

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, February 26, 2016.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

(8:30 a.m.) Present for Lake Township were Supervisor Ron Johnson and Trustee Alan Majkrzak.

Moilanen welcomed Lake Township officials and made introductions. A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township.

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, including chip sealing CR577, from CR356 to CR358; and proposed work on the Shakey Lakes dam, including relining the pipes and replacing the planks. Supervisor Johnson asked who made the decision of when to draw down the lake. Moilanen replied that the Shakey Lakes Association made that decision. It was also noted that Linderoth Road and G-12 were scheduled to be chip sealed in the next 2-3 years using federal aid funds.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if MDOT ever tracked the amount of truck traffic on CR577. Moilanen stated that traffic counts would be done prior to any federal aid projects being started.

Moilanen advised that a long term project was to cut back the hill on G-12 near the park. Trustee Majkrzak noted that there is a dip in G-12, just past Hallfrisch Road, that is coming back. Moilanen replied that the area would likely need to be cut out and have geogrid laid down. Supervisor Johnson asked what the cost of the repair would be. Moilanen responded that he would need to measure the area prior to providing an estimate. Supervisor Johnson asked if the township could have the repair done themselves. Moilanen stated they could, as long as the road commission reviewed and approved the project spec's first. Trustee Majkrzak advised that CR356, from Linderoth Road to CR577, needed work also.

Moilanen advised that the county 3-Way Road Funding Program would be run again in 2018 and that the township should start thinking about what work they would like to have done under the program.

Trustee Majkrzak recalled that at one time CR356 was being considered to be designated as a state highway and asked if that was still in the works. Moilanen stated that Governor Engler had originally initiated the idea, but it had never been pursued further. Trustee Majkrzak asked if there would be any road funding from the proposed mine if it goes through. Moilanen said the road commission would request that the mine upgrade their haul routes to all season roads.

Supervisor Johnson advised that the township has approximately \$10,000 to use for graveling, and more funds may be available if needed. Moilanen will have the grader operators make a list of the roads where the gravel is most needed for the township to review. Supervisor Johnson stated that there was water on Hallfrisch Road, and that the hill on S-4 Road, before the Koss bridge, should be cut back as it was slippery. Tim Starzynski replied that the crew has been putting extra sand on the hill.

Supervisor Johnson advised that the township's top priority was Hallfrisch Road. He also noted that they were happy with the work done on the road by Granskog Farm. Supervisor Johnson added that there was logging activity on G-12, and the trucks appeared to be over-loaded. Kakuk stated that weight restrictions would be going on soon. Moilanen added that the weighmaster was starting this week.

Lake Township officials left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:04 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Tom Phillips. Denny Kosewski, MCRC Menominee District Foreman also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Phillips and made introductions. A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township.

Moilanen presented Supervisor Phillips 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, which include culvert replacement on P-1 Lane and the future chip seal of G-08. It was also noted that the deck on the G-08 Bridge would be repaired in the spring of 2016, in conjunction with Marinette County, WI.

It was noted that Wildwood Road, with Ingallston Township was a priority, but the funds were currently not available. Wangerin Road, with Stephenson Township, should be pulverized and double chip sealed when funds are available.

Moilanen advised that the county 3-Way Road Funding Program would be run again in 2018 and that the township should start thinking about what work they would like to have done under the program.

Moilanen stated that the grade lift on 16.5 Road was done and that the invoice would be going out soon.

Denny Kosewski asked if the township had any money set aside this year for graveling. Supervisor Phillips stated that they would, and that the township was putting together it's budget in the next few days and would know how much funds were available then.

Mellen Township Supervisor Phillips and Tim Starzynski left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(9:37 a.m.) Present for Ingallston Township were Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst and Trustee Carl Johnson.

Moilanen welcomed township officials and made introductions. A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township.

Moilanen presented the township 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, including chip seals on CR571 from Birch Creek to Linsmeier Road and from Linsmeier Road to CR388 East; and CR338 from CR346 to M-35. There are also culvert replacements scheduled on CR338. The township's top priority, reconstruct & pave CR348, is federal aid eligible and is scheduled for 2020.

Moilanen advised that the county 3-Way Road Funding Program would be run again in 2018 and that the township should start thinking about what work they would like to have done under the program. Double chip seals on Rangeline Road and Butchli Road were suggested as possible projects. It was noted that Wildwood Road, with Mellen Township, is a big project, but it is a local road and not federal aid eligible.

Trustee Johnson asked if Jim Town Road was scheduled to be redone. Moilanen stated that it was not at this time and that the crew would continue to patch it as needed. Moilanen also noted that the trees had been cut on Dale's Lane and that the road would be monitored in the spring to see if it is improved.

Denny Kosewski noted that Twin Creek Road is the worst road in Ingallston Township.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked who would be doing the federal aid chip seal projects. Moilanen replied that the first group had gone to bid and Pittlick & Wick had been awarded the project. The other projects would be going out to bid in the next few months.

Trustee Johnson asked why there was no guardrail on M-35 by Johnson Creek. Moilanen replied that was an MDOT decision. Trustee Johnson also noted that Johnson Lane needed ditching.

Moilanen stated the road commission would hopefully be performing maintenance work in 2017.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(10:00 a.m.) Present for Cedarville Township was Supervisor Linda Peterson. Roger Betzinger also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Peterson and made introductions. A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township.

Moilanen presented Supervisor Peterson 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 stated that the Camp O headwall would be repaired this year and that a portion of G-12 would be chip sealed. Moilanen also stated that a grade lift and graveling on CR551 would be a good project for the township's 2015 3-Way Road funding project. Future projects include federal aid chip seals. Jim Town Road is a long-term project.

Moilanen advised that the county 3-Way Road Funding Program would be run again in 2018 and that the township should start thinking about what work they would like to have done under the program.

Supervisor Peterson asked if the road commission could work on the curve by the boat launch on CR551. Moilanen stated that the road commission could do work within the right of way. If work needed to be done outside of the right of way, the township would have to reimburse the road commission for their actual costs. Supervisor Peterson asked Moilanen to provide an estimate, and if the township did not have enough funds she would approach the DNR to pay for it.

Roger Betzinger stated that the hills in the Devils Creek area, No. 29 Road & the Snake Trail, needed more gravel also.

Supervisor Peterson asked why the trees along CR551 were marked with yellow dots. Moilanen advised that the state was going to be cutting those trees along the road right of way on their land.

Supervisor Peterson asked if loggers still bonded roads during weight restrictions. Moilanen replied that some do, but others do not and they are supposed to haul reduced loads. She asked what she could do if she saw any overweight loads. Moilanen advised her to call the weighmaster or the road commission office.

Supervisor asked if the township could hire the road commission to brush chop between M-35 and the township hall. Moilanen stated that could be done when the ground was frozen again and advised her to call around next December. Moilanen will provide an hourly cost for the work.

Supervisor Peterson stated that the loop of road in front of the fire hall doors needed sand and asked if the road commission could do this. She would then ask the county administrator to share in the cost since some of their equipment was also stored there. Moilanen advised her to call the office when the sanding was needed.

Supervisor Peterson reported that the road sign at the intersection of CR551 & CR366 was missing on the CR366 side. The pole is still there. Moilanen will check on this.

Supervisor Peterson left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP

(10:31 a.m.) Supervisor Ken Goffin, Treasurer David Wesoloski and Trustees Larry Barker and Darlene Nerat were present for Menominee Township. John Nerat also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and made introductions. A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township.

Moilanen presented the township 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, including 31 miles of federal aid chip seals, construction on O-1 Road and Bay de Noc Road and the DEQ permit for a concrete box culvert on CR338 over the Big Spruce Creek. The box culvert will be placed within the next 5 years.

Moilanen stated that funds from the new gas tax increase should start to come in in 2017 and that the new funding would be partially used toward new equipment and also toward a gravel & chip seal program with the townships.

A discussion was held regarding Menominee Township's request at a previous meeting that the road commission consider cost sharing on local road construction projects. Moilanen stated that his recommendation was not to participate at this time due to the number of local projects on the schedule the cost would be too high for the road commission. This will be discussed at the March 8 road commission meeting and a decision made at that time. Supervisor Goffin asked if the road commission had included the use of the township's gravel in the cost estimate. Moilanen said he had not, but did include the cost of the road commission trucking & laying the gravel.

Treasurer Wesoloski noted that the township would be going from a 2 year to a 3 year road spending plan due to less funds being available.

Moilanen advised that the county 3-Way Road Funding Program would be run again in 2018 and that the township should start thinking about what work they would like to have done under the program.

Supervisor Goffin stated that the township would like the road commission to provide single chip seals over the roads that the township had already double chip sealed to help preserve them further. It was noted that No. 7 Road would be the first to need the single chip seal in about a year or so. No. 2 Road, CR338 West and N-3 Road, south of Linsmeier Road could use a single chip seal also. Kakuk asked if the township had applied a fog seal to their chip seal projects. Mr. Goffin replied that they had not. Moilanen advised that Iron City Enterprises may begin producing chips for chip seal projects in the future and that may cut down the trucking costs.

Treasurer Wesoloski noted that he had received complaints on the condition of CR320 (Birch Creek Road), between CR577 and Old US 41.

Supervisor Goffin stated that a resident on 2.5 Road had requested that a speed reduction study be done in the Deer Park area. Moilanen advised that the township would have to send a letter to the road commission requesting the speed study, which would then be sent to the Michigan State Police for consideration. The current speed limit is set at 45 mph, but the resident wants it lower.

Supervisor Goffin asked if the road commission would be crack filling again this summer. Moilanen replied that the road commission had purchased a new crack filling machine with the help of a Hannahville 2% Grant and that a summer crew would be hired to operate it. Mr. Goffin noted that CR338, from CR577 to River Drive needed to be done again and that the crack filling didn't seem to be holding up as well as what Fahrner had done on No. 10 Road. Moilanen suggested it could be due to different materials being used, he will check out the area.

Menominee Township officials left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair