

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 24, 2019.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent. PRESENT: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Tim Starzynski-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman and Dave Anderson.

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.

Kakuk welcomed the township officials and turned the meeting over to Moilanen. Moilanen presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2019 construction season and advised that there were still projects from the 2018 3-Way Road Funding program to be completed. He discussed the water level at the Shakey Lakes dam after all the rain in the fall and noted that it was now back down to normal levels. He also advised that the culverts on Cheese Factory Road were done, the dip on CR356 west of Linderoth Road had been fixed and the crew would be working on the grade lifts on 18 Road as time permitted over the winter.

Moilanen stated that the road commission planned on crushing 25,000 cyds of gravel in the spring. Treasurer Peterson asked if any of it would be from the Chaney pit. Moilanen responded that it would not as that pit only had sand.

Treasurer Peterson asked when anything further would be done with the guard rail at the Shakey Lakes dam. Moilanen replied that the guard rail on the west side had already been raised, and the guard rail on the east side still needed to be raised. He also noted that there were trees on the "S" curve that needed to be cut. Treasurer Peterson also asked if a load limit could be posted on the dam. Moilanen explained that the dam was wide enough to be considered a bridge, so it is inspected every two years, and to date the inspection results do not recommend that a limit be posted. Kline asked if the road to the dam was considered Class A. Moilanen responded that it was not.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if G-12 was a Class A road. Moilanen answered that only a portion of it was. Mr. Desjarlais asked if G-12 could be rebuilt. Moilanen replied that if it was a township priority, he could add it to the federal aid project list, but it would not be until sometime after 2022.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated that he was having limestone crushed on his property this summer which he was willing to donate for Cheese Factory Road, and asked what the road commission would charge to lay it. Moilanen advised that there would not be any charge to haul any gravel or limestone that was done outside of the 3-Way Road Funding Program. Mr. Desjarlais asked how much limestone would be needed to do Cheese Factory Road. Moilanen estimated that it takes about 1,700 cyds/mile to place a 5" layer on a 20' wide road.

Trustee Suchovsky asked what the quality of pavement used in the county was. Moilanen advised that MDOT specs for a 3" course of HMA LVSP were used. Mr. Suchovsky said that he has noticed some dishing on areas of US8 in other counties. Moilanen stated that usually happens in heavy swamp areas.

Trustee Suchovsky stated that when CR356 was rebuilt over 30 years ago that it was built way up, but it was beginning to sink again. Moilanen will replied that there is a lot of corduroy in that area and he will look at it to see if some of it can be removed and the road patched.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if the corner of CR577 & G-12, where the county park sign is, could be ditched deeper to make the sign more visible. Moilanen suggested that it may be better to raise the height of the sign. Mr. Desjarlais asked if the area was in the road right of way, or if it belonged to the park. Moilanen will check on this.

Lake Township officials, Tim Starzynski and Dave Anderson left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:03 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Thomas Philipps. Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Philipps and presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2019 construction season.

Moilanen stated that 15.5 Road, which is Mellen Township's 3-Way Road Program project, had already been pulverized and his recommendation was to put down crushed limestone. He also recommended that the township consider a double chip seal, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Supervisor Phillipps will discuss this with the township board and get back to Moilanen.

Moilanen asked if the township had any plans to have work done on Rangeline Road. Mr. Phillipps responded that the road was the township's second priority, but that nothing would be done for a while yet.

Supervisor Phillipps noted that #12 Road, east of US41, on the border with Menominee Township, needs a grade lift. There is one resident on this road along with two camps. Moilanen suggested that it may be better to work on N-1 Road to allow the resident to use that route instead.

Supervisor Phillipps advised that chip sealing P-1 Road, north of G-08, would likely be the township's next 3-Way Road project.

Moilanen asked that Mr. Phillipps advise him as soon as possible whether the township would like to chip seal 15.5 Road.

