

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Van Buren County Road Commission 2023 Maintenance Project Program Sheets

May 16, 2023 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Smith
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Richardson, Meert, Smith, Hephner Absent: Sell
4. Public Comment: None
5. Approvals for VBCRC Projects 2023:

Project 497.2174 Dust Control & Bags: Motion by Hephner, supported by Richardson to approve Project #297.2174 for \$35,055.00 as presented for Gravel: Roll Call: Richardson – yes, Meert – yes, Smith – yes, Hephner – yes. All yes, motion carried.

Project 489.2154 and 489.2153 Tree and Stump Removal & Ditching: Motion by Meert, supported by Richardson to approve Project 489.2154 Tree/Stump Removal & Ditching on 2nd Avenue for \$22,198.15 as presented and Project 489.2153 Tree/Stump Removal & Ditching on 23 ½ St for \$21,574.56 as presented. Roll Call: Richardson – yes, Meert – yes, Smith – yes, Hephner – (Abstained from vote on 23 ½ St. project). All yes, motion carried.

Project 497.2175 Gravel: After a brief discussion on gravel usage in Pine Grove Township, Motion by Smith, supported by Hephner to approve Project 497.2175 for Contract Gravel for \$35,790.00 as presented. Roll Call: Richardson – yes, Meert – yes, Smith – yes, Hephner – yes. All yes, motion carried.

Project 489.2151 Wedge & Overlay 20th Avenue to CR 388: Motion by Smith, NO SUPPORT, for Project 489-2151 Wedge and Overlay 20th Avenue to CR 388 for \$196,256.85 as presented. Meert asked if 20th Avenue has had a counter on it and Smith stated yes, two years ago, 20th Street has 1,500 cars a day, the heaviest traveled county road in the township. Smith asked for any further discussion. Meert stated she talked to a lot of people and they have stated there isn't even a pot hole in that road, the road is overall in basically good shape. Meert stated she is upset that the township is not doing the seal coating and following the Paser system to continue the maintenance and upkeep on the existing roads in the township. Also why not use that money to start paving some of the gravel roads which would increase people's property values. Smith stated that he followed the guidelines by the state in their asset management program using Paser ratings for heavily traveled roads. Smith stated last year several roads were treated with seal coat and fog seal, 7 ½ miles worth and this road came up this year because it came out as a 3 on the paser rating and it is heavily traveled. Smith stated the road is terribly crowned which means that in the winter it is treacherous to drive on. Meert stated that she believes it needs to be bermed and Smith stated it was bermed two years ago. Smith stated he drove on this road with the county engineer and he agreed that it was in need of work. Smith asked if there was any support for the motion. Hearing none, Smith asked that the record show that there was no support for the motion and the road project will not be built.

6. Member Comment: Richardson asked if the Road Commission was going to do the work on CR 388 and Smith stated the entire project has not been approved yet, the engineers are still working on it but believed the monies have all been approved for the project.
7. Adjournment: Motion by Smith, supported by Hephner to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Meert, Pine Grove Twp. Clerk