

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners began their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was MCRC Powers District Foreman Mike Arnold.

ABSENT: None

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Supervisor Jim Moraska called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present for Spalding Township were Supervisor Jim Moraska, Clerk Cheryl Mencinger, and Trustees Kevin LaBonte and David LeBoeuf. A group of Spalding Township residents were also present.

Moilanen presented the township officials with a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2019. The CR400 project was discussed and Moilanen advised that it could take up to one month for the box culvert to be installed, during which time there would be a detour onto CR563. He also noted that CR563 would be patched with the injection patcher prior to the detour being used. Once the box culvert is in the detour would no longer be used, and CR400 could be down to one lane at times, with flagmen directing traffic flow. He also noted that bit-curb would be installed on the hills to help with drainage. Trustee LeBoeuf asked how long it would take to complete the project. Moilanen replied that the project would likely start after May 15, 2019 and the deadline to have it completed is August 30, 2019. Trustee LaBonte asked if there would be any clearing of the right of way. Moilanen stated that there may be some, but that not much was needed.

Next, LaBelle Road was discussed. Moilanen noted that approximately 2 miles of E. Labelle Road, from CR566 to Arkens Road, had been pulverized and about 4 ½ inches of crushed limestone had been added. The cost to date for the project is \$96,440.08. Spalding Township has \$46,859.04 of 3-Way Road Program funds to apply to the project which would leave a balance of \$49,581.04. Moilanen asked how much of that balance the township would consider paying. Supervisor Moraska replied that he never expected the balance to be that high, and that the township had only requested 3 inches of crushed limestone be laid on the road. Moilanen explained that it was determined that 3 inches was not enough to provide a good surface.

Trustee LeBoeuf commented that the stones in the crushed limestone were too big and that they never packed properly. Clerk Mencinger added that it was like driving on marbles. Moilanen stated that the road commission did not have the limestone crushed, so it was not crushed using road commission specifications. He added that the road bed had packed and was solid.

Supervisor Moraska stated that the original estimate from the road commission was around \$54,000 and he feels that \$96,000 is too much.

John Zappala stated that originally the pavement was bad, but now there are loose stones and with the recent storms the road is all ice. He added that LaBelle Road, west of CR566 had been chip sealed a couple years ago and is already falling apart and that he would like to see a long-term solution.

Bill Kirschner noted that he had told Iron City Enterprises that the stone was too big after the first day of crushing, but that they didn't change the size even though he had requested that they do. He added that some of the limestone in his pit may still be too big and asked who would be testing it. Moilanen responded that the road commission would not as it is not our limestone and we would likely not be using it.

Moilanen provided the following options for finishing the road: 1. double chip seal; 2. pave both ends at the intersections of Arkens Road and CR566; 3. pave the entire road from CR566 to Arkens Road at 2" thick for an approximate cost of \$320,000.

Bill Kirschner stated he would like to see the full length paved and would be willing to donate the stone and sand needed for the asphalt to help cut the cost of the project. Moilanen replied that would depend upon who got the bid and where their asphalt plant was. Mr. Kirschner asked how many yards of gravel & sand would be needed to pave the 2 miles. Moilanen will check the MDOT specs to find out.

Sheila Nance asked what the plans for LaBelle Road were going forward. Moilanen responded that the road commission would be working with Spalding Township to resolve any issues and decide what would be done, taking into consideration Mr. Kirschner's offer along with possible contributions from the township and road commission. Ms. Nance asked why CR400 was being done before LaBelle Road. Moilanen explained that CR400 had been the township's priority for many years and was now at the top of the list for use of available federal aid funds.

Supervisor Moraska stated that there were gravel pits available in the area of Spalding Township and asked if the road commission would be crushing gravel. Moilanen responded that he needed to first find out from the townships how much graveling they want done and at what locations, before gravel crushing would be bid.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the road commission had plans to do any shouldering this year. Moilanen replied that it would likely not be this year. Mr. Moraska asked if crack filling would be done in 2019. Moilanen stated that the summer temps would be running the crack filling machine again this year and asked that Supervisor Moraska provide a list of roads that he wants done.

Supervisor Moraska adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair