

**Town Roads Committee Meeting – May 5, 2016**

Posted April 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage and the Town Web Site. Notice sent to Ashland Daily Press.

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, Mark Bugher via conference telephone and Don Sullivan and Mark Wendling along with Road Foreman Jim Barningham and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good were present.

No members of the public were 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 – None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to approve the minutes of the Town Roads Committee Meeting of December 17, 2015. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Gravel supply and future gravel mining – Discussion was held regarding remaining quantities of gravel stock piled. Estimate that current supply of 2,000 yards will last through this summer. Discussion followed about how to mine and crush remaining material and the need to relocate 5,000 to 7,000 yards of material to crushing site. Estimates for moving the crusher versus moving the material will be obtained. Goal is to crush in 2017 with gravel split with the Tribe, Town of Russell and Town of Bayfield.

Pageant Road maintenance – Discussion followed about the need for gravel. The gravel stock pile is now accessible and road weight bans lifted. Benton stated he is currently short staffed and their truck is out of service. He will pursue issuing a Tribal work order for the Town to haul and place gravel on Pageant Road.

Compton Road flood repairs & County Forest Road Grant for ditching – A update was provided on the filing for Flood Aids for replacing 5 culverts with reinforced concrete culvert pipes. The WI DOT has requested additional information.

2016-2017 Salt/Sand requirements and sources – The National Park Service (NPS) will not be dredging at Little Sand Bay this spring so we will need to screen additional sand for making salt/sand mixture. C&W Trucking will be scheduled to screen material at the Town material storage site behind the Community Center. Salt was ordered from Bayfield County Highway Dept. and the quantity was increased from 150 tons to 175 tons. The Town and Tribe use approximately 800 yards of salt/sand mixture per year.

Tires littering Town & Tribal Road R-O-W – Discussion was held about the large number of tires dumped along Town and Tribal Roads. The need to get this practice of tire dumping stopped and the need to clean up current tires along roads was held. Bayfield County Forestry will be notified of tires on their property and we will inquire if they plan to remove them. Benton will see if he can identify any funding from Tribal sources for tire removal.

Ditch maintenance of Town Roads – The need to open ditches to improve drainage was discussed. Peterson Hill Road has at least 2 weeks for ditching work and we also need to work on Compton Road. It was agreed to see if we can rent a rubber tired excavator to do this work.

Culverts/culvert maintenance needs – A culvert just west of Emil Road on Old County K needs the inlet cleaned. Barningham will discuss our need to access this culvert on Bayfield County land with County Forester, Jason Bodine.

General discussion regard maintenance needs of Town/Tribal Roads – Discussion followed about there being more work that needs to be done than we are doing but the lack of funds to do the work is holding us back. No one had a solution to this problem. We seem to only be doing emergency repairs.

Equipment & Facilities Issues – The Town of Bayview has requested to use our disc again. Tribovich expressed concern that we should also be using the disc to recover material from the edges of gravel roads. The need for renting a boom mower and tractor for brushing was held. It is estimated that we have 2 weeks of brushing to do on Town Roads. Options and costs for renting will be obtained.

Bulk oil storage and purchasing – Barningham stated Midland Services will provide 55-gallon storage tanks for hydraulic and engine oil at no charge if we purchase oils from them. Discussion followed about possibly purchasing tanks out right so we can purchase from any vendor we choose.

Diesel fuel bulk storage and supply contracting – Barningham explained we can save approximately \$0.30 per gallon for diesel fuel if we buy in 1,000 gallon minimum deliveries. Costs to add either a 500 or 1,000-gallon dual wall fuel storage tank next to our current 500-gallon tank will be investigated. Lease verses purchase options will be investigated.

Items for next Committee Meeting agenda – Nothing additional was offered from previously identified items.

Schedule next meeting – It was agreed to have a joint Special Town Board/Road Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. at the Town Garage on May 19, 2016.

A motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good - Clerk/Treasurer