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## Important Dates:

November 14  
9:00am Board Meeting

November 27  
9:00am Board Meeting

## Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**

**7:30am – 4:00pm**

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## Snowplow Roadeo

The Midwest Michigan Branch of the American Public Works Association recently held the 2013 Snowplow Roadeo.

The Roadeo is a competition on an obstacle course designed to simulate actual snow plowing driving operations where drivers are timed and scored for accuracy, safety, and speed.

The obstacle course is laid out with cones and barrels to challenge the driver's ability to operate a plow truck through

stations that simulate maneuvering around parked cars, inside and outside curves, diminishing clearance, offset intersections, serpentine areas, and backing into a loading dock.



The Road Commission sent 4 teams of participants that

represented all of the garages.

The teams were Terry Meyer and Ken Kossen from the Hudsonville garage, Trent TerHaar and Jon Vandenbrink from the North Holland garage, Dave Boon and Gerard Edenburg from the Grand Haven garage, and John Gappa from the Grand Haven garage and Gerald VanHouten from the Coopersville garage-who for the second year in a row finished first in the competition. Congratulations!

## 2014-2019 Strategic Improvement Plan

Annually, the Road Commission develops a six year **Strategic Improvement Plan** (SIP) to manage county road assets, identify improvement needs, and determine economical methods to finance improvement projects.

The review of the county road assets helps identify replacement, repair, and maintenance items to be incorporated into the SIP.

County road assets are inventoried in the following categories:

- Primary Roads
- Local Paved Roads
- Preventative Maintenance
- Bridge
- Local Gravel Roads
- Culvert and Drainage
- Traffic & Safety

review, so input and comments from local governmental officials and the general public can be received.

A public hearing for the 2014-2019 SIP was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> to receive additional comments concerning the draft SIP.

The Road Commission is pleased to present the adopted 2014-2019 Strategic Improvement Plan. Please visit our website for more information about the SIP.

Once the inventory reviews are compiled, project lists are developed with cost estimates, and a draft SIP is created.

Part of the SIP process is to provide the draft SIP for

## New Faces in Coopersville and Grand Haven



Shown above is a photo of new employees at the Coopersville garage. On the left is Zack Porter and on the right is Andy Szotko.

Shown in the photo on the left are the new road crew members, Zack Porter and Andy Szotko, hired for the Coopersville garage.

Zack comes to the Road Commission with over 14 years of experience in concrete construction and tree service work. He is married with two children and lives in the Coopersville area.

Andy worked for Dykema Excavators for over 11

years driving trucks and operating various types of equipment. He resides in Conklin.



In the above photo on the left is Andy Zoerman who was recently hired for the sign shop.

Andy was employed at Eikenhout for over 23 years driving trucks and operating equipment. He lives in the Holland area with his wife.

Alongside Andy is Ian Foltz who worked the past 3 summers on the road crew. He was hired as a road crew member of the Grand Haven garage.

Please welcome these new faces to the Road Commission.

## Safe Roads for Everyone

Traffic signs are devices placed along a highway to guide, warn, and regulate the flow of the roadway users.

Signs, like any other traffic control devices, must meet five fundamental requirements:

- Fulfill a need
- Command attention
- Convey a clear, simple meaning

- Command respect from travelers
- Give adequate time for proper response

Signs should be placed only where warranted by facts and engineering studies.

Traffic signs are classified as 3 types: Regulatory, Warning, and Guide.

**Regulatory** signs give notice of traffic laws or

regulations.

**Warning** signs call attention to conditions on or adjacent to a roadway that are potentially hazardous to traffic operations.

**Guide** signs show route designations, destinations, directions, distances, services, points of interest, and other information.



Shown above is a photo of new employees at the Hudsonville garage. On the left is Randy Stellema and on the right is Brandon DeHaan.

## New Faces in Hudsonville

The Road Commission is pleased to announce the hiring of Randy Stellema and Brandon DeHaan as road crew members at the Hudsonville garage.

Randy worked for Kentwood Excavating for over 18 years operating

various types of equipment, installing underground pipe, and building roads.

He is married with four children and resides in the Jenison area.

For the past 8 years,

Brandon previously worked for J&R Trucking where he operated various type of equipment.

He is married with four children and lives in the Zeeland area.

Please welcome both.