation Improvement District (OCTID) was called to order by Ron Lajti at 8:08am on January 22, 2020. Present were OCTID members: Ron Lajti, Steve Levorchick, Mark Stahl, Mark Messa, and Jennifer Widmer; Commissioner: Don Douglas; and Administrative Assistant, Tina Molnar. Excused were Senator Theresa Gavarone and Representative DJ Swearingen.

**Correspondence:** An email was read from Jamie Beier-Grant tendering her resignation from the OCTID. Jamie took a job with the Montrose Group and her last day with OCIC was January 16, 2020. Jamie has been a great asset to Ottawa County, the OCTID, and to the Engineer's Office. She will be greatly missed.

**Appointment to the Board:** Mark Stahl has been appointed to fill Jamie's unexpired term through April 2021 via a resolution passed by the Commissioners on January 7, 2020.

### **Organizational Items:**

#### Nomination of 2020 Officers:

- **Chairperson:** Steve Levorchick moved to retain Ron Lajti as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Mark Messa. There was no discussion.  
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes
- **Vice –Chairperson:** Mark Messa was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. Steve Levorchick made the motion and it was seconded by Ron Lajti. There was little discussion as to whether Mark would remain on the board through 2020. Mark Stahl indicated that there was no reason to believe Messa would be removed prior to the reappointment in April 2021.  
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** A motion was made by Steve Levorchick to retain Jennifer Widmer as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mark Stahl. There was no discussion  
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes

#### Designation of Location for the Offices of the OCTID:

- Mark Mess moved that we retain the Ottawa County Engineer's Office as the location for 2020 meetings of the OCTID. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Widmer. There was no discussion  
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes

#### 2020 Budget

- As the TID has no revenue or expenses at this point, a motion was made by Steve Levorchick to suspend a 2020 budget until needed. Mark Stahl seconded the motion. Mark Messa asked if we were subject to audit even without revenue or expenses and wondered if we would need to upload some sort of budget into the Hinkle System. Jennifer will check this with the state auditors. If the answer is yes then we will create the zero budget.  
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes

#### **Submission of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Mark Messa and seconded by Ron Lajti for the minutes to be approved as written. There was no discussion

Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes

#### **Officer Reports:**

Chairman: Will report with old and new business.

Vice-Chairperson: No report

Secretary-Treasurer: No report other than minutes.

#### **Old Business:**

State Route 53 North at SR 2

- Ron met with ODOT on January 7, 2020. TetraTech is set to start the feasibility study in February and hope to be concluded by October 2020. The cost for the project is \$1.5 Million and includes the design for widening of St. Rt. 53 from State Road to Bassett's, the State Road/53 intersection, and possible modification to the entrance/exit ramps from Rt. 2 and everything up to the prebid meeting. ODOT plans to award a contract for construction in January 2022.
- Ron mentioned to Chris Waterfield of ODOT that another component of the backup problem on St. Rt. 53 was the backup at 53/W. Catawba. Chris said he would look into safety improvement money for possible solution there.
- The project will happen in phases with the intersection happening first, then the widening, then the possible turn lane at West Catawba Rd.
- ODOT will be setting up public hearings to talk with constituents regarding the construction. Ron suggests not working between Memorial and Labor Days and/or night construction to best manage the traffic in this area during construction.

#### State Route 19/State Route 163 Intersection in Oak Harbor

- Per ODOT there will be no roundabout in this intersection
- A study is being done and they are awaiting the results.
- ODOT will be in negotiations with the Village of Oak Harbor, as any solution appears to require loss of parking for the downtown area, a condition which the Village is against. In the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with ODOT Ron mentioned how important it is for the County to be brought on board at the beginning of a project to help start the conversation locally. ODOT acknowledged the importance of this and apologized for not reaching out sooner.

#### **New Business:**

##### Bridge in Elmore

ODOT will begin construction on the St. Rt. 51 bridge into Elmore. The bridge will be closed for 150 days, though ODOT hopes to complete sooner. They will be covering any damages done to the detours during the closure.

#### **Adjournment:**

Jennifer Widmer moved that we adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Levorchick. There was no discussion.

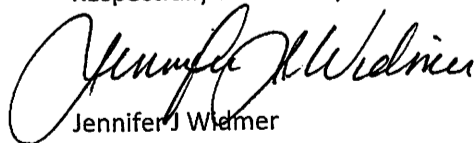
Roll Call Vote: Lajti – yes, Widmer – yes, Levorchick – yes, Mess – yes, Stahl – yes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50am.

The next meeting will take place April 20, 2020 at 8:30am at the Ottawa County Engineers Office.

Be It Further Resolved, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of the above resolutions were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer J. Widmer  
OCTID Secretary/Treasurer