

Canosia Township

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MINUTES: ROAD INSPECTION TOUR

April 25, 2015

ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Scott Campbell, Supervisor Kevin Connick,
Road Foreman Gary Oswell and Clerk Susan Krasaway.

The Canosia Town Board held its annual Road Inspection Tour on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. at the Canosia Town Hall. Campbell rode in his own vehicle during the tour, but participated in the conversations via speakerphone.

After inspecting the township roads, the board decided on the following to-do list:

For the May meeting, Oswell and Connick will put together detailed documents ("packages") on the following potential projects:

- 1) GRAVEL: Adding gravel to Alder Road, Townline Road and Len Golen Drive at Rec Area
- 2) PATCHING: Patching the various problem areas caused by the PLAWCS installation
- 3) SHOULDERING: determine which roads need it, where exactly, and how much gravel. We also need to develop policy on how to handle this process.

Bigger projects to be researched this spring/summer by Oswell/Connick:

- 1) CRACK-FILLING: wait until frost is out, determine which roads need it, establish a timeline, get exploratory prices. Susan will contact county to see which crack-sealing contractors they're using and when.
- 2) BLACKTOP: Get preliminary (general, not too detailed) quotes for overlaying Nelsondale/Lorendale Roads
- 3) BLACKTOP: Get preliminary (general, not too detailed) quote for overlaying town hall parking lot

NOTE: During the road tour, St. Louis County Resident Engineer Steve Krasaway offered (via phone) the following rough estimates for blacktopping:

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Overlay (two inches of blacktop on an existing road) = \$120,000 per mile

Mill and Overlay (take top two inches of blacktop off and put two new inches down) = \$150,000 per mile

Reclamation (grind up all the pavement, leave it on the road, and then pave new blacktop on top) = \$250,000 per mile

Minor Projects to be completed asap:

- 1) Peterson scheduled to fix driveway culvert on Vaux Road in township right-of-way
- 2) Gary/Kevin will find contractor to fill Eckstrom Road ditch with topsoil/grass seed
- 3) Gary will contact county about grading our roads as soon as possible.
- 4) Susan/Kurt will send email to county to fix signs on Holly Lane/Carmen's Way
- 5) Scott will ask DNR about fixing Caribou Lake boat launch pavement on Holly Lane. We need to determine who is responsible for portion in water
- 6) Develop spreadsheet of all roads and long-term plans for each one (30-year lifespan for blacktop?)
- 7) Ditch mowing: the board will hear from Jake's Mowing at May meeting; Supervisor Cornick will ask at DAT meeting about other potential mower from Gnesen Township; make sure mowing is done between July 31-August 31 to comply with regulations.
- 8) Research road sweeping (is this something we may want do in the future?)
- 9) Research options for posting sign at Lavaque & Martin, posting cabinet on town hall wall

Additional Discussion Topics:

Chairman Campbell asked whether it would be a good idea to stockpile Class 5 gravel instead of going to get it every time we need it. Road Foreman Oswell said it wouldn't make sense to do so since we would end up hauling it twice (once to initially get it, once to take it to specific jobs); plus, we do not have a place to store it. The supervisors said they will need to do their due diligence in researching the best prices while also taking into consideration mileage to and from the gravel pits.

When choosing contractors for the various jobs, the board agreed they will need to make it clear exactly what we want done (i.e. spreading the gravel in a certain way, mowing to exact specifications, etc.).

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Supervisor Campbell said he plans to add “Policies/Procedures” to the developing list of township “Goals and Priorities.” There was some discussion about whether it makes sense to spend a lot of time researching and requesting prices for small jobs.

Road Foreman Oswell said there will likely not be a lot of contractors wanting to do very small jobs at the township’s beck and call. Since we are doing things differently this year than previous years, the board members all agreed there will likely be a steep learning curve. For the future, Chair Brooks recommended starting this process much earlier in the year (January) and deciding ahead of time which projects will need to be done the following summer. This would make it easier to secure contractors, budget, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Krasaway

May 6, 2015

APPROVED:

Chair Kurt Brooks

Date