

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Ingallston Township Supervisor Paul Anderson, Ingallston Township Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst, Ingallston Township Trustees Eileen Behrend and Carl Johnson, Leonard Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District foreman and Bob Becker.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

Moilanen welcomed township officials and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2010.

Road Commission 2010 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Ingallston Township provided the following list of future projects:

1. Pinewoods Loop, south side construction and pave 6 tenths of a mile, also the north side needs construction before paving.
2. CR 338, to all-season status, west end portion of 3 ½ miles from Rangeline Road to CR 346 needs construction and pave.
3. CR 348, east end of township line before the curve, widen and repave, shared cost with Stephenson Township.
4. Jimtown Road, curve by Hayward Lake Road to M-35, 3 miles, needs recap in the future.
5. Harbor Point Road from Pit Drive to 4 tenths of a mile west, construction and pave.

The North Pinewoods Loop job would involve tree cutting, geo-grid and approximately 6 tenths of a mile of gravel. Estimated cost if the geo-grid is applied only to the worst areas is \$69,000; if the geo-grid is applied to the full length of the job it goes up to roughly \$96,000. Pavement would be for two 10 foot lanes. Bob Becker stated that there is a resident that would like to cut the trees for firewood. Moilanen stated the firewood would be the property of the landowners.

Bob Becker stated the Federal Excise Tax generated in the county should be spent here. He asked if Moilanen could find out the details of how much FET is generated and where it is going, and ask that it come here to the road commission. Moilanen will try to get information on this.

The township stated their preference would be to pave CR338 through K-3, and Pinewoods Loop first. Then finish the construction on CR338. Moilanen will provide the total cost to the township as soon as it is available. The tonnage estimate will be revised based on the 20 foot width, rather than the 22 foot width that was originally estimated.

The possibility of an increase to the gas tax was discussed and Moilanen encouraged everyone to call State Representative Judy Nerat to support the increase.

Supervisor Anderson asked if mineral well brine would be used again this year for dust control. Moilanen stated that it would. Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst commented that she feels the liquid chloride works better than the mineral well brine.

The township's next meeting is February 8, 2010 and they would like the estimates on the paving by then if possible.

Ingallston Township officials and Bob Becker left the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:03 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township were Supervisor Gerald Newlin, Clerk Sheila Rye and Treasurer Roger Freis.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2010.

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17.75 Road will be bid out again this year to see if a better price is received. Last year was \$43,000 for the 600' of paving.

Moilanen asked the township to let the road commission know when they would like to do Wangerin Road which would be a shared cost with Stephenson Township.

Mellen Townships priorities are Wildwood Road first and Wangerin Road second.

Treasurer Freis stated there are some big dips by the new culverts on Wangerin Road.

The possibility of an increase to the gas tax was discussed and Moilanen encouraged everyone to call State Representative Judy Nerat to support the increase.

Mellen Township officials left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(9:36 a.m.) Supervisor Linda Peterson was present for Cedarville Township.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Peterson and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2010.

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Supervisor Peterson stated that CR551 on the curve past the Schmit residence needs gravel and work. ~~CR 366~~ CR 551, south of CR 366 needs to have some of the trees cut near the campground.

Kosewski stated that No. 19 Road needs gravel. Moilanen advised that the township could use their remaining 4% funds for this. Supervisor Peterson will bring it up to the township board and let the road commission know if they want to do this.

Supervisor Peterson said that she had received some initial complaints of potholes in the pulverized area at CR551, but these had been resolved quickly by the road commission. She also stated that the new pavement on CR366 at the base of the hill by Johnsons was breaking up and there may be a need for a culvert in that area. She asked that signs be put up in the meantime to warn motorists.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair