

# County Road News

## Ionia County Road Commission


### What's New Spring 2017

The new increased funding from fuel taxes and license plate fees is beginning to trickle in. As you can see by the included project list for 2017, we are working hard to fix as many roads as we can as quickly and efficiently as possible. But it will still be a very long process as we have many miles of poor roads due to the last 18 years of inadequate funding.

Township Contributions – A big thank you goes out to all of our township officials in Ionia County. The township boards spent almost \$2 million on Ionia County primary and local roads and bridges during 2016! Please let your township officials know you appreciate their effort to make the roads better for all!

News – Robert Dunton, formerly the Boston Township Supervisor was appointed to the Road Commission to fill the vacancy left by the passing of William "Bill" Weisgerber. We welcome Bob's experience and wisdom to the Board.

The Road Commission is currently on its summer work schedule of four 10 hour days. Please contact our office Monday – Thursday for any road related business you may have.

 We are now on Facebook. Please search and "like" Ionia County Road Commission to receive updates on maintenance activities and other road related information.

### 2017 Board Dates

Karen Bota, Chair Chuck Minkley, Vice-Chair Al Almy, Member Ken Gasper, Member Robert Dunton, Member Dorothy G. Pohl, Manager/ Clerk

The County Board of Commissioners appoints the Road Commissioners to six year terms. All meetings are held at the Road Commission office and the public is always welcome. We are located at 170 E. Riverside Drive in Ionia, MI.

All regular scheduled meetings are held on Wednesdays at 9 am unless otherwise noted below:

### REMAINING 2017 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 10 & 24  
Wednesday, June 14 & 28  
Wednesday, July 12 & 26  
Wednesday, August 9 & 23  
Wednesday, September 6 & 27  
Wednesday, October 11 & 25  
Wednesday, November 8  
Tuesday, November 21  
Friday, December 1  
Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm  
Friday, December 29

### Summer Maintenance Activities

Dust Control – We will begin our first application of brine for this year the week of May 1, weather permitting. Townships approve the amount of brine used and how many times it will be applied each summer. The Road Commission then prepares the roads and coordinates with a contractor to apply the brine to the roads. Please visit our website or contact our office for the tentative brine schedule for your township.

Roadside Mowing – Mowing will soon begin on state highways and county blacktop roads.

Gravel Resurfacing – Some townships choose to purchase gravel for local gravel roads. Contractors will haul gravel to specified roads and our grader operators will level the new gravel.

**Please reduce your speed while driving on gravel roads. Excessive speed is a leading cause of deterioration of the gravel roads, after Mother Nature of course!**

Remember to drive cautiously when you see our crews working along the roadsides. Many of our operations are continuously moving and do not have advanced warning signs. For our safety and your safety, we ask that you reduce speed as soon as you see our flashing lights.

### 2017 Ionia County Road & Bridge Projects

The following is an overview of our major summer construction projects. For further details, please visit our website or contact our engineering department.

#### Bridge Maintenance Project

\*Bonanza Road over Tupper Creek, Odessa Township

#### Resurfacing Projects

Divine Highway from Marsalle Rd to Portland City Limits, Portland Township Grand River Avenue from Cutler Rd to Portland Urban Limits, Portland Township Keefer Highway from Grand River Ave to I-96, Orange Township

\*Lincoln Avenue from Bellamy Rd to Bellamy Creek, Easton Township

\*Marble Road at Sayles Road, Keene Township

Morrison Lake Road from Saranac to Grand River Avenue, Boston Township

#### Preventative Maintenance Projects

\*Bennett Road from Hartwell Road to Jordan Lake Road & from Harwood Road to M-66, Berlin Township  
Charlotte Hwy. from Cutler Road to Grand River Bridge, Danby Township

\*Cyrus Street from North St to Ionia City Limits, Ionia Township

David Hwy from Saranac Village Limits to Jordan Lake Road, Berlin Township

David Hwy from Divine Hwy to Hubbardston Road, Portland Township

Divine Hwy from Kimball Road to David Hwy, Lyons Township

Fisk Road from Montcalm Ave to M-91, Otisco Township

Grand River Ave from Morrison Lake Rd to Jordan Lake Rd, Berlin Township

Grand River Avenue from Keefer Hwy to Portland City Limits, Portland Township

Hawley Hwy from Ellison Road to Potters Road, Keene Township

\*Haynor Road from Dildine to Rector Road, Easton Township

\*Hill Street from Jefferson to Morse Street, Ionia Township

\*Horizon Drive Subdivision from M-66 throughout Subdivision, Ionia Township

Hubbardston Road from Gratiot County Line to Hubbardston Village Limits, North Plains Township

\*Ionia Road from Portland City Limits to End of Asphalt, Portland Township

Johnson Road from Long Lake Road to M-44, Orleans Township

\*Johnson Road from Ellison to Potters, Easton Township

Keefer Highway from Lyons to David Hwy, Multiple Townships

Kelsey Hwy from David Hwy to Grand River Avenue, Orange Township

Long Lake Road/ Van Vleck Road from M-66 to Palo, Ronald Township

Looking Glass Avenue from Portland City Limits to Asphalt, Portland Township

\*Morse Street from North St to Ionia City Limits, Ionia Township

\*New North Dexter Neighborhood from North Street to Cyrus, Ionia Township

\*North Street from M-66 to Cyrus, Ionia Township

\*North Street from Jefferson to Kellogg Road, Ionia Township

\*O'Brien Road from Bricker Road to McKenna Road, North Plains Township

\*Peck Lake Road from Jordan Lake Road to End of Asphalt, Berlin Township

Portland Road from Nash Hwy to Jackson Road, Boston Township

Portland Road from Jordan Lake Road to M-66, Berlin Township

Sunfield Highway from Musgrove Hwy to Eaton Hwy, Sebewa Township

\*Wall Street from Lincoln Ave to West Main St, Easton Township

\*West Main Street from M-21 to Bellamy Creek Bridge, Easton Township

Whites Bridge Road from M-44 to Button Road, Otisco Township

\*Projects Selected and Funded by Respective Townships



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