

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners began their annual meetings with township officials on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Spalding Township Hall.

PRESENT: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Cass, Lisa Savord and MCRC Powers District Foreman Mike Arnold.

ABSENT: None

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Jim Moraska called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present for Spalding Township were Supervisor Jim Moraska, Clerk Cherryl Mencinger, Trustees Kevin LaBonte and David LeBoeuf and Treasurer Jerry Bartnicki.

Cass discussed winter maintenance and spring breakup projects and asked the township officials to call the road commission if they become aware of any roads that become impassable in the spring. Cass also presented the township officials with a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 which includes shouldering on federal aid system roads, continuing working on the list of spring breakup grade lifts, pavement markings, graveling, a box culvert on CR348, chip sealing, and various EGLE permits.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the culvert at Dam 7, located at the end of Sand Road between Johnson Loop and River Road, would be replaced. Cass advised that an EGLE permit was needed. Mr. Moraska also asked if there were plans to replace the double culvert by Hupy's farm on River Road, noting that it was posted with a 24-ton weight limit. Cass will check if it is eligible for bridge funding.

Also discussed was the MDOT project to improve US 2 in 2021 and whether MDOT planned to pave a portion of Quarry Road from US 2 to Spur Road and back to US 2 to be used as a detour for the project. Cass explained that MDOT has not yet finalized the plans for the project. Mr. Moraska stated that if the detour is going to be used, that Spalding Township may want to extend the paving for approximately an additional ½ mile. If so, then Cass will provide the township with an estimate for the additional paving.

Cass asked if the township would be willing to consider having any railroad crossings closed within the township and explained the funding that would be available to the road commission that could then be used for projects within Spalding Township. Cass will reach out to MDOT for a list of potential crossings that could be closed and provide it to Spalding Township for their review and consideration.

Cass asked if the township had any federal aid routes that they wanted to list as their top priority. Mr. Moraska replied that CR388 would be their federal aid priority.

Trustee LaBonte advised that Steve Hafeman would be willing to donate pit run gravel to use for a grade lift on Nowak Road.

Cass asked if the township could provide a list of roads that they wanted graveled so he can use it for planning future gravel crushing needs.

Other needs noted in the township include work on CR563 East (from 563/Oro to the 400 Road), River Road to the Spalding Township cemetery, and crack filling on various roads such as CR566 near the Benson farm.

Supervisor Moraska adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair