

West Branch Township  
Special Board Meeting  
May 31, 2017

Veeder opened the Special Meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Veeder, Buhlman, Philbrick and Mollard (Hodgins Absent)

Public Present: Sherry Stephens, Pat Reinke, Mike Schultz, Todd Zettel, Julie Ann Nelkie, Connie Bielby, Rudy Bielby, Jack Buhlman, Paul Franzosi, Reuben Nelkie and Pat Morse.

Veeder began the meeting asking the landowners how they would like to see the road project completed. The landowners asked what their options were. Options discussed were to end the road just beyond Land's End with no access from the north, to return the road to its original state or potential purchase of land from the adjacent property owner to reroute the road.

The Special Meeting was held to answer and inform the landowners on Simmons Road on how the Ogemaw County Road Commission will proceed in completing the road project. The issue at hand is the north end of the road that was compromised by the pond. Mike Schultz, Road Commission Manager, stated overrun costs were \$203,303.00 and not covered under insurance. The road will be paved this summer.

The landowners would like to see a cul-de-sac. Schultz stated they probably will do a cul-de-sac. There are also concerns about emergency services and the need for guard rails to prevent someone driving into the pond. Schultz also stated that the north end of the road will be closed at State Road but not be abandoned.

Schultz presented cost options to the township (which does not include paving of the road).

Option #1 – Township 75%/Road Comm. 25% of cost to date of \$514,953.00

Option #2 – Township 75%/Road Comm. 25% of original Engineer Estimate of \$311,650.00

Option #3 – Township 50%/Road Comm. 50% of cost to date of \$514,953.00

The Township appreciated the fact the Road Commission met and proposed Option #3. This option will put the Township approximately \$24,000.00 over budget. This will be voted on at the next regular township meeting held on June 14, 2017.

Motion by Veeder, second by Mollard to adjourn meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Cheryl Mollard, West Branch Township Clerk

Approved Date

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Ryan Veeder, West Branch Township Supervisor