

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent. PRESENT: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Cass and Lisa Savord. Also present was Mike Arnold-MCRC Powers District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP

(9:00 a.m.) Present for Harris Township were Supervisor Peter Kleiman and Trustee Alex Jorasz.

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.

Spring breakup was discussed and Cass asked that the township officials let him know if they became aware of any roads that become impassable in the spring. Supervisor Kleiman responded that Hanson Lane had been bad the prior spring on the north side of the hill and added that the road could use a hill cut and ditching. District Foreman Arnold added that the hill would need to be cut at least 12-15 feet. Bower asked if there was still gravel available in that area. Mr. Kleiman responded that the property that had the gravel pit in the past was now in a trust.

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, and also noted that more spring breakup grade lifts would likely be added in the spring.

Cass discussed the possibility of the township purchasing a stockpile of gravel to be used within their township and asked that the township let him know if this is something they would be interested in so he can plan for crushing needs and future placement of the gravel.

Supervisor Kleiman stated the township would like to have the parts of Old US 2, from Vincent Lane to CR557, and the small portion of Vincent Lane, that were not part of the last 3-Way Road Program project, completed. The project could be reconstructed one year and then resurfaced the next year. The township may consider paving rather than chip sealing for this project. Cass will prepare and estimate for the dirt work as phase one of the project, and then phase 2 for the paving of the road a year or two later.

CR551 north was discussed and it was asked if it could be funded as a major rural connector using federal aid funds. Cass stated that he would like to know when the Hannahville Indian Community would be ready to commit to their portion of the project so that both segments could be completed at once for better pricing. Cass will talk to Betty Drazé at Hannahville to see what their plans are.

Supervisor Kleiman asked when the pavement in the swampy area of Eustis Road would be fixed. Cass answered that, if approved by the road commission board, he could apply for a Hannahville 2% grant to help fund part of the work. He also asked that once the dirt work was finished, that the township pay the \$7,616.20 balance due on the project. The road would then be paved the following year.

Trustee Jorasz stated that the culvert on 41 Road, west of Good's residence, needed to be replaced.

Supervisor Kleiman stated that Bartoszek Road, from North B-1 east to Delta County Line, should be pulverized. Cass will prepare an estimate to crush, shape & double chip seal this road.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if there were plans to replace the one lane bridge on D-1 Road. Cass advised that it has passed inspection and is considered obsolete, but not deficient. Mr. Kleiman asked if the road commission could apply for funding to get it replaced as there were 9 houses beyond the bridge. Cass will see if it is eligible to be added to the local bridge funding list and let the township know if it is.

Other needs brought up by the township included possibly cutting trees and ditching in the ROW of

Cholewa Lane; ditching & tree removal in the ROW of North Township Line Road; shouldering and resurfacing CR557 from the 47 Tavern to Cheese Factory Road; and on CR553, north of Cheese Factory Road to CR551, - crush, shape, ditching & pipes one year and resurfacing the following year.

Also discussed was 400 Road, east of CR551 to Eustis Road, which may need new culverts and graveling one year with paving to follow in a future year at the township's expense.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair