

Town Roads Committee Meeting – December 17, 2015

Posted December 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Peterson's Foods and Red Cliff Tribal Administration Center and the Town Web Site.

A Town Roads Committee meeting at the Town of Russell Garage was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Roads Committee Chairman Paul "Rocky" Tribovich. Roll call was taken as follows: Supervisors Jeff Benton and Don Sullivan and Mark Wendling along with Supervisor Larry Meierotto, Road Foreman Jim Barningham and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good were present. Supervisor Bugher was excused.

One member of the public was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of the agenda – A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Tribovich call for a show of hands if public input should be at the beginning or end of the meeting. Public input was at the beginning of the meeting and none was offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to approve the minutes of the Town Roads Committee Meeting of September 10, 2015. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussions with Wayne Nelson regarding potential source and purchase of road gravel from the Bolder Point Pit Site – Wayne Nelson addressed the Board about the gravel mining and crushing operation located just west of the Town Garage. Tribovich read the proposal provided by Nelson. Lengthily discussion was held regarding the costs of this gravel, costs of gravel from Iron River, trucking costs, storage issues, reclamation and other aspects of the proposal. Nelson felt he could not sell gravel to the Town at the costs the Town was willing to pay.

Tribovich discussed various approaches to securing a long term supply of gravel for the Town and options to fund and pay for it.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and discuss long term needs for equipment, road maintenance, road improvements and staffing for Town – The number one need for the Town is a new boom mower attachment or tractor/boom mower unit. Our current gravel supply is adequate for the next several years. Our priority is to maintain our existing equipment verses replacing it. We will be keeping our equipment much longer than we did in the past. General discussion was held regarding tractor/mowers, various types of mower heads (saw verses flail), etc. Current staffing for road maintenance was discussed. Long term will require a change in staffing based on our costs, miles of road to maintain, etc. Costs for new tires for the loader was discussed briefly. Benton stated the Tribe is also dealing with increased costs for road maintenance and the lack of funds to keep pace with the needs.

Crack seal/seal coat proposal for Old County K – The portion under consideration is from State Highway 13 at the Town to Rowley/Peterson Hill Road intersection (3 1/8 miles or 16,374 feet). Two options were discussed. Scrub chip sealing at a costs of \$100,000 or crack sealing at \$75,000 to \$85,000. Both options

were discussed at length and no action was recommended at this time. Discussion was held regarding renting crack sealing equipment and/or possible joint purchase with the Tribe and doing our own. Crack sealing of Turner Road was also discussed, north end \$14,000 and south end \$18,000. No action was recommended until the disposition of our LRIP request for Turner Road is decided.

A brief discussion regarding the costs for gravel from Nelson and his statement regarding selling Bolder Point to the Town was discussed.

Items for next Committee Meeting agenda – None.

Schedule next meeting – No action at this time.

A motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. was made by Sullivan and seconded by Wendling. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good - Clerk/Treasurer

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