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January 9  
9:00am Board Meeting

January 23  
9:00am Board Meeting

## Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**

**7:30am – 4:00pm**

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## Baldwin Street Paving Award

The Asphalt Paving Association of Michigan (APAM) has given Rieth-Riley Construction Company and the Road Commission the 2013 Paving Award for the Single Course Overlay project of Baldwin Street from 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cottonwood Drive.

Nominated projects were evaluated and rated by a judging team on a scale of 1-10 in the following areas:

**Appearance:** includes overall neatness, no

overspray or left-over materials;

**Ride:** must be smooth;

**Texture Uniformity:** free of segregation, major surface grinding, roller markings, etc.;

**Longitudinal and Traverse Joints:** straight, well-blended, smooth and uniform;

**Edges:** straight, uniform, true to the contour of the road;

**Approaches:** blended

well with the mainline pavement;

**Utility Covers:** flush with the pavement;

**Degree of Difficulty:** includes exceptional circumstances, maintenance of traffic, night paving, etc.

The individual judge's scores were added up and averaged to determine the highest project scores.

Congratulations to Rieth-Riley for the award of workmanship.

## Eagle Scout Conservation Project

To become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program, the scout must plan, organize, lead, and manage an extensive service project.

A local scout from Grand Haven Troop 165 came up with a service project idea to help educate the public about storm sewer drains, their connections to waterways, and the importance of preventing pollution from entering our lakes and streams.

The scout, Jared Laughlin, approached the Road

Commission Board about the service project idea to install "No Dumping – Drains to Waterway" markers on various storm drains throughout the tri-cities area.



The Board approved the project and asked Environmental Coordinator, Steve VanHoeven, to assist Jared in determining

locations that would provide the most visibility for pedestrians.

The project was completed this past fall with over 300 markers placed on various storm sewer grates throughout Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Crockery Townships. Thank you, Jared, for your service to the community.





Shown above on the right is Ken Zarzecki reading a card from Pat Staskiewicz (on the left) at his retirement party.

## Zarzecki Retires

After 42 years of public service at the Road Commission, Public Utilities Director Ken Zarzecki has retired.

After graduating from Michigan Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Ken started his career at the Road Commission in 1971 as a project engineer in the Engineering Department.

Ken primarily worked on

road improvement projects overseeing the design and construction.

He transferred to the Public Utilities Department in 1987 and worked as the Public Utilities Engineer before he was promoted to Public Utilities Director in 1992.

Ken has played an integral role in constructing much of the water and wastewater infrastructure that is

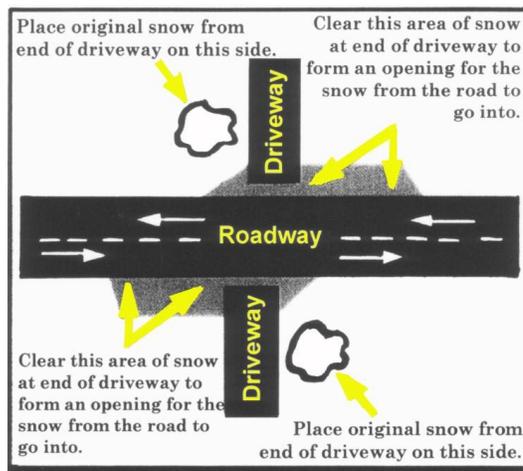
serving Ottawa County residents today.

Ken resides in Grand Haven Township with his wife Diane and enjoys golfing, fishing and spending time outdoors.

He is looking forward to his new role of being a grandpa to his grandson.

We wish Ken the best in his retirement. Congratulations.

## Safe Roads for Everyone



Residents should be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from driveways onto or across roads is illegal (Act 82 of 1978, vehicle code 257.677A) because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists.

Instead, pile the snow behind the curb or shoulder on your side of the road. Be sure to place snow to the right as you face the road, so plows

will push it away from, rather than back into, the driveway entrance. It is also important to avoid vision obstructions. Care should be taken not to impede the flow of storm water from melting snow in the ditches or culverts.

Citizens should also make certain that their trash containers are not placed too close to the edge of the road before snow removal has taken place.

## Public Utilities Engineer Promoted to Director

Pat Staskiewicz has been selected as the new Public Utilities Director.

Pat has worked at the Road Commission since 1992 in the Public Utilities Department as a Civil Engineer I and II, until being promoted to Public

Utilities Engineer in 1998.

Pat resides in Grand Haven Township with his wife Margaret and their three children.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer, golf and fishing.



Congratulations Pat.

Shown to the right is a photo of Pat Staskiewicz, who was recently promoted as the Public Utilities Director.