

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 15, 2018.

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

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mike Arnold-MCRC Powers District Foreman and Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(5:30 p.m.) Present for Ingallston Township were Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer, Treasurer Pat Cheski, and Trustees Carl Johnson and Michael Kass.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and advised that a copy of the ACT51 report would be mailed to the townships in the next few weeks.

Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2018 construction season and advised that the 3-Way Road Funding program would also be run in 2018. Clerk Keefer asked why the cost of gravel for the 3-Way program had gone up and Moilanen explained that the cost was only raised by the rate of inflation. He also noted that the price per yard includes all costs associated with applying the gravel.

Ingallston Township's list of road priorities was discussed and Moilanen provided the following cost estimates for each: CR348 will be a federal aid project in 2020 with no cost to the township. Jimtown Road is also federal aid eligible, but is not yet on the schedule. Harbor Point Road, construct & pave .4 mile will be a minimum of \$100,000 and will need to have the stumps removed from the swamp area. Wildwood Road, construct & pave, approximately \$400,000. Butchli Road, apply limestone & double chip seal for .35 mile, approximate cost of \$26,000. Twin Creek Road, from Rangeline to M35, reconstruct & pave, approximately \$133,000 (to double chip seal instead of paving is estimated at \$60,000).

Moilanen also suggested that the .4 mile of Rangeline Road which is shared by Ingallston and Mellen Townships could be chip sealed for about \$20,000, which each township paying half. Supervisor Anderson asked Moilanen to talk to Mellen Township officials to determine if they would be interested in moving forward with this project.

Clerk Keefer asked if the 3-Way Road Program funds could be carried over into a future year. Moilanen advised that they could, but would need to be used prior to when the next 3-Way program begins. Clerk Keefer also asked if the 3-Way Program would continue to be funded every 3 years. Moilanen replied that it would be up to the county board.

Supervisor Anderson stated that Ingallston Township's 3-Way projects would be the Butchli Road chip seal and Rangeline Road with Mellen Township, if Mellen is agreeable to sharing the cost.

Supervisor Anderson asked if the same type of chip that was used on Rangeline could be used on Butchli Road. Moilanen stated that if it could, that it was about 3 times more costly than the standard chips.

Moilanen advised that 2018 would be focused on the 3-Way Road Funding projects and that in 2019 maintenance work, such as shouldering, culverts, etc., would be the priority.

Trustee Johnson asked where Jimtown Road was on the Federal Aid priority list. Moilanen replied that it was low priority as it was in too poor of condition to be chip sealed. Clerk Keefer stated that CR346, north of CR338 was also in bad condition.

Trustee Johnson asked if traffic counts were ever done on the roads. Moilanen stated that counts had been taken at all of the railroad crossings this year and at some of the federal aid project roads.

Supervisor Anderson asked for an estimate to gravel Hayward Bay Dr. Moilanen will provide one.

Ingallston Township officials and Denny Kosewski left the meeting at 5:58 a.m.

FAITHORN TOWNSHIP

(6:02 p.m.) Present for Faithorn Township were Supervisor Jeff Kiser, Clerk Kathy Branz, and Trustee Ann Gurgall. Tim Starzynski - MCRC Stephenson District Interim Foreman also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and advised that a copy of the ACT51 report would be mailed to the townships in the next few weeks. He also noted that they should call the office with any questions or road problems.

Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2018 construction season and advised that the 3-Way Road Funding program would also be run in 2018.

Supervisor Kiser stated that Gustafson Road had many pot holes and soft spots and that there is a spring flowing onto a portion of the road and freezing causing icy conditions. Tim Starzynski advised that he had been made aware of that problem and that a grader would be sent out later this week to try to correct the problem. Supervisor Kiser also noted that there was water over the road in the swampy area of Warren Kelly Lane.

Clerk Branz said that 36 Road, to the east, was in bad shape and asked if fabric would help. Moilanen replied that the area needed a grade lift and fabric would be used. Clerk Branz also advised that on CR388, the Walli swamp area needs to be sanded in the flat area, not just on the hill. Mike Arnold will send someone out there to do the sanding.

Trustee Gurgall said that the flat area by Tarr's hill has the same problem with just the hill being done but not the icy shaded flat areas.

Supervisor Kiser stated that CR577, from the cemetery to the county line, was slippery and could also use some sand.

Clerk Branz will create a list of roads they would like graveled under the 3-Way Program in priority order and will send it in to the county administrator's office, along with the check for their share of the cost, after their February meeting.

Clerk Branz advised that there is a big pothole by the light pole near the old bar. Moilanen will have the injection patcher go out in the spring to take care of it.

Faithorn Township officials and Tim Starzynski left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

MEYER TOWNSHIP

(6:30 p.m.) Present for Meyer Township were Supervisor Robert Smith and Clerk Beth Bertolini.

Moilanen welcomed the Meyer Township officials. Clerk Bertolini asked if the township could use the funds from the railroad crossing closures in conjunction with their 3-Way Road Program funds. Moilanen responded that they could.

Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2018 construction season and advised that the 3-Way Road Funding program would also be run in 2018. He asked what project the township would like to do with their 3-Way funds. If combined with the railroad crossing closure funds, possible projects could be paving Third Street, or pulverizing and chip sealing IXL Drive from Park Avenue to Earle Drive. Clerk Bertolini advised that Trustee Mark Schoen was working on a grant with Stewart Manufacturing and Pepsi for IXL Drive. Moilanen added that the cost of a double chip seal was about \$50,000/mile plus an additional \$4000 to \$5000/mile to add fog seal, while the cost to pave 2" thick would be about \$135,000/mile.

