

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord.

ABSENT: Roger Betzinger.

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Jim Moraska called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present for Spalding Township were Supervisor Jim Moraska, Clerk Cheryl Mencinger, Treasurer Jerry Bartnicki, and Trustees David LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Spalding Township Fire Chief Dan Hammerberg was also present.

Introductions of new board members were made and Moilanen told the township officials to please call the road commission anytime they had a question about the roads in their township. It was also noted that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be sent to the townships by March 31.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include stump removal in areas that were brushed out in the past, pavement markings on local roads and at railroad crossings, and replacement of signs on primary roads and at railroad crossings, along with crack filling where needed.

Upcoming projects in Spalding Township include pulverizing and double chip sealing East LaBelle Road from US 41 to CR566 in 2014. Moilanen suggested that Arkens Road would be a candidate for chip sealing, and that the township could apply for Hannahville 2% grant funds to cover part of the cost.

It was noted that the County 3-Way Road funding program may be run again, possibly every third year.

Supervisor Moraska provided the following list of items that the township would like to see completed in the upcoming year:

- Shouldering on all paved roads within the township.
- Crack sealing on River Road near the cemetery and Tower Road near Benson's farm.
- Pavement markings on township roads.

Supervisor Moraska asked why Moilanen would recommend chip sealing Arkens Road. Moilanen replied that since the road is in good condition, the chip seal would help preserve and extend the life of the road. Mr. Moraska also asked what roads within the township were beyond the point where they should be chip sealed. Moilanen responded that the majority of them were. Mr. Moraska asked if Moilanen could provide a list of the roads in the township showing what the rating of each one was. Moilanen will prepare the list and forward it to the supervisor.

Mr. Moraska asked what the cost was to pulverize a mile of road and if a double chip seal on gravel would hold up. Moilanen replied that the pulverizing cost was approximately \$4,500 to \$6,000 per mile and that the double chip seal would hold up well under regular traffic conditions, but was not as good for roads with a lot of truck or farm traffic turning off and onto the road. An option would be to post weight limit signs on these roads during spring breakup. Kakuk also noted that if the pavement is thin a layer of gravel can be added prior to pulverizing.

Mr. Moraska noted that the township has many signs that need to be put up or be straightened. He asked if there were any other options for dust control. Moilanen stated that they could go back to using calcium chloride instead of the mineral well brine, at about twice the cost, or chip seal the gravel roads.

Mr. Moraska asked which roads within Spalding Township were federal aid eligible. Moilanen responded that 400 Road, CR388 and CR 563 were major collectors and that LaBelle Road East was a minor collector.

The minutes from the road commission meetings were requested. It was noted that the approved minutes are posted on the Menominee County website. Clerk Mencinger will print them.

Mr. Moraska stated that the township had found a new vendor for street signs from the Baraga area and that their prices were much more reasonable than their old vendor.

Supervisor Moraska had read the January 10, 2013 road commission meeting minutes and noted that LaBelle Road East improvements were listed for 2014 and 400 Road was on the list to be done when funds were available. He asked if 400 Road could be moved to 2014 also. Moilanen replied that the Hannahville Indian Community was in the process of possibly improving a portion of 400 Road in Harris Township. Moilanen also stated that if the township was not interested in applying for a 2% grant for Arkens Road they may want to consider applying for funds for the portion of LaBelle Road east of CR566.

Dan Hammerberg asked if there were still Critical Bridge Funds available. Moilanen replied that the Pach Road Bridge had been approved for funding in 2015. Mr. Hammerberg also noted that the culvert on 400 Road was in poor condition.

Trustee LeBoeuf asked about the roadside mowing in the upcoming year. Moilanen stated that it would be done by the contractor like last year.

Supervisor Moraska asked that the ditches behind Fazer's Store and the Post Office in Spalding be brushed and the drainage area cleaned up. He stated that there is sometimes 18 inches or more of sanding water in the area and that there was a concern for the safety of the children living in the area. Moilanen will assess the area to see what can be done.

The meeting concluded at 6:56 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair