

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen, Lisa Savord and Powers District Foreman Ray Betters.

ABSENT: None

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Supervisor Jim Moraska called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Moilanen thanked the Spalding Township officials for the invitation to the meeting 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 board with a list of projects for the upcoming year, including those for the 3-Way Funding program. Spalding Township has provided a list of roads that they want to have graveled through the 3-Way program. Supervisor Moraska asked how the road commission came up with the cost of \$11.53 cyd for the gravel for the program. Moilanen responded that the price includes the cost of the gravel, trucking, rolling, watering and grading the road. Mr. Moraska asked why the cost per yard was only \$5 when other graveling was done. Moilanen explained that for graveling done outside of the 3-Way program, the townships paid for the cost of the gravel only and the road commission absorbed all of the other costs. Mr. Moraska asked if the 4,050 yards needed for the 3-Way graveling in Spalding Township would be available in the spring. Moilanen responded that the road commission currently has about 43,000 yards of crushed gravel in inventory. Kakuk added that the gravel was crushed last fall to be sure it was ready for the 3-Way program.

Trustee LeBoeuf commented that not a lot of crack filling had been done in Spalding Township the past summer and noted that there were quite a few roads in better condition that needed to be crack filled to preserve them. Supervisor Moraska asked why Fahrner used a different process than the road commission crew did. Moilanen explained that Fahrner put down a paper that allowed the crack filling to be driven on sooner rather than waiting for it to dry, as the road commission does.

Supervisor Moraska stated that the township had 33 miles of paved roads that have not been worked on since the 1980's and asked if these roads can be fixed without cost to the township. Moilanen replied that some of these roads can be repaired using federal aid, but limited funds are available. Currently the road commission is using their federal aid dollars to chip seal and preserve roads that are still in good condition. Moilanen also noted that CR360 and 400 Road are high priority once funds become available.

Supervisor Moraska asked about the upcoming ballot proposal to increase the sales tax by 1%. A discussion ensued about the various components of the proposal and what the road commission could expect for revenue if it passes.

Supervisor Moraska asked about the upcoming meeting that CUPPAD had posted and whether if he attended he could vote on which projects would be funded. Moilanen responded that the meeting is open to the public, and that public comment would be heard, but only members of the task force could vote. Voting members are transit, the road commission, and the cities & villages. Mr. Moraska asked that Moilanen put 400 Road as a top priority.

Supervisor Moraska noted that the township would like to see more crack sealing done in the upcoming year as well as shouldering within Spalding, especially along Pine Avenue to Fazer's store. Moilanen stated that the 3-Way Program would take up most of 2015, but it was planned to do mostly maintenance work in 2016.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the Critical Bridge Program still existed. Moilanen explained that it did, but is now called the Local Bridge Program. Bridges must be at least 20 feet wide to qualify for funding under the program. Mr. Moraska asked if the bridge on 400 Road could be replaced using those funds, but Moilanen did not think it was wide enough. Trustee LaBonte stated that it was a six

foot culvert. Mr. Moraska also added that the bridge on CR563 near Grondin's, and a culvert on Oro Road were all in need of repair. Moilanen added that any structures over 20 feet wide must be inspected every two years.

Moilanen stated that in 2015 DEQ permits would be completed for the culverts discussed.

Supervisor Moraska asked why Kell Road, near Spring Green Road, had not been chip sealed in 2014 with the extra chips available when 36.5 Mile Road was done. Moilanen said that even though there were extra chips available, the emulsion was able to be returned to the vendor so there would have been additional expense to keep it.

The criteria for qualifying for a Category A grant was discussed.

Supervisor Moraska stated there may be problems with one of the driveway culverts on 36.5 Road. Moilanen will check it in the spring.

The meeting concluded at 6:25 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair