

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord.

ABSENT: None

### **SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Jim Moraska called the Spalding Township special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Moilanen thanked the Spalding Township officials for the invitation to the meeting. Moilanen gave the township officials a copy of the Road Commission's 2016 Act 51 report and a copy of the newly updated county road map.

Moilanen presented Supervisor Moraska with a letter regarding the placement of wireless network facilities within the road right-of-way and asked that the township notify the road commission in the event they were approached by anyone requesting to install these facilities, including poles, towers, conduit, etc., in the right-of-way of any county road. The road commission will be adopting a new resolution/policy regarding this at an upcoming meeting, and a copy will be forwarded to the townships.

Moilanen asked that the township inform him of any roads with year round residents that become impassable during the spring breakup.

Moilanen presented the board with a list of projects for the upcoming year, which includes scour protection to one of the bridges within the township. 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 and submit their projects in the next couple months. Following discussion, Supervisor Moraska stated that Spalding Township may want to double chip seal LaBelle Road, from CR566 east to Arkens Road as their 3-Way project.

Moilanen stated that 400 Road was on the schedule as a federal aid project in 2019. Trustee LaBonte asked when the box culvert on 400 Road would be installed and what size it would be. Moilanen responded that it would be included as part of the project in 2019 and that the DEQ would determine the acceptable size when they issue the permit.

Moilanen also informed the township that a 22' box culvert would be installed on River Road at an approximate material cost of \$100,000 in the future. Supervisor Moraska asked why that would be a top priority. Moilanen replied that it wasn't a top priority, but that it had to be completed within 5 years according to the DEQ permit.

Supervisor Moraska stated that he wants to see the 400 Road project done in 2017. Moilanen responded that the federal aid funds for this year were already allocated to the bridge scours. Mr. Moraska asked if the rip rap for the scours was bid by the square yard. Moilanen replied that they were bid by total number of locations and materials.

Supervisor Moraska asked why no projects have been done in Spalding Township for the past several years. Moilanen explained that the federal aid was being used for chip seals to preserve roads before they got too bad. It was also noted that graveling had been done during the past 3-way funding cycles.

Supervisor Moraska asked for a cost estimate for chip sealing LaBelle Road. Moilanen estimated that it would be approximately \$230,000; which includes pulverizing, adding crushed limestone, chip seal and fog seal. Trustee LaBonte asked if the crushed limestone from the Snuff Box Road pit could be used for this project. Moilanen responded that the pit was currently empty so Iron City Enterprises would have to be approached to see if they had time in their schedule to crush more there. Trustee LaBonte asked what would be done with the road once it was pulverized. Moilanen replied that our crew would level and compact the road so that it was ready for traffic until the chip

seal can be done. Supervisor Moraska asked how long the crushed limestone would hold up without the chip seal. Moilanen stated it would be fine for a long time as it packs hard and is less dusty than crushed gravel. Trustee LeBoeuf noted that there is a lot of truck and farm tractor traffic on LaBelle Road. Supervisor Moraska asked for a written estimate to pulverize LaBelle Road from CR566 to Arkens Road and add 3" of crushed limestone. Moilanen will prepare the estimate.

Supervisor Moraska stated that he did not want to see the 400 Road project get postponed due to the 2018 3-Way funding program. Moilanen stated that the 3-Way program would not affect this project as 400 Road will be put out on bids for construction in the summer of 2019.

John Anderson asked if it was too late to submit the project for 2018. Moilanen stated that it was not, but that those funds have already been allocated for chip sealing. It was also noted that the 400 Road project would require a full year's worth of federal aid funding.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the 2019 federal aid funds could be used on LaBelle Road. Moilanen responded that in order to be eligible for federal aid the road would have to be improved to better than its current state, and chip sealing would possibly not be considered an improvement over pavement. Moilanen will check to see if the double chip seal would be eligible.

Supervisor Moraska asked why the pulverizing was contracted out, rather than using the road commission's grader to do it. Moilanen replied that the grader could not break the road up into fine enough pieces and that the pulverizer puts the material back into the road bed.

Supervisor Moraska noted that there was a sink hole on Herbert Street and that many of the streets in Spalding were rough and spider cracked from truck traffic. Trustee LeBoeuf stated that there was a culvert collapsing on Old US 2. Moilanen will look at these areas.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the sign truck could be sent to Spalding to straighten up the street name sign poles.

Trustee LeBoeuf noted that many of the gravel roads in the township were in need of maintenance gravel. The township will provide a list of these roads to Moilanen.

The request to hold a Pro Rally race in northern Spalding Township was discussed. It was noted that they would close the affected roads for about 8 hours and that they would pay to repair any damages to the roads.

The road commission left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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Finance Director/Clerk

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Chair