

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 23, 2020.

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 Cass and Lisa Savord. Also present were Tim Starzynski-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman, Dana Dzedzic and Chantae Lessard.

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, Clerk Danielle Nicholson and Trustee Warren Suchovsky.

Kakuk welcomed the township officials and turned the meeting over to Cass. Cass asked the group how winter maintenance was going in their township, which they advised had been good so far.

Treasurer Peterson stated that the water is high at the Shakey Lakes dam and is freezing on the down side of the dam. If the levels continue to be high, it may need to be sandbagged. Cass will have the dam monitored. Trustee Suchovsky asked if there were any problems with the pipes due to the high water, such as erosion. Cass responded that there were none yet, but he will be watching it in the spring.

Trustee Suchovsky asked if the road commission was aware of the culvert complaint on River Road. Cass responded that the headwall was collapsing and that it would be looked at in the spring to determine any necessary repairs.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if the county would be using crushed limestone again this year. Cass stated that limestone was currently being used more than crushed gravel.

Trustee Suchovsky stated that the chip seal on CR577, near CR358, was beginning to crack. Cass will put this on the list for crack filling this summer. Trustee Suchovsky also noted that the chip seal on CR356 was breaking up. District Foreman Starzynski stated that it may be better if it was pulverized and a double chip seal applied. Kakuk added that the chip seal would help reduce dust.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if the road commission would be crushing limestone on Cheese Factory Road again. Cass responded that it would depend on where the needs were in the county. Cass asked the township to consider purchasing crushed gravel for the road commission to place on Roads within their township. If they decide to do this, he asked them to let him know so he can plan for the necessary crushing contracts. Mr. Desjarlais asked if the road commission would place township gravel in their parks. Cass replied that we could, but would have to invoice the township for this as it is not on county roads.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked if the road commission would consider a 2-Way Road Funding program. Cass stated that it would not be done this year, but that he would consider this or possibly chip sealing program in the future. Mr. Desjarlais added that if a 2-Way Program were created that Lake Township would likely use the funds for graveling.

Treasurer Peterson noted that G-12, from the Lost Lake Church to the intersection at Shakey Lakes Park, may be a possible chip seal project. Starzynski stated that condition of this segment of road may not be suitable for a chip seal. Ms. Peterson asked that it be added as a Federal Aid priority if it can't be chip sealed.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated that River Road, south from the power dam, also needs to be reconstructed. Trustee Suchovsky added that CR577 south of the sawmill was also in poor condition. Kakuk replied that this section of road also needs to be rebuilt.

Trustee Suchovsky asked why all of Z-1 was not being maintained. Cass responded that we only maintain roads that are certified on our Act 51 maps.

Trustee Suchovsky asked how the Forest Funds were allocated. Kakuk advised that the funds were used on roads that the road commission had to match other funding sources.

Trustee Suchovsky stated that CR356, west of Linderoth Road, had humps where the new culverts have been installed.

Lake Township officials, Tim Starzynski, Dana Dziedzic and Chantae Lessard left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:07 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Thomas Philipps. Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman also joined the meeting.

Cass welcomed Supervisor Philipps and asked him if there had been any issues with winter maintenance so far this year. Mr. Philipps answered that he has not received any complaints so far. Cass advised him to call the office if he becomes aware of any impassable roads during spring break up.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal.

Supervisor Philipps stated that M-3 Road, between CR342 and Mission Church Road #14, was partly under water. District Foreman Kosewski advised that an approximate 300-foot grade lift would be done and asked if the township would pay to gravel the remainder of the road. Supervisor Philipps responded that they would.

Mr. Philipps also noted that CR571, from CR346 to Wildwood Road on the Mellen/Ingallston Township line needed work. Kosewski stated that it could use crushed limestone and a double chip seal.

Supervisor Philipps stated that Mellen Township would like to pave Wildwood Road, from US41 then east approximately 1 mile, using funds received from closing the Carley Street railroad crossing. Cass advised that the closure still needs approval from the railroad for the road commission to install cul-de-sacs in the railroad right of way to be used as turn arounds for the plow trucks.

Cass advised that CR348, 1.7 miles east of US 41, was on the federal aid list and asked if that was still Mellen Township's federal aid project priority. Mr. Philipps confirmed that it was.

District foreman Kosewski noted that 14.25 Road, from CR577 to River Road, should be pulverized and limestone added and asked if the township had any plans for this. Supervisor Philipps will send the road commission a letter requesting this project be done and also outlining the township's priorities.

Mellen Township Supervisor Philips left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(9:28 A.M.) Present for Ingallston Township were Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer, Treasurer Pat Cheski, and Trustees Michael Kass and Carl Johnson.

Cass welcomed the Ingallston Township officials and asked if there had been any issues with winter maintenance so far this year. Trustee Kass stated that his mailbox had been damaged. He was advised to report it to the front office before he leaves. No other issues were reported.

Cass presented a list of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. CR 348, from Church Road to Orley Lane, is scheduled to be reconstructed and paved in 2020, including a box culvert over Big Brook. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal.

Clerk Keefer stated that the north end of Rangeline Road, which is shared with Mellen Township, could be a possible project. Cass will prepare an estimate to chip seal the road and determine the cost to each township. Supervisor Anderson advised that Ingallston Township had paid for the majority of the construction work in the past and felt that Mellen Township should pay for the chip seal.

