

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Joe Skrobiak, Gerald Piche, Jennifer Grabowski and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – David Wesoloski asked to be allowed to speak during agenda item 6. Permission was granted.

Joe Skrobiak stated that grading will be needed on State W-2 Road once the rain stops.

Jennifer Grabowski introduced herself as the Street Administrator for the Village of Carney. She noted that the village had the following concerns regarding the recent chip seal project:

1. The chip sealed streets looked like gravel prior to the extra expense for the fog seal, they were under the impression that the fog seal was included in the original estimate. Moilanen replied that the correspondence received from the village board requested that the streets be chip sealed only. Fog seal was not initially requested by the village.
2. When the streets were broomed prior to the fog seal, some of the stones hit the houses.
3. It seems that an excessive amount of stones were used for the chip seal. Why so many? Moilanen explained that enough stone had to be used to cover the emulsion and that it is normal for there to be extra stone that is later broomed off.
4. Will pavement markings be redone on CR374? Moilanen stated that the road commission is having a contractor come in to paint centerline on some of the county roads in the next few weeks. If the village was interested in having their streets painted a quote could be obtained from the contractor.
5. The chip seal and fog seal were applied over the top of the manhole covers.

Anderson asked if the road commission could cover the cost of picking up the extra stones. Moilanen stated that since the streets were not under the road commission's jurisdiction that we could not incur any expense for them.

Gerald Piche asked why the manhole covers had been covered with the emulsion. Moilanen stated that they usually are covered with cardboard prior to the application and he did not know why it had not been done.

Public Appearances – None.

Act on Resolutions for the abandonment of the railroad crossing on No. 35.5 Road in Nadeau Township –

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission received correspondence from the Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to the possible absolute abandonment and discontinuance of the 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.

AND WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., July 8, 2013 and it has been determined that it is to be in the best interest of the public that said railroad crossing shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to MCLA 224.18, MSA 9.118, the Board of Menominee County Road Commissioners does hereby absolutely abandon and discontinue forever said railroad crossing, reserving a ten (10) foot easement on either side of all existing public utilities forever.

Supported by Commissioner Kakuk and carried by the following vote: Ayes 3; Nays 0.

Commissioner Betzinger offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission received correspondence from the Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to the possible absolute abandonment and discontinuance of the 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.

AND WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., July 8, 2013 and it has been determined that it is to be in the best interest of the public that said railroad crossing shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

AND WHEREAS, a closure of this railroad crossing would benefit the public health, welfare and safety of persons and property,

AND WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission intends to remove the roadway improvements and permanently vacate this railroad crossing at the right-of-ways for the purpose of prohibiting roadway traffic at this location.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to MCLA 224.18, MSA 9.118, the Board of Menominee County Road Commissioners does hereby absolutely abandon and discontinue forever said No. 35.5 Road railroad crossing, reserving a ten (10) foot easement on either side of all existing public utilities forever.

Supported by Commissioner Anderson and carried by the following vote: Ayes 3; Nays 0.

Discuss payment options for Menominee Township for their share of the River Drive project – Moilanen explained that the project cost was estimated to be \$950,000 and that Menominee Township had agreed to pay \$285,000 toward the local match for the project. In the past the road commission has required payment in full prior to signing the contracts for a project. This project would probably be on the November or December, 2013 bid letting by MDOT, but the project would not start until spring of 2014. David Wesoloski presented the board with a copy of a resolution passed by Menominee Township officials committing the funds to the project, and noted that the expenditure of the funds is already in their budget. Mr. Wesoloski also presented a calculation showing that the township would stand to lose approximately \$3,200 in interest on the funds if they were paid to the road commission in December rather than at the time that the project was in process. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to allow Menominee Township to pay their portion of the project costs as each pay estimate is processed through MDOT. Carried unanimously.

Other business – Moilanen asked the board to set the date for the annual Budget Hearing. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013/2014 Budget at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 prior to the regular monthly meeting. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger asked for an update on the stump grinder rental. Moilanen stated that there had been some downtime due to equipment breakdowns. Betzinger asked if the equipment was going to be used in the county parks. Moilanen replied that he had provided cost information to County Administrator Brian Bousley but hadn't heard back from him yet whether or not they wanted the work done. Betzinger asked Moilanen if he was satisfied with the equipment. Moilanen stated that the only negative comment he had from the operator was that the grinder head seemed to be too big for the machine it was mounted on, but otherwise it was doing a nice job.

Kakuk noted that a local surveyor told him that the survey markers in the roads were being covered by the chip seals also. Moilanen stated that the contractor was supposed to cover them with cardboard per the bid spec.

Gerald Piche asked about the dust control brine being used. Moilanen stated that calcium chloride works better but is twice the cost of the mineral well brine. The mineral well brine works best after a rain.

Public Comments – David Wesoloski stated the fog seal on River Road looked good. He also asked about the shoulder on the portion of CR338 that was paved. Moilanen stated that the bid spec for CR338 included the shoulders and that if Scott didn't do them they shouldn't have charged the township for that part of the work.

Jennifer Grabowski asked if digging out the manhole covers would damage the chip seal or fog seal. Moilanen replied that it should not.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director-Clerk

Road Commission Chair