Mellen Township Supervisor Philipps left the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(9:25 A.M.) Present for Ingallston Township were Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer, Treasurer Pat Cheski, and Trustees Michael Kass and Carl Johnson.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and presented them with a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2019 construction season. He noted that the construction on Twin Creek Road was done and asked if the township planned on having both Twin Creek Road and Butchli Road chip sealed this year. Supervisor Anderson replied that they would.

Moilanen advised that Mellen Township would not be able to participate with Ingallston Township in the cost of chip sealing on Rangeline Road again this year. He also noted that CR348 was being designed for an upcoming federal aid project. Jimtown Road is federal aid eligible, but it is a big job, and the earliest that federal aid would be available for it is 2023.

Moilanen asked the township officials to notify him if they become aware of any roads with full time residents on them that get bad in the spring.

Supervisor Anderson stated that the reflectors at the end of Rangeline Road on M-35 are bent down and it is hard to see where the intersection is at night. He asked if the post could be straightened. Moilanen will have this looked at and also suggested that another option would be for the township to have a street light installed at the intersection. This would be at the township's cost.

Trustee Kass asked how far the brush chopping on M-35 would go and advised that it looked good where it was already done. Moilanen responded that they would keep going as long as MDOT was willing to continue to rent the equipment.

Supervisor Anderson said that he had many complaints about the condition of Lost Lane, but added that there are no residents on the road, just camps. The road was in need of a grade lift. Moilanen advised that it was hard to find pit run gravel in that area.

Moilanen stated that the road commission would bid out the chip seals on Twin Creek Road and Butchli Road for completion this summer.

Supervisor Anderson asked if SB396 was a dead issue. Moilanen replied that it had been dropped during lame duck, but could still come up again.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

Cedarville Township officials did not attend.

MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP

(10:30 a.m.) Present for Menominee were Supervisor Ken Goffin and Trustees Larry Barker and Carl Havelka.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2019 construction season that includes single chip seals on CR338 (CR577 to R-1 Drive) and No. 7 Road (T-1 Lane to S-1 Lane), and a DEQ permit for the concrete box culvert on CR338 at Kelly Creek.

Moilanen also discussed the project on 48th Avenue in Menominee, which will be done in conjunction with the City of Menominee. It runs from US41 to CR577 and is expected to be funded in 2020. The concrete portion from US 41 to 13th Street will be patched and the remaining balance will be paved.

Trustee Havelka asked if rather than continuing to patch the bad areas on #9 Road, would it be better to remove sections of the pavement and replace it with chip seal. Moilanen responded that it should have pavement patches, rather than chip seal, since that is what is already there. He will look at the road in the spring.

Supervisor Goffin stated that he will provide a list of roads that the township would like to have graveled. He asked if the road commission has enough crushed limestone to do south P-3 Lane (N. of 38th Ave) for approximately ½ mile. Moilanen will see if there is enough in the Wildwood pit for the job, estimating that it will take about 850 cyds. Mr. Goffin asked that Moilanen let hem know as soon as he can as the township may have the limestone crushed themselves if the road commission doesn't have enough available.

Supervisor Goffin advised that the township's next priority will be Birch Creek Road, form US 41 to CR 577). They would like to repave the full 2 ¼ - 2 ½ miles, but will need help with the cost. Trustee Barker added that there are about 35 or so homes on this stretch of road.

Supervisor Goffin reminded Moilanen that there are still 2 culverts on the River Drive project that need to be changed out.

Trustee Barker asked if federal aid funds would be available for Birch Creek Road. Moilanen replied that it was a minor collector, and at this time was eligible, but that minor collectors may be eliminated from the federal aid program in the future.

Trustee Havelka stated that there may be two 100' sections on #9 Road that are in bad shape. Moilanen asked him to get together with Denny to paint the sections in question so that he can video them in the spring.

Moilanen informed the board that the railroad had installed a new crossing signal on Sobieski Road that would be operational soon, if not already. The road commission will now be billed an annual fee from the railroad for the maintenance of the signal.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair