

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent. PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman and Ken Pengrazi. ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:00 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Thomas Philipps.

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.

Moilanen asked if the township was interested in sharing the cost of chip sealing .4 mile of Rangeline Road with Ingallston Township. The cost to each township for the project would be about \$10,000.

Supervisor Philipps stated that Mellen Township's first priority was Wildwood Road, east of US 41. Moilanen advised that it will cost approximately \$500,000 to reconstruct & pave, or about \$200,000 to \$300,000 to reconstruct and double chip seal. Moilanen would not recommend going with a chip seal on this road and Denny Kosewski added that the double chip seal would not hold up due to the truck traffic going in and out of the quarry on that road. The township's second priority is to pulverize and double chip seal 15.5 Road. Moilanen estimated the cost of this work to be about \$50,000 and advised that if done, the road would be pulverized in late spring and may not be chip sealed until late summer. Supervisor Philipps said that he would have to bring it to the full township board to decide if they wanted to do the Rangeline Road job with Ingallston Township, along with some graveling, or add some money to their 3-Way amount to do the 15.5 Road project.

Moilanen also asked Mr. Philipps to advise him of any road problems during the spring breakup.

Mellen Township Supervisor Philips left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP

(9:30 a.m.) Present for Menominee were Supervisor Ken Goffin and Trustee Larry Barker.

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. It was also noted that the No. 10 Road Bridge would be completed later this year. Menominee Township's project for the 3-Way Road program will putting crushed limestone on 6.25 Road. Moilanen asked when O-1 Road and Bay de Noc Drive were scheduled to be paved. Supervisor Goffin replied it would be in June or July. Moilanen asked if the township would be providing the limestone for the 6.25 Road project. Mr. Goffin said they plan on going out to bid for the limestone and asked Moilanen what the cost would be for the road commission to lay it down. Moilanen stated the cost would be \$6.64/cyd. Supervisor asked how soon the township should have the limestone crushed. Moilanen said it should be done by around May 10th. Mr. Goffin noted that if the road commission did not have time to lay the limestone, the township could bid that part of the project out also. Moilanen said that he felt the road commission should have time to complete this work.

Supervisor Goffin asked if the road commission would have time to do any additional graveling in 2018. Moilanen responded that due to the work from the 3-Way Program that the road commission would probably not have time for any additional work.

Supervisor Goffin asked about the project on 48th Avenue in Menominee. Moilanen explained that the project was being done in conjunction with the City of Menominee. It runs from 13th Street to

CR577 and they are expecting it to be funded in 2020, partially with grant funds and the balance being covered with federal aid and/or ACT 51 funds. Anderson asked what the length of this project was. Moilanen stated it was currently about 2 miles, but may be extended to US 41.

Trustee Barker asked about the grade lifts on CR551 in Cedarville Township. Moilanen stated that the DNR was jobbing along that road and would be cutting the timber up to the right of way.

Menominee Township officials left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(9:56 a.m.) Supervisor Linda Peterson was present for Cedarville Township.

Supervisor Peterson asked when the road commission would resume the work on CR551. Moilanen replied that it would depend on when spring breakup was done. Ms. Peterson asked how much of the original \$100,000 that was allocated to the project was left. Moilanen stated that about \$42,000 had been used to date.

Moilanen advised that a copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed out 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 told Ms. Peterson that if Cedarville Township wanted to do graveling for their 3-Way Road Project they could lay about 1,915 cyds. He also noted that in 2019 maintenance would be performed including shouldering and culvert replacements.

Supervisor Peterson asked if some of the money left for the CR551 project could be used to fix potholes on the end by M-35. Moilanen stated that the injection patcher could be sent to fill the potholes. Ms. Peterson noted that some areas were so bad that it may need to have sections of the road cut out and replaced. Moilanen advised that if that were the case then it may be done in 2019 when other patches were scheduled to be done in order to keep the cost down.

Supervisor Peterson said she had a request for a "Slow – Children" sign on CR511, north of M-35, due to people traveling too fast in the area. Moilanen suggested that she call the sheriff's office and ask that they post a deputy in the area to enforce the 35 mph speed limit. A "Watch for Pedestrians" sign could possibly be put up in the spring.

Ms. Peterson asked for an update on the Camp O headwall. Moilanen advised that the EPA permit had expired and needed to be reapplied for and then a consultant could be hired to design the project, which would then be contracted out.

Ms. Peterson talked about the clear cutting on CR551 and asked why a buffer of trees wasn't left for better aesthetics in the area. She added that the township is trying to market the area as recreational, but that the clear cutting makes it look bad. Moilanen explained that the clear cutting on the right of way was allowing the sun to get in and dry off the road. Ms. Peterson asked if they could be asked to only cut 3" or larger trees. Moilanen advised her to talk to the DNR about any area beyond the right of way, but that the road commission had asked that the right of way portion be clear cut. Supervisor Peterson added that the township had spent \$30,000 on the recreational trail and was disappointed that the trees had been clear cut around it. Kakuk added that the size of the logging equipment was part of the problem – if they didn't clear cut the machinery would run it over anyway.

Moilanen asked if Cedarville Township's 3-Way project would be to gravel. Ms. Peterson responded that they would probably gravel Dunkas Road and the balance of Old Mill Road.

Supervisor Peterson stated that N. Fox Road was currently a DNR road, but the township would like the road commission to take it over. Moilanen replied that since there were no residents on the road that the road commission would probably not want to take it over as the cost to maintain it would be higher than the funding we would receive for it.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.