Clerk Bertolini noted other problem areas within the township include a sunken area on Anderson Street by the intersection with S. Main Street, where the sewer pipes are. Park Avenue, from 3rd Street to 1st Street was also discussed. Moilanen suggested that this street should have geogrid installed, then finished with limestone and chip sealed.

Supervisor Smith stated he had complaints about the condition of Snuff Box Road due to the increased hauling from the limestone pit and asked if the road commission would fix it when we were done in the pit. Moilanen explained that the road commission did not own the pit and that other firms were trucking limestone out of it.

Moilanen asked if the township had any plans to improve CR579. Clerk Bertolini agreed that it was

in bad shape. She also noted that the cap was off of the survey marker located on the centerline of CR388 in front of her house. Moilanen will have the cap replaced.

Supervisor Smith asked if guardrail could be installed on 3rd Street on the curve by US 2. Moilanen explained that the drop off was not big enough to merit guardrail, but that chevrons could be installed on the curve in the spring.

Meyer Township officials left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

GOURLEY TOWNSHIP

(6:54 p.m.) Supervisor Stephen Wery, Clerk Annette Soper, Treasurer Stephanie Walechka, and Trustees Jesse Wery and Dan Cordy were present for Gourley Township.

Moilanen welcomed the Gourley Township officials and advised that a copy of the road commission's 2017 ACT 51 report would be mailed out to the townships in the next few weeks.

Supervisor Wery stated that a great job had been done by the crew with plowing during the storm today.

Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2018 construction season and advised that the 3-Way Road Funding program would also be run in 2018. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements.

Moilanen stated that upcoming work in Gourley Township would include possibly replacing culverts on 35 Road and patching the chip seal on DePas Lane. A future project would be to chip seal CR551, from the Seventh Day Adventist Church to CR374.

Treasurer Walechka asked what the best option would be for DePas Lane – to apply another chip seal on the first section or complete the last section and chipseal over the first section. Moilanen replied that either option would work. Supervisor Wery asked what the cost of the double chip seal would be. Moilanen stated it would be approximately \$50,000 per mile. Trustee Cordy asked how well a chip seal would hold up. Moilanen advised it depended upon the type of traffic.

Supervisor Wery stated he had questions from residents regarding work being done on CR551. Moilanen explained that the road commission had done some grade lifts on the road and that the state was also cutting timber in the area and that they had been asked to cut up to the right of way in the hope that it would get more sun and dry out better. Supervisor Wery asked what the distance of the work was and if the road could be paved in the future. Moilanen replied that it was about 9 miles long and would cost over \$3,000,000 to pave, so it wouldn't be getting done for quite a while. Supervisor Wery asked if there were possibly BIA funds available that could be used. Moilanen stated that the BIA funds were being applied to projects on County Line Road, 400 Road and possibly CR551 over the next several years.

Supervisor Wery asked for a cost estimate for paving. Moilanen advised that it was approximately \$200,000 to pave one mile at 3" thickness.

It was noted that other roads that need work within Gourley Township are 32 Road and Snake Trail.

Gourley Township officials left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP

(7:30 p.m.) Supervisor Peter Kleiman, Clerk Thomas Draze and Trustee Alex Jorasz were present for Harris Township.

Moilanen welcomed the Harris Township officials and advised that a copy of the road commission's 2017 ACT 51 report would be mailed out to the townships soon.

Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2018 construction season and advised that the 3-Way Road Funding program would also be run in 2018. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements, along with a bridge replacement on Mazur C-1 Road and work on 400 Road, from US2 to the end of the pavement in Spalding Township. The BIA will be working on the second half of County Line Road and are also designing a project n CR551.

Grade lifts have been done on Morel Lane and Cedar Lane after this past spring breakup and Moilanen asked the township officials to let him know if there were any other roads that got bad during the upcoming spring breakup.

Supervisor Kleiman stated that Old US2 & 41 was the township's top priority. Moilanen added that Vincent Lane needed work also and asked if the township was thinking of paving or chip sealing on these 2 roads. Supervisor Kleiman voiced concern that a chip seal would not hold up on Vincent Lane due to the truck traffic going to and from a repair shop on that road. Moilanen added that the road would first need to be undercut to remove the corduroy. Supervisor Kleiman said that the local school districts have complained to him on several occasions regarding the condition of Old US 2&41, and asked if reconstructing the road using crushed limestone instead of gravel would be a good option for this road. Moilanen replied that the township may also want to chip seal on top of the limestone, otherwise the road will be dusty. Supervisor Kleiman advised that there was not a lot of truck or farm traffic on the road so the township would like to make reconstruction with limestone and a double chip seal, from Vincent Lane to the Sundquist residence, their top priority.

Supervisor Kleiman also brought up the following road concerns: residents have been complaining about the trees on Chelowan Lane, the dip on Eustis Road and Ray Lane is in need of gravel. Moilanen pointed out that the road commission does not maintain Ray Lane past the farm.

Supervisor Kleiman advised that there is a dead tree that should be cut before it fall into the roadway. It is located across from his house in the northwest corner of the driveway by Otradovec's house. Moilanen will have the foreman check to see if it is within our right of way to determine if it is the road commission's responsibility.

Supervisor Kleiman stated he had received a call from Ted Janke that the Kell/Town Line Road was in poor condition. He also noted that Bartoszek Road, from M69 to the county line was in bad shape and the township may want it pulverized. Moilanen said he would need a letter from the township requesting the road be pulverized. Supervisor Kleiman stated he would first like Moilanen to look at the road and give suggestions of what can be done.

Clerk Draze asked if the BIA was planning on doing the CR551 project all at once or in multiple projects. Moilanen responded that it would likely be split into more than one project.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair