

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE**

November 13, 2017

Present were Don Dealing, Greg Martin, Tom Emerson, Mark Holm, Eric Altman

Meeting called to order at 9:05AM

Motion Emerson/Holm to approve minutes of October 16, 2017, passed

### **Results from traffic counter**

Eric showed a township map indicating recent traffic counts at various locations; two of the three highest traveled roads are George Lake Rd and Lake Road. This affirms we have been maintaining and monitoring our highest used roads.

### **Intersection of Moore Rd and Ellison Lake Rd**

This is a hazardous intersection due to steep gradients. Grading plus scrub and fog seal are needed to improve line-of-sight and threat of accidents, especially in winter.

### **Paving Moore Rd**

Eric would like to pave the remainder of Moore Road to Park Road and the committee agrees. However, there are plat issues because the road doesn't follow plat – is located on private property. Deed records will be needed and township will work with the landowner as much as possible.

**Recommendation:** Motion by Dealing/Martin that the Property and Highway Department proceed with proposed grading plus scrub and fog seal for intersection of Moore and Ellison Lake roads as well as paving the remainder of Moore Rd to Park Rd. Cost of this roadwork outlay is to be funded by special town roads improvement program. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Progress of Lake Road project**

Eric reported there is general approval by property owners and the project is generally within budget. For details, see report form Zeck Gotham shown as an addendum to these minutes.

### **Morgan and Parmley retainer**

It is understood the retainer has been approved by the town board and there was discussion among the committee of how this will be handled ongoing by the board.

### **Raising taxes for road improvement**

Motion to table the item for discussion at a future committee meeting. Holm/Dealing, passed

### **TRIP funding**

Eric will be attending TRIP meetings sponsored by the state.

### **Next meeting December 11, 2017 at 9AM.**

Meeting adjourned 11:30AM

Respectfully submitted by Mark Holm, recorder

**Addendum to minutes:**

Excerpt from Lake Road progress report, dated 11/9/2017, by Zeck Gotham of Morgan and Parmely

Morning,

I was on site yesterday (11-8-2017) morning to look the project over and talk things over with Jordan S., A-1 foreman. The road was opened to traffic for the winter yesterday, and construction will be suspended till spring due to the freezing temperatures (frost in the ground). All the mailboxes were reinstalled and most of the road signs installed as of yesterday morning. The postal service was contacted on Tuesday to switch mail delivery back to normal delivery along Lake Road. The gravel surface of Lake Road was graded on Tuesday afternoon. Yesterday morning the VFW parking area was cleaned up and gravel placed & graded so the parking area has a better surface now than it did before construction. A-1 also buried a large amount of old concrete for the VFW as part of the agreement to use the parking area for a staging yard.

Any area that was disturbed by construction that was seed down that does not grow in the spring or was missed will be reseeded in the spring. I did notice a few issues with some of the driveway transitions yesterday, those will be addressed in the spring during paving operations. Keep in mind that the roads surface and driveways will be graded and shaped next spring to accommodate the asphalt surface going down. So the drive ways that are gravel will have some more gravel placed and grading occurring once paving is done.

I have concerns with the way the slope had to be constructed along Bob Feiricks chain-link fence for about 150' because he did not sign an easement. The northside of the road shaped in nicely, but the south side has a very steep inslope that is a safety concern. (I already spoke to Eric about this) The inslope should be at a 3:1 at the steepest; it is currently at a 2:1 or steeper due to the location of the chain-link fence. It would be nice if the Town could reach out to Bob (I can do it if the Town wishes, but need his contact information) to see if he would be willing to allow the Town to remove the chain-link fence, construct the slope to a 3:1, and reinstall the fence as the plans/contract had called for; by signing the easement that Eric had mailed out to everyone along the roadway. If we can construct the slope to a 3:1 or flatter a section of guardrail will need to be installed to keep an errant vehicle from overturning on the steep slope. If guardrail is required it will be a continual maintenance item and pain to plow snow/mow around.

Thank You,

***Zeck Gotham, PE***

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