

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a PUBLIC HEARING at the Nadeau Township Hall on Monday, July 8, 2013.

Nadeau Township Supervisor Joe Linder called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord.

Also present were Nadeau Township officials Supervisor Joe Linder, Clerk Becky Schetter, Trustees Richard Corrigan and Lyle Gearhart; Kristian Foondle from MDOT; Menominee County Commissioner Gerald Piche; Gerald Hoduski, Ron Jenkins, Alvin Laurin, Debbie Kligenmaier, Cindy Swille, Claudia Laurin, Chris Poupore, Dan Hammerberg, Scott Johnson, Bertil Johnson, Arloene Johnson, Davis Carlson, Brandon Fadroski and Jim Gasiiecki.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Linder turned the meeting over to Moilanen who explained that the purpose of the hearing was to hear comments for or against the proposed abandonment of a certain railroad crossing in Nadeau Township described as follows:

No. 35.5 Road Railroad Crossing which lies from the eastern R.O.W. line of 4th Street thence east approximately 106 feet to the western R.O.W. line of Old US-41 in Section 5 in T.37N., R.26W., Nadeau Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Moilanen introduced Kristian Foondle of MDOT. Mr. Foondle explained the Railroad Grade Crossing Program and talked about the funds available through the program should the road commission decide to abandon a railroad crossing. Gerald Piche asked if there were any matching funds that could also be received. Mr. Foondle stated that the railroad may contribute money toward the closing, and if they did so, there are federal funds available to match up to \$7,500 of the railroad's contribution.

It was asked who would receive the funds and where the money received would be spent. Mr. Foondle explained that the funds would be paid to the road commission and that the road commission could use the money on any road that is listed under ACT 51. Moilanen added that Supervisor Linder had asked the road commission that the funds for the abandonment of this crossing be used within Nadeau Township and that the road commission had agreed to that.

Other items discussed were how crossings were identified for possible closure, the need for a turnaround for snowplow equipment at the point where the crossing would be abandoned, why abandon this crossing when the railroad recently spent money to upgrade it, traffic count on the road revealed 12 vehicles per day and emergency response time.

Supervisor Linder stated that there is a possibility that this type of funding could go away if action wasn't taken soon. Moilanen added that Governor Snyder is considering eliminating all the current funding programs and combining the funds into just two programs.

The following persons asked to go on record as opposing the proposed abandonment: Davis Carlson, Scott Johnson, Bertil Johnson, Arloene Johnson, Jackie ?, and Claudia Lauren.

Moilanen called three times for any further comments about the proposed Abandonment of a railroad crossing on No. 35.5 Road. There being none, the hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair