

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials at the Spalding Township Hall on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Spalding Township Supervisor Lillian Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: For Spalding Township: Supervisor Lillian Schultz, Clerk Phyllis King, Treasurer Sandy Hanchek and Trustee Jim Moraska. For Menominee County Road Commission: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mark Jasper-Menominee County Commissioner, Jeff Land, Jim Savord and Joe Kirschner.

ABSENT: None.

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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 almost enough funds to do the gravelling on Oro Road, Swamp Road West, 400 Road, Quarry Road, Swamp Road, Hillside Road and Spurr Road, along with the double chip seal on Land Lane. The township would have to invest approximately \$1,600.00 more to complete these projects, or they can ask the road commission to shut down operations at the point where the three-way funds are used up. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to make the additional investment or if they had other projects that were a higher priority.

Trustee Moraska stated that he felt the road commission should not charge the townships for the trucking & placing of the gravel for the three-way program, which would then leave enough money in the program for all the projects submitted by Spalding Township to be completed. Moilanen explained that the road commission already had invested \$200,000 to the program. It was also noted that due to the high request for gravelling from the townships, some of the trucking may even need to be bid out to private contractors.

Clerk King asked if there were any restrictions on the type of work that the townships could request through the program. Moilanen stated that any construction, paving, gravelling or chip sealing project was eligible.

Moilanen stated that the township could send a letter to the road commission board requesting that the remaining projects that they had submitted to the three-way program be completed also, if they were willing to pay half of the cost. Supervisor Schultz asked if the township board was willing to commit the additional approximate \$22,000, would the road commission sign a contract agreeing to do the work. Moilanen replied that the request would have to be discussed and acted upon at a meeting of the road commission.

Trustee Moraska stated that the township has several areas that need shoulder work and that there is a large crack on the road near the cemetery that needs to be filled.

Supervisor Schultz asked why the lift on 36.5 Mile Road, from US41 to the hill, had not been done as requested the previous year. Moilanen stated that he had been monitoring the road each spring and that the lift may not be necessary. Trustee Moraska stated that he was in agreement that the road does not get that bad in the spring to merit the expense.

Supervisor Schultz stated that Piche Road had been in good condition since the work done on it in the spring of 2011.

Trustee Moraska stated that South Gaber Road, from the curve past Frank Gaber's residence to the end of the road, was nearly impassable in the spring. Moilanen asked that the township call him when they are aware of these situations and those roads occupied with year round residents would be

moved up in priority.

Trustee Moraska questioned the cost listed on the three-way program for the chip seal on Land Lane. He thought it should be about \$4,000 to do the 1/4 mile stretch of road. Moilanen stated that cost would be for a single chip seal, but since the township was requesting a double chip seal on such a short length of road, the cost was higher. Jeff Land, a resident on Land Lane, stated that once the exact cost was known there would be 3 landowners on the road that may be willing to pay 1/2 of the cost.

Trustee Moraska stated he had a received a resident complaint asking for maintenance gravel on Juneau Road. Moilanen will check on this. Mr. Moraska also stated that less gravel may be needed on Old US41, between Folcik's and 36.5 Mile Road, and Bellmore Lane if the shoulders are pulled in.

Township officials again stated that they hoped to have all the projects submitted to the three-way funding program completed.

There being no further business, Supervisor Schultz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair