

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 19, 2015.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Robert Hanson-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

(5:30 p.m.) Present for Lake Township was Supervisor Ron Johnson.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Johnson and made introductions. Moilanen advised Mr. Johnson that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented Supervisor Johnson with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Moilanen noted that since Lake Township had not submitted a specific project for the program, it was assumed that they would use their funds for graveling. Mr. Johnson concurred with that and also stated that the township was receiving an increase in the Swamp Tax and those funds may be used to cover any overages. Supervisor Johnson asked if the road commission's drivers could watch for bad areas that need to be graveled. Moilanen stated that the foreman and drivers do report problem areas and that they would also be looked at in the spring during break up. Bob Hanson noted that P-1 Road and the area south of the Coyote Campground were in need of gravel. Portions of those roads are also in Stephenson Township so they could possibly be done with both townships approval.

Upcoming federal aid projects were also discussed. Moilanen advised that chip sealing would be done in 2015, 2016 & 2017. CR356 from Linderoth Road to CR577 is in bad shape and will need to be reconstructed sometime in the future also. Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any plans to work on Z-1 Road. Moilanen stated that was a long term project, along with areas of G-12 and River Road. Mr. Johnson asked what the cost was to double chip seal a mile of road. Moilanen responded that the approximate cost would be \$6,000 to pulverize, \$44,000 to double chip seal and \$5,000 to apply the fog seal, for a total cost per mile of \$55,000.

Supervisor Johnson asked what the process was to get a private road onto the county system. Moilanen explained that the adjoining landowners would have to design and build the road to meet current specs. The road commission would then need to vote on taking the road over.

Supervisor Johnson asked if Lake Township could get on the list for dust control in June this year. Moilanen advised him to call Bob Hanson early in the spring and schedule the time.

The Lake Township Supervisor left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

FAITHORN TOWNSHIP

(6:00 p.m.) Present for Faithorn Township were Supervisor Jeff Kiser, Treasurer Renee Augustine, and Clerk Kathy Branz. MCRC Powers District Foreman Ray Betters also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Faithorn Township officials and made introductions. Moilanen advised the group that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Supervisor Kiser thanked the road commission for writing off the decades old debt that the township had owed the road commission.

Moilanen presented the township board with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. The amount of funds available to the township for graveling under the program was discussed.

Supervisor Kiser noted that he had received many complaints about the plowing in Faithorn Township earlier this winter, including that some roads may have not been plowed at all, including Henderson Lane, Cedar Lane, B-4 Road and the areas by Bonnie LeGrave, John & Don Stewart's and Warren Kelly's road. Ray Betters advised that the gravel roads were still soft in November during the first storms which made it difficult to plow. Moilanen also noted that he had made a change to the plow route so that CR388 into Faithorn will be done earlier.

Clerk Branz stated that she had received complaints that CR577 & CR388 had been sanded and then a short time later the plows came through and scraped the sand back off. Moilanen explained that the crew will do spot sanding first to soften up the snow pack and then go over the areas again to scrape them and then re-sand. It was also noted that the corner of CR577, southbound by the railroad tracks, was plowed too square and needed to be rounded off.

Moilanen asked where the village limits were on CR388 so that a 25 MPH sign could be put up in the correct area. Moilanen stated he had tried to research where it was but was unable to find the information. Supervisor Kiser did not know where the village limits were either.

Faithorn Township officials and Robert Hanson left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

MEYER TOWNSHIP

(6:30 p.m.) Present for Meyer Township were Supervisor Robert Gurgall, Trustee Pat Dani and Clerk Beth Bertolini.

Moilanen welcomed Meyer Township officials and made introductions. Moilanen advised the group that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented the township board with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Meyer Township would like to pulverize and double chip seal Old US 2 from CR388 to US 2. Supervisor Gurgall asked what the cost of the project would be. Moilanen will prepare an estimate. Trustee Dani asked what the cost would be to also fog seal the project. Moilanen replied that it is approximately \$5,000 per mile.

Moilanen discussed painting the remaining lines on First Street. He also advised that there was a change to the plow route which would allow CR388 to Faithorn to be plowed earlier, after First Street was done. Once Faithorn was plowed the grader will come back to Hermansville and finish cleaning out the town.

Ray Betters advised that his crew had filled in the dip in the road where the gas lines had been installed. Supervisor Gurgall asked if the road commission was advised when the utilities were doing work in the road way. Moilanen stated that they were supposed to get a permit from the road commission, but they don't always do so.

Supervisor Gurgall asked if the sidewalks would also be redone when Old US 2 was chip sealed. Moilanen stated that the road commission does not replace sidewalks, but if the township chooses to do so, it should be done prior to the chip seal project. Trustee Dani asked if the road grade would be changed affecting the sidewalks. Moilanen replied that the grade should remain about the same.

Supervisor Gurgall stated that the guardrail on Old US 2 near his residence had been damaged. Moilanen will have the guard rail looked at to see what repairs need to be made in the spring.

Trustee Dani asked how far Vega Road is plowed. Moilanen replied that the plow goes to the split in the road and then continues on the Sand Road to the Dickinson County line. Trustee Dani noted that there is a bad area on the upper loop near the old Lester Johnson camp. Moilanen will check on this area in the spring.

Supervisor Gurgall noted that there are many unnamed roads off of Vega Road and asked how to get them named. Moilanen advised the township to discuss the matter with Debra Wormwood at central dispatch to determine what they know the roads by and to name them accordingly.

Trustee Dani asked if the road commission would be doing any shouldering in the township in 2015.

Moilanen stated it would depend on how early spring breakup is done, if it's too late there will not be time to do shouldering prior to starting the 3-Way funding projects.

Supervisor Gurgall noted that West 3rd Street currently does not have driveway culverts. Moilanen advised that they should be installed prior to the chip seal project.

Supervisor Gurgall asked for an update on the Category A Grant for the road near Wendrick's Truss. Moilanen replied that the grant had been approved and that the project is in the design stage now. Mr. Gurgall advised that the township may need to relocate the street lights in the area. Trustee Dani asked if an easement had been received from the American Legion as they owned a parcel of property in the area. Moilanen will follow up on the issue.

Meyer Township officials left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

GOURLEY TOWNSHIP

(7:02 p.m.) Supervisor Stephen Wery, Clerk Cindy Berger and Treasurer Stephanie Walechka were present for Gourley Township.

Moilanen welcomed Gourley Township officials and made introductions. Moilanen advised the group that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented the township board with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Gourley Township's project is to double chip seal Maple Lane. Clerk Berger advised that the township's check had been sent to the county administrator for their cost share of the program.

Supervisor Wery asked if the cost of the emulsion and fog seal had gone down at all due to the lower gas prices. Moilanen replied that he had not seen any price reductions yet. Mr. Wery also noted that Maple Lane was approximately 1/3 mile in length and 22 feet wide.

Supervisor Wery advised Ray Betters that if he saw an area that he felt needed gravel to go ahead and do it without having to call first. Betters stated that the policy was to call if more than 50 yards was needed.

Supervisor Wery stated that he had received a few call regarding the plowing this winter but overall they were satisfied with the sanding of the roads.

Clerk Berger noted that the signs by the fire hydrant were missing and had possibly been stolen. She asked if the road commission would replace them. Moilanen advised that if the signs were yellow warning signs, then the road commission would replace them. If not, it was the township's responsibility.

Supervisor Wery also noted that there are some signs in the township that were no longer needed, such as "Cattle Crossing" signs where there is no longer an active farm.

Gourley Township officials left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair