

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials at the Menominee Township Hall on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 as part of the Menominee Township regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Menominee Township Supervisor Ken Goffin at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Menominee Township officials: Ken Goffin-Supervisor, Mike Armbrust-Clerk, David Wesoloski-Treasurer, Darlene Nerat-Trustee and Dale Axtell-Trustee.

ABSENT: None.

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Introductions were made. Moilanen stated that the ACT51 report would be mailed to the townships by March 31, 2009.

Road Commission Funding – Moilanen explained where the Road Commission’s funding comes from and discussed the decrease in MTF Revenues over the past years and that with the lack of an increase in the gas tax, the road commission would be decreasing its budget accordingly.

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 roads, due to limited funding, was discussed. The bids for the paving of Evergreen Road will be opened at the road commission’s March 10 meeting. There would also be graveling and shoulder work done in the township this year. CR577 would have the pipes installed this year with paving possibly being done in 2010.

The cost of Chip Sealing and Slurry Sealing was discussed. Mr. Axtell asked about the cost of Sand Seal. Moilanen stated it depends on the current price of sand and oil.

Mr. Goffin asked if chip sealing would be bid out or done by road commission personnel and what the difference in cost would be. He stated they would need to know the cost before they could commit to any projects. Mr. Wesoloski asked about the road commission’s payment up front policy. The letter to Bacco concerning alleged damage to No 10 road was discussed. Bacco stated that they will be writing their response within the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Goffin asked about the standards for chip sealing and how this was monitored. Moilanen stated that MDOT specifications were used and if the work is done by a contractor the road commission inspects. Mr. Goffin also asked if CR577 would be paved for sure next year. Moilanen stated that it was scheduled and would be done unless there was a change/decrease in Federal Aid funding.

P-3 lane – the only prep needed would be some branch trimming, prior to placing recyclable asphalt. Mr. Goffin asked when Evergreen Lane was scheduled to be paved. Moilanen stated the bid spec’s said the paving would have to be complete by June 30th.

Mr. Goffin questioned the cost of gravel to the township and asked for a reduction of the cost for gravel coming from the Goffin pit.

Public questions/comments were received on the following: Painting of centerlines only, amount of stimulus funds to be received, how the road commission budgets for maintenance, repair of the potholes on No. 7 Road, the cost of paint for the pavement marking and whether there was a more competitive contractor.

Maas asked if anyone else had received complaints about the change to the lanes on the highway at the entrance to Menominee and to whom complaints could be directed. Moilanen stated those questions could be directed to Steve Cadeau at the MDOT Superior Region office in Escanaba.

Ms. Nerat asked if No 7 road could be pulverized. Additional gravel would have to be added also.

The road commission discussion ended at 7:05 p.m.

Road Commission Clerk

Chair