

## Hope Township Road Committee Meeting

Sep 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Mieske at 7pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call members present: Jay Brown, David Yahr, Robert Kelley, Kelly Eddy, Chuck Hudler, Chair: Dan Mieske

Guest in attendance: Wendy Faber

Approval of Agenda. Chuck Hudler made a motion to approve it. Dan Mieske 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes from the last meeting May 4, 2023, were approved with the addition, by Chuck Hudler, of E being added to Saiko Rd Drain repair. David Yahr made the motion to approve with correction and 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Kelly Eddy. Motion Approved.

OLD Business: E. Richmond and E. Grace Ct lack painted center lines although the lines were included in the bid for those newly paved roads. Residents have requested that the painted lines be applied.

Update by Chairman Dan Mieske: The culvert at the corner of E. Saiko and Five Mile need to be replaced. This replacement may be paid for by the Midland County Drain Commission. Jay Brown will check with the Drain Commission for the Timing of the replacement culvert. It needs to be done before paving of E. Saiko from Five Mi to Middle Rd begins in 2024.

Dan will check with the road commission about a discrepancy in the cost of the paving E. Saiko from Five Mile east to Middle Rd. The bid last year was \$165,932.85. The new bid is \$220,000.

Committee Members updates on Roads assigned to each:

Robert Kelley—All assigned Roads are in good condition. The drainage ditch on E. Saiko Rd between Meridian and Five Mile Rd is finished and looks good. There needs to be more riprap added to the driveway culverts that were replaced to avoid further erosion around them. Jay Brown mentioned some property owners were disposing of grass clippings into the ditches. Robert Kelley suggested adding a notice to the next tax bill mailing asking residents to avoid disposing of grass clippings in ditches because it inhibits and may clog proper drainage. Jay Brown has a concern about possible road damage to E. Saiko Rd between Five Mile and Meridian Rd due to multiple truck loads of Logs being hauled out from a recent forestry select cut of a parcel at 335 E. Saiko Rd. Mid-Gladwin County Line Rd, East of Middle Rd, has drainage issues in the spring and may need more gravel. E. Richmond and E. Grace Ct need center lines applied. We were charged but they were not applied after the road reconstructions in the Fall of 2022.

Kelly Eddy— At Meridian Rd, the Southeast side of the corner has a dropped edge and may be the cause of several recent car accidents. E. Saiko Rd east of Middle Rd has a low area that needs more gravel.

Chuck Hudler—At Meridian Rd, there are dropped Edges at the pavement near M-30 that need to be addressed.

David Yahr—E. Baker Rd to Hope Road is in bad condition and may need total reconstruction. E. Baker Rd east to the old cemetery needs gravel. Stark Rd north of Baker Rd needs drainage work. The culvert work has been completed.

Jay Brown—The culvert at E. 145 Shaffer, which is a county road, is damaged. Cat Tails are plugging a ditch east of the Leuenberger Farm on the north side between 503 and 565 E. Shaffer Rd. E. Baker Rd between M-30 and Hope Rd will need total reconstruction. There was discussion about the type of gravel used on Five Mile Rd south of E. Saiko Rd to the Valerie Smith residence. Our records indicate that it is limestone. E. Baker Rd east to the old cemetery needs gravel to fill a large pothole.

Dan Mieske—Roads are in good shape in his assigned area.

Discussions about 2024 Road work are as follows.

E. Saiko Rd from Five mile to Middle is to be paved. Other deemed necessary road work will be discussed at the January 4, 2024, meeting.

Dan Mieske will get more information on the discrepancy/increase in cost for road paving of E. Saiko to Middle Road scheduled for 2024.

Robert Kelley will get more information regarding final inspections of road work. This will help to ensure that road work is being completed satisfactorily and as per bid descriptions. The question was asked “Does Midland County have a Road Inspector?”

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm by Dan Mieske and 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion was made by Kelly Eddy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Meeting Minutes by Recording Secretary, Robert Kelley