

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials at the Spalding Township Hall on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Spalding Township Supervisor Lillian Schultz at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Spalding Township officials: Lillian Schultz-Supervisor, Phyllis King-Clerk, Sandy Hanchek-Treasurer, Jim Moraska-Trustee and John Nelson-Trustee.

ABSENT: None.

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Introductions were made and Moilanen encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations.

Road Commission Funding – Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2009. Moilanen explained where the Road Commission's funding comes from and discussed the decrease in MTF Revenues over the past years. The possibility for a Federal Economic Stimulus package was also discussed, with Moilanen stating that if the current package were to be approved, the Menominee County Road Commission would be eligible for approximately \$545,000 in stimulus funds.

Road Commission 2009 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year. A possible change to the painting of pavement markings on local roads, due to limited funding, was discussed.

Township account - Currently the township has a zero balance. Moilanen talked about the 4% funds appropriated to the townships and reviewed the townships balances. Since the current 4% Set-aside program is ending, Moilanen asked the township to submit any suggestions they may have for a replacement program for local roads construction.

Ms. Hanchek left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Discussion was held on the road commission possibly going down to 3 graders in December, 2009. Ms. Schultz asked how the roads would be maintained with only 3 graders instead of 6. Moilanen responded that planer truck would be used, but they didn't do as good of a job. Mr. Nelson asked about truck traffic on gravel roads and potential damage to the roads. Moilanen stated that the township could pass an ordinance to close off a road to thru truck traffic.

John Anderson joined the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Potential projects for Spalding Township were discussed as follows:

36.5 Mile Road – The township requested a cost estimate for approximately 1.3 miles from east of Dan Savage's home to CR 566.

Ms. King left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Spalding Township officials identified the following concerns:

Kloman Road – Hill near the Otradavec residence needs to be cut down.

River Road – Utility company dug trenches, needs to be checked in the spring.

Gravelling as needed on township roads.

John Anderson left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

G-3 road off of Veesser School Road needs to be pulverized.

Old 41 south of Kloman Road past Folcik's needs a lift & culverts.

Mr. Moraska asked if the townships needed to do anything now that the County Board passed the new ORV Ordinance. Moilanen stated that the townships could close roads to ORV traffic if they wished, otherwise no action was needed.

Ms. Schultz stated that quite a few street sign in the county were tipping and asked why this was happening. Moilanen stated that the signs were old and when they were installed the posts were not put in deep enough. There is a new federal law that mandates that all signs be replaced with new signs that meet the new reflectivity standards and this would be done over a period of several years.

Mr. Moraska stated that some of the snowmobile trail signs were not up yet and asked if they could be put up and just left up year round, rather than taken down each spring. Moilanen will have the district foreman check on the signs.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Road Commission Clerk

Chair