

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners began their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Monday, January 30, 2012.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mark Jasper-Menominee County Commissioner, and Robert Hanson-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

FAITHORN TOWNSHIP

(6:25 p.m.) Present for Faithorn Township were Supervisor Jeff Kiser, Treasurer Renee Augustine, Clerk Rose Gagne, and Trustee Peggy Bryant.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and told them to please call the road commission anytime they had a question about the roads in their township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

Road Commission 2012 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Moilanen presented a listing of the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program and stated that they should have approximately enough funds to do the gravelling on Gustafson Road, Elmer Lane and V-4 Road. Township officials were asked to confirm by February 29, 2012 if these were the projects that they wanted to proceed with or if they had other projects that were a priority.

Supervisor Kiser stated that N. Lake Road West had been in bad condition the prior spring and that there are year round residents on the road with health issues. Moilanen stated that it may need brushing and ditching and that he will check in the spring.

Moilanen also stated that there was brushing to do on the curve on CR577 and on Cedar Lane and that the lilac bushes on CR577 near Blom Road needed to be cut also.

Supervisor Kiser conferred with the other township officials present and the decision was made to proceed with the three-way program as discussed earlier.

It was also noted that there are some slippery areas right now on the shaded areas of CR577, Tarr's Hill and near the river.

Faithorn Township officials and Robert Hanson left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

MEYER TOWNSHIP

(6:47 p.m.) Present for Meyer Township was Supervisor Robert Gurgall.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Gurgall and told him to please call the road commission anytime there was a question about the roads in Meyer Township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

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Discussion was held regarding the project that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program for the double chip seal of Vega Road. The township is asked to confirm by February 29, 2012 if this is the project that they want to proceed with or if they had other projects that were a higher priority. Other projects discussed were a grade lift on Kluba Lane and drainage

problems on the boat landing road. Supervisor Gurgall stated that some of the residents on Vega Road had asked that the road be prepped for paving in the future, rather than doing the chip seal. Moilanen stated that there was a bad spot approximately 100 feet long on the hill near Wendricks that should have geogrid installed if the road was going to be paved. With the high cost of paving it would likely be several years before the paving would be completed and there would be dust oil costs incurred until the paving was done. The road commission will send Supervisor Gurgall a summary of the cost to the township for dust oiling Vega Road for the past year. Supervisor Gurgall will notify the road commission by February 29, 2012 how the township would like to proceed with the Vega Road project.

Supervisor Gurgall stated that he had complaints that Anderson Street from South Main to the curve on CR388 was in poor condition due to heavy trucks using that route to possibly avoid the Powers weigh station scales. Moilanen will notify the Michigan State Police motor carrier officer to have him monitor the area.

Other areas discussed were West Third Street, from Park Street to US 2 needing ditching and possibly being pulverized in the future. There are two driveways that may need culverts to help with drainage also. CR579 near Framarin's and Richard Kleikamps is in poor condition and may need to be pulverized in the future. The railroad crossing near Haelterman's on CR579 is very rough and Park Street is rough possibly due to stumps under the road.

Supervisor Gurgall left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

GOURLEY TOWNSHIP

(7:07 p.m.) Supervisor Stephen Wery, Clerk Cindy Berger, Treasurer Stephanie Walechka and Trustees Joe Bellmore and Jesse Wery were present for Gourley Township.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and told them to please call the road commission anytime they had a question about the roads in their township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

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Moilanen presented a listing of the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program and stated that they should have approximately enough funds to do about ½ mile of double chip seal on DePas Lane. Supervisor Wery stated that the township may want to double chip seal as much as a mile of DePas Lane due to the receipt of a Hannahville 2% Grant and the township having some additional funds to put toward the project. Supervisor Wery asked if the residents on DePas Lane and Maple Lane were able to raise additional funds, could more length be added to the chip sealing. Moilanen stated that the additional length could be done if the township let the road commission know as soon as possible so the appropriate amount of materials could be bid. Township officials were asked to confirm by February 29, 2012 how they would like to proceed with the project.

It was noted that CR557, from CR380 to CR374, is in bad shape and needs reconstruction work when funds are available.

Moilanen stated that Hannahville is considering paving Hannahville Road from CR551 to Casino Lane with BIA funds.

Trustee Jesse Wery asked if it was possible for the caution light on Hannaville Road to be changed over to solar power as it costs the township approximately \$300/year for the electricity to operate it.

Gourley Township officials left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned. 7:34 p.m.