Cass reviewed the road priority list that Ingallston Township had provided and stated that he will add any that are federal aid eligible to the project list for future consideration.

Cass asked that the township advise of any graveling they would like done so he could plan to have materials available. Supervisor Anderson suggested that Kleinke Park Lane could use gravel. Trustee Kass added that it could use gravel on both sides of the highway.

Clerk Keefer asked about the Wildwood Road project on their list. Cass will add it to the project list for future consideration.

Supervisor Anderson advised that both sections of Lost Lane (one off of CR346 and one off of Pinewoods Loop) could use grade lifts. Cass responded that the portion off of CR 346 with full time residents would be a higher priority.

Clerk Keefer stated that CR346, ½ mile north of CR338, was in poor condition due to heavy farm equipment use. Cass will look at this section of road. Supervisor Anderson asked if it could be topped off with crushed limestone. Cass responded that it could, but that would then create a need for dust control.

Supervisor Anderson asked if there was a possibility of a 2-Way Road Program being created. Cass replied that he was considering it along with other options, but that it would not happen this year. Kakuk added that the township may want to consider requesting a millage for roads.

Clerk Keefer asked Cass to provide an estimate for the reconstruction and paving of CR346, ½ mile north of CR338, with the possibility of the dirt work being done this year and the paving in 2021.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(10:03 a.m.) Present for Cedarville Township was Supervisor Lin Peterson.

Cass welcomed Supervisor Peterson and asked if there had been any issues with winter maintenance so far this year. Ms. Peterson replied that a good job had been done so far.

Cass presented a list of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked that the township advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal. Supervisor Peterson asked CR551, from M-35 to the new pavement, be added to the list. District Foreman Kosewski advised that this segment of road was already in too poor condition for a chip seal, but suggested the north end of Jimtown Road may be a candidate. Cass will check the PASER rating on the Jimtown Road segment to see if it qualifies.

Spring breakup was discussed and Cass asked Supervisor Peterson to let him know if she became aware of any roads that become impassable in the spring.

Cass advised that a temporary repair had been done on the Camp O Headwall and that he hoped to provide a permanent fix this year, possibly having sheet piling driven in. Supervisor Peterson noted that with the high water levels it could possibly fail this spring, and that the runoff would at least cause water to be over the road. Kline asked which side of the headwall the sheet piling would be put in on. Cass responded that the EGLE Permit had it on the upstream side.

Supervisor Peterson noted that the township had purchased road name signs for North Fox Lane and South Fox Lane that she will be dropping off at the road commission for the sign man to install. She also advised that the signs at the intersection of CR366 and CR551 were missing. Kakuk added that CR366 and CR551 were in poor condition in that area. Ms. Peterson responded that there was logging going on in the north corner of the intersection.

Cass informed Supervisor Peterson that the bridge at No. 29 Road over Devil's Creek was scheduled to be replaced in 2021, and that the township's share would be 2.5 % of the total project cost.

Supervisor Peterson had recently read an article on using plastic bottles in asphalt, which will supposedly extend the life of the pavement considerably. She emailed the link to the article to Savord to be shared with Cass.

Supervisor Peterson left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP

(10:36 a.m.) Present for Menominee were Supervisor Ken Goffin, Treasurer David Wesoloski and Trustee Larry Barker.

Cass welcomed the Menominee Township officials and asked if there had been any issues with winter maintenance so far this year. Treasurer Wesoloski noted that an excellent job had been done on Bay de Noc Rd. Supervisor Goffin added that he had received a few calls after the big Thanksgiving storm, but nothing after that.

Treasurer Wesoloski asked if it was legal for residents to put up guards on their mailboxes to deflect the snow from the plows. Cass responded that it would depend upon what they plan to install and that they should call the road commission for a ROW Permit so the plan can be reviewed. Mr. Wesoloski asked if there were guidelines available from MDOT for installation on the state trunk line. Cass will check on this.

Cass presented a list of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked that the township advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal. Supervisor Goffin suggested N-3 Road, for approximately ½ mile south of Linsmeier Road be considered.

Cass reviewed the current federal aid project list and asked if the township had any federal aid eligible roads that they want added to the list. Supervisor Goffin replied that CR320 (Birch Crk. Road), from US41 to CR577 would be the township's priority and that they could possibly participate if matching funds were needed. Kline asked if No. 9 Road could be added. Mr. Goffin stated that part of that road had already been done.

Treasurer Wesoloski noted that the township's budget had been based on the 3-Way Road Program continuing. Supervisor Goffin added that township would like to know what the road commission could contribute to future projects for planning purposes. Cass asked if the township planned on crushing gravel again this year. Mr. Goffin said they were not and that a new board would be elected for 2021 and it would be up to them if they plan to continue to crush gravel or not.

Supervisor Goffin stated that South R-1 Drive, from 3.5 Lane to 5 Road, should be pulverized and have limestone added, if the residents agree to it.

Trustee Barker asked about the grade lifts on CR551 and CR366.

District Foreman Kosewski added that 3.5 Lane, from CR577 west to R-1 Road, could possibly be added to the chip seal list if the condition was still good enough.

Cass advised that a bridge replacement on N-3 Road was scheduled for 2022, and that the township's share would be 2.5 % of the total project cost.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair