



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Road Committee Meeting Minutes **Regular Monthly Meeting – October 2, 2018, 7:30PM - Township Office**

The meeting was called to order by Jerry at 7:32pm.

Roll Call

Committee Members –

Present - Jim Trapp, Bruce Williams, Gary Lozmack, Jerry Mast

Absent – Leann Carpenter

County Road Department (BCRD) – None

Guests – Michelle Lozmack

Agenda

Bruce moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Minutes

Jim moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular meeting as presented, supported by Jerry. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

New Business

Road Department List of Questions and Issues – Jerry relayed responses to our list from his conversation with Jon Greco earlier in the day (see attached list). The Committee discussed these responses: Jim was concerned over the specs for the projects, and Gary indicated that the gravel added should all be spread and shaped at once rather than during multiple visits. Gary also feels that limestone should be used instead of slag due to the locking nature of limestone.

Unfinished Business

Nye Road Bridge – Jerry has not yet received a response on the email he sent to Kevin Stack at the Road Department inquiring what could be done to fix water pooling on the bridge deck edges. Gary indicated that there should be a 5 year warranty on the work that should cover this issue.

Road Plan/Asset Management Plan – Per Jerry's conversation with Jon Greco, Galien's plan should be forthcoming soon and he will contact me to schedule a time for us to meet. Additionally, Jon indicated that they want to bid work in December and these meetings need to be held prior to the bidding.

Truck Traffic on Pardee Road – Signs were placed on October 1, indicating weight restriction on bridge ahead and applicable no thru truck ordinance in Weesaw Township. Jack Dodds from Weesaw passed along his thanks for our assistance with this project.

Public Comments

No visitor comments.

The next meeting was set for November 13, 2018, 7:30pm at the Township Office (Rescheduled from November 6 due to the election).

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Gerald O. Mast
Chairperson, Galien Township Road Committee

Road Construction Questions & Issues
Discussion with Jon Greco on October 2, 2018

1. Time between grinding and first layer of sealcoat
 - Dust issues – way to control dust other than chloride? Different material to use with less dust?
 - Macadam exposure – resident tire concerns
 - Grind roads sequentially over a period of weeks rather than all at once?

Jon Greco's Response –

- Issue is multiple contractors doing different steps in process.
- Still feel that they get a better road and better compaction if road is wintered over.
- Currently they have no other product to control dust – but will discuss if another product is available.
- Indicated that dust was biggest complaint in process, overall complaints were worse this year than in prior years.

2. Soft edge/shoulders, steep transition to ditch after gravel added
 - Oversize farm equipment needing to drive on/over shoulder
 - Damage to edge of road from vehicles driving over edge
 - Edge of road washing away with heavy rains
 - Better way to solidly compact edge and reduce steepness?
 - Safety issue – accidentally get into soft shoulder and be pulled off road (i.e. fog, light snow etc.
 - Should graveling be outsourced as well?

Jon Greco's Response –

- Indicated there is nothing to hold back edge of road, so that is why shoulder is soft.
- Cannot be feathered out further.

3. Driveway approaches
 - Frustration from residents and farmers that these are not done when gravel first put down

Jon Greco's Response –

- Don is getting with his guys on driveway approaches, he will reopen my service request tomorrow.
- They will handle driveway transitions better next year.

4. Sealcoat durability issues
 - Washboarding after sealcoated - What causes this to occur?
 - Farm equipment on hot days – turning loosens stones, tears up top of surface
 - Sealcoat liquifying on hot days (> 90 degrees) - noticeable at intersections at Cleveland South of Galien

Jon Greco's Response –

- Sealcoat liquifying is widespread problem beyond Berrien County, put sand down to avoid slick surfaces.
- Is not aware of washboarding issue.