

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners began their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Powers District Foreman Mike Arnold.

ABSENT: William Anderson (excused)

### **SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Jim Moraska called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present for Spalding Township were Supervisor Jim Moraska, Clerk Cheryl Mencinger, Treasurer Jerry Bartnicki, and Trustees David LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte.

Moilanen thanked the Spalding Township officials for the invitation to the meeting. Moilanen indicated the Commissioner William Anderson sends his regards since he was unable to be present at this meeting. Moilanen introduced Mike Arnold as the new Powers District Foreman. Moilanen gave the Township a copy of the Road Commission's Act 51 report.

Moilanen presented the board with a list of projects for the upcoming year as well as a list of the proposed federal aid and State D projects for years 2017 thru 2020. Moilanen then proceeded to review the projects with the Township. Moilanen stated that the Road Commission is getting DEQ permits for the culvert projects indicated on the sheet and they would have 5 years to install the culverts. Moilanen indicated that CR 400 is tentatively scheduled for 2019.

Moilanen stated that the Road Commission would like to crush gravel in the Aerts pit located off of the Swamp Road. He stated that with the approval from the Spalding Township Board and Road Commission Board, he would be willing to have the Road Commission place pit run on the Swamp Road at the cost of \$1.00/CY in order to open up the pit for crushing operations as well as improve the Swamp Road at the same time. District Foreman Arnold indicated that currently the road commission has no crushed gravel in the north part of the County other than the gravel located at the Powers shop. If the boards are agreeable, the Road Commission could construct the Swamp Road during the spring weight restriction period.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the Road Commission was going to be doing any crack filling this year. Moilanen stated that the Road Commission would be crack filling this year. Supervisor Moraska noted that the township would like to see more crack filling in Spalding Township this upcoming year. In particular, they would like to see the large cracks on No. 41 Road between Maple Street and CR 563 addressed.

Supervisor Moraska asked for the cost of crushed gravel for the year. Moilanen stated that is typically around \$5.00 /CY but it is dependent on the production costs associated with each pit. Supervisor Moraska stated that they had received a list of roads in Spalding Township that need gravel from the grader operators. This list was requested by Spalding Township.

Trustee LaBonte asked about the intersection clear vision on the Kell Road and whether or not that would be done this year. Moilanen indicated that that the Road Commission would be cutting the berm area this year.

Supervisor Moraska indicated that the culvert located at the intersection of the Sand Road with River Road is still washing out and needs some maintenance. Moilanen indicated that this location may require a DEQ permit.

A discussion ensued regarding MJ Electric's operations in the County this past year and this upcoming year. Supervisor Moraska said that he received calls last year on potential damage caused by MJ Electric in Spalding Township.

A discussion ensued on the new gas tax that begins in 2017. Moilanen indicated some of the ideas with utilizing the new revenue.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed grade lift on the Swamp Road and possible ditching to improve water drainage in this area. The Spalding Board agreed to proceed with the grade lift at \$1.00 per CY for pit run.

Moraska stated that if any pavement parking is done this year, he would like the lines by Fazer's store repainted.

Moilanen brought up the federal mandate that by 2019 all of the railroad crossing without signals will require stop or yield signs to be installed. Supervisor Moraska asked if the Road Commission's sign man could straighten several road name signs in the Township that need attention. Moilanen requested that the Township provide a list.

A discussion ensued on signage on CR 566 by the Powers Village limits and also at LaBelle Road. A stop ahead was requested by the Township for northbound traffic on CR 566 and LaBelle Road intersection.

The meeting concluded at 5:50 p.m.

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Engineer/Manager, P.E.

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Chair