

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 29, 2009.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Paul Anderson-Ingallston Township Supervisor, Kay Keefer-Ingallston Township Clerk and District Foreman Robert Hanson.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

Moilanen welcomed the township officials, introduced the Road Commissioners and staff and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations.

Road Commission Funding – Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2009. Moilanen explained where the Road Commission's funding comes from and discussed the decrease in MTF Revenues over the past years. The possibility for a Federal Economic Stimulus package was also discussed, with Moilanen stating that if the current package were to be approved, the Menominee County Road Commission would be eligible for approximately \$545,000 in stimulus funds.

Road Commission 2009 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year. A possible change to the painting of pavement markings on local roads, due to limited funding, was discussed.

Township account - Moilanen acknowledged the township's zero balance and expressed the Boards' appreciation, noting their prompt payments. Moilanen then talked about the 4% funds appropriated to the townships and reviewed the townships balances. Since the current 4% Set-aside program is ending, Moilanen asked the township to submit any suggestions they may have for a replacement program for local roads construction.

Ms. Keefer presented the board with a list of projects that Ingallston Township has identified as follows:

- Pinewoods Loop, east and west portions, south side resurface. North side needs construction before paving. NOTE: Ingallston Township is interested in doing the North Loop in conjunction with the Co Rd 338 construction project this year.
- Co Rd 338 to all season status, west end portion of 3 ½ miles from Rangeline Road to Co Rd 346 needs construction and paving.
- Co Rd 348, east end of township line before the curve, widen and repave, share cost with Stephenson Township.
- Jimtown Road, curve by Hayward Lake Road to M-35, 3 miles, needs recap in the future.
- Harbor Point Road from Pit Drive to .4 mile west, construction and pave.

Discussion was held on the cost of construction/paving and whether other options such as chip sealing could be done in the interim.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

**MELLEN TOWNSHIP** (9:25 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township were Gerald Newlin-Mellen Township Supervisor, and Sheila Rye, Mellen Township Clerk.

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Road Commission 2009 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year. A possible change to the painting of pavement markings on local roads, due to limited funding, was discussed.

Township account - Moilanen thanked the township for their efforts to pay down their outstanding balance. Moilanen then talked about the 4% funds appropriated to the townships and reviewed the townships balances. Since the current 4% Set-aside program is ending, Moilanen asked the township to submit any suggestions they may have for a replacement program for local roads construction.

Supervisor Newlin stated the Township would like the paving of #17.75 Road to be scheduled. A resident needs an access road to his property. The resident will need to stake out where he would like the access road so the county crew can place the culvert.

Mr. Newlin also stated the residents on Co Rd 348 had complained about the change in the time they were being plowed out since the closure of the Menominee shop. It was explained that some of the plow routes had to be changed due to the closure.

Mellen Township officials and District Foreman Hanson left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**HARRIS TOWNSHIP** Meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. District Foreman Ray Better joined the meeting. At 10:30 a.m. Harris Township officials had not yet arrived.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned. 10:30 a.m.

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Road Commission Clerk

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