

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

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

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Tim Starzynski-MCRC Stephenson District Interim Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **LAKE TOWNSHIP**

(8:30 a.m.) Present for Lake Township were Supervisor Bob Desjarlais, Treasurer Charlene Peterson, and Trustee Warren Suchovsky.

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. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements. Discussion was held regarding the project to re-line the pipes at the Shakey Lakes dam. Moilanen explained that the project had been delayed until 2018 and that several different options were being looked at to get the work done. He also noted that a road closure may be necessary during the project, but a detour would be provided. Treasurer Peterson asked if just one pipe was being relined. Moilanen answered that all 7 would be.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked what length of graveling the township could do with their 3-Way funds. Moilanen stated that it would take about 1300 cyds to do 1 mile with a 4" layer, so the township could do around 2 miles. The township would like to gravel Cheese Factory Road, from 23 Road to the south, and then Whispering Pines.

Treasurer Peterson advised that there was a dip in CR356, west of Linderoth Rd. Tim Starzynski stated that a culvert had settled and that he was aware of the issue.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated that there are 2 culverts on Cheese Factory Road that are high and need to be adjusted. He also noted that Sturgeon Landing Road gets bad in the spring. Moilanen replied that due to the truck traffic on this road he would recommend only putting down pit run gravel, not crushed.

Treasurer Peterson asked if fabric could be put under the gravel in the bad areas of the roads. Moilanen explained that the fabric was usually used for roads being reconstructed for paving, and that if used on a gravel road it may be caught by the grader blade over time.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if the road commission still applied up to 50 yards of maintenance gravel. Moilanen said that it is still done and is at the foreman's discretion as to where it is needed.

Trustee Suchovsky asked what the long range plan was for CR356 and CR577 from Camp Shakey to Kells Saw Mill. Moilanen explained that the federal aid money was already programmed through 2020 and that for the future the focus would be to first to preserve good roads by chip-sealing them and then the board will need to determine what the next big project will be. Mr. Suchovsky stated that he didn't care for the chip seals as they wear out tires more quickly. Moilanen pointed out that they also preserve the condition of the roads for an additional 5-6 years.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated the township may want to add additional money for graveling along with their 3-Way Program funds. He also asked if the township could put down their own crushed gravel of limestone. Moilanen replied that they could but it must meet road commission specifications.

Trustee Suchovsky asked if the mine were to go in, could the township control which roads they use for their trucking. Moilanen explained that the road commission would retain control over the roads, but the township could adopt an ordinance to determine a designated truck route.

Lake Township officials left the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

**NADEAU TOWNSHIP**

(9:02 a.m.) Present for Nadeau Township were Supervisor Joe Linder and Trustee Lyle Gearhart.

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. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements.

Supervisor Linder asked what the cost would be if Nadeau Township owned gravel and the road commission did the trucking for the 3-Way Road Program. Moilanen stated that, with board approval, the \$5.25/cyd cost of the gravel would be subtracted from the total cost of \$11.89/cyd. Trustee Gearhart asked how many cyds of gravel it takes per mile. Moilanen advised that for a 20' width with 4" layer of gravel it takes approximately 1300 cyds per mile.

Supervisor Linder asked if the road commission still provided maintenance gravel. Moilanen replied that it was done at the discretion of the district foreman.

Supervisor Linder asked how extra funds received due to the increase in the gas tax were being spent. Moilanen stated that 3 new plow trucks had been ordered at a cost of approximately \$720,000.

Moilanen advised that grade lifts would be done on P-1 Road, from north of Tower Road to CR374, this year. It was also noted that the most complaints from Nadeau Township residents were on 31.5 Road.

Trustee Gearhart asked if the culvert on J-1 Road, north of Poupores, had been cleaned out. Moilanen will check on this.

Supervisor Linder stated that Nadeau Township would likely do graveling for their 3-Way Road Program project and asked if the price of the gravel would vary, based on the location of the pit. Moilanen replied that the price for the 3-Way Program was an average cost, to be fair to all townships. Moilanen asked Mr. Linder to let the road commission know by the end of February if they plan on crushing their own gravel or if they will use the road commission's gravel.

Nadeau Township Officials left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

**HOLMES TOWNSHIP**

(9:30 a.m.) Present for Holmes Township were Supervisor Ray Guard and Trustees Mike Zemba and Ray Furmanski.

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. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements.

Holmes Township's 3-Way project will be graveling Koller Lane and Eiserle Lane.

Moilanen advised that there will be a public hearing later this month on the wetlands permit for the proposed mine. He also stated that mine officials have not yet officially approached the road commission to request abandonment or closure of River Road. Trustee Furmanski asked if the reline of the Shakey Lakes dam pipes was being done due to the possibility of the mine opening. Moilanen said they were being repaired due to their condition and the work had been planned for some time. Mr. Furmanski asked what would happen if the mine chose to use this as their trucking route. Moilanen said there were no restrictions at this time as long as they hauled legal loads.

Supervisor Guard stated that a good job had been done with the Holmesbrook Road project and that the only complaint he was hearing now was that traffic was traveling too fast on it.

Moilanen noted that P-1 Road, south of CR374, was scheduled for a grade lift. Trustee Zemba asked

if the road could be ditched to divert the spring off of the hill.

Supervisor Guard commented that he liked the better visibility with the new green strobe lights on the plow equipment.

Trustee Furmanski asked what determines which roads would be crack filled. Moilanen responded that it would depend on the condition of the road – hairline cracks can't be filled and if the road is full of alligator cracks it is too bad for the process. Mr. Furmanski stated that Cheese Factory Road, from CR358 north, needed to have the cracks filled. Moilanen will look at it and add it to the list for this year.

Holmes Township officials left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

### **DAGGETT TOWNSHIP**

(10:00 a.m.) Present for Daggett Township were Supervisor Jim Revall, Clerk Edith Vincent, Treasurer Tom Kuntze and Trustee James Kayser.

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. A 1.25 mile section of CR360 will be reconstructed with federal aid funds this year. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements.

Supervisor Revall asked if Moilanen could prepare an estimate to pave L-3 Road, off of CR360, for approximately ½ mile. Moilanen will prepare the estimate and added that the project may come in with a better price since the CR360 job was nearby.

Clerk Vincent asked if Jim Vincent's driveway, on CR358, was still going to be fixed as it is too steep. Moilanen will have the foreman look at this.

Supervisor Revall asked when the remainder of CR360 would be finished. Moilanen replied that there is no set timeframe for additional work on CR360. Clerk Vincent added that M-1 Road is in bad condition also.

Supervisor Revall stated that 25 Road was being damaged by Twin City Trucking's trucks and asked if anyone was checking their load weights. Moilanen replied that only if the State Police Motor Carrier would stop them as the road commission did not have a weigh master on duty at this time. It was noted that a road commission employee was being trained to take over the weighmaster duties.

Treasurer Kuntze stated that farm equipment on CR358 was knocking down the shoulders, causing the pavement to break up. Moilanen advised that when the road is shouldered crushed limestone will be used instead of crushed gravel, which should help. Mr. Kuntze also asked about the road plans for the mine. Moilanen responded that the mine hadn't asked for an abandonment of River Road yet and as far as routes out of the mine, it has not yet been determined which roads they will use.

Daggett Township officials left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

### **STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP**

(10:32 a.m.) Supervisor Mark Marklein was present for Stephenson Township.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Marklein and advised that a copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed out 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. Supervisor Marklein stated that Stephenson Township would likely do graveling with their 3-Way funds. Moilanen asked Mr. Marklein to advise the road commission of any roads that are bad in the spring.

Kakuk stated that a resident had complained of a bad dip by a culvert on Belgiumtown Road. Tim Starzynski advised that the dip had been fixed last week. Kakuk asked why it was so bad. Moilanen responded that if this area of the road had bad soils, and when the new culvert was put in good

materials were used, it could cause differing frost heave action between the two types of material. Federal Aid standards do not allow the poor material to be put back in.

Supervisor Marklein stated that G-12 and Wangerin Road had some bad spots also. Mr. Marklein asked when CR348 would be done. Moilanen advised that this was a 2020 federal aid project.

Supervisor Marklein noted that he had received complaints on Solander Road that at times it was barely passable. Moilanen will check to see if this road is still being certified.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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Finance Director/Clerk

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