

## **Credit River Township Road Workshop**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 5pm**

### **Meeting Notes**

**5 PM: Call January Road Workshop to Order**

**Members present: Chairman Brent Lawrence; Vice Chair Tom Kraft;  
Supervisor Chris Kostik; Supervisor Leroy Schommer; Supervisor Al  
Novak.**

**Others Present: Town Engineer Shane Nelson; Town Clerk Lisa Quinn.**

#### **1) Add or Amend Agenda.**

Supervisor Novak would like to discuss Snowplowing and the Three Rivers Road Construction. Supervisor Schommer would like to discuss a CR 27 Update. Items were added as #4, #5, and #6. "Adjourn" became Item #7.

#### **Items Discussed:**

##### **1) County Road 8 Update**

Vice Chair Kraft updated the Board on the CR 8 reconstruct currently running through Credit River Township. He reports that the County may have to take the roundabout off the initial plan because they are \$2M over budget. They propose that the roundabout would then be constructed about two years after the majority of CR 8 is finished.

Board discussion centered upon a planned redesign near the Fern & Birch neighborhood; alignment of the bike/ walking trail; the width of the Right of Way; construction limits on frontage road; and Frontier Lane issues.

##### **2) Gravel Road Paving Policy**

Township contribution for gravel roads was discussed. Actual maintenance costs were presented for 2010-2013, and annual maintenance expense was a 4 year average of \$5700.00/ mile. Gravel costs have been \$16,400 per mile / per year. However, maintenance costs do vary by the amount of traffic on the road.

Paving costs were presented and there is a verified net increase in costs to pave and maintain a paved road over a gravel road.

Board discussion then centered upon the proposed Township contribution to a paved road. Town Engineer Nelson recommended that when the board determines the cost share, they consider the traffic on the road, due to maintenance costs associated with maintaining a well-traveled gravel road versus a paved road.

Another component to consider is development potential. Townships can assess on a road frontage footage method (not preferred for residential properties); and another option is deferred assessment (additional assessments are deferred until development occurs). The Board decided to concentrate on a per unit assessment with a developers lot fee increase considered to address development potential. Vice Chair Kraft suggested checking with the Town Attorney.

Town Engineer Nelson reminded the Board that Ag properties may be in the Green Acres program that defers any potential assessments until such time that the property leaves the program; so then the question becomes should the Ag properties be assessed at all because the Town may never see the funds during the life of the road.

Chair Lawrence suggested that a Township guideline be developed for the overall gravel to paved situation, but any policies be created based upon individual project variables.

### **3) Fern & Birch**

Town Engineer Nelson updated the Board on the Fern & Birch Reconstruct Project. Some potential challenges include recent soil boring results and the road being off centerline in places. These challenges and a few others may increase the cost of the project.

**4) Snowplowing**

Supervisor Novak updated the Board on some recent resident snowplowing feedback. There have been a few compliments, however recently 6 mailboxes have been hit in Territory. There have also been 4 damaged on Century, and the HOA will be doing the work, so the HOA wanted to know if the reimbursement could be sent directly to them. The Board has no objection to this method as long as each individual homeowner authorizes this.

**5) Three Rivers Park Roads**

Supervisor Novak reports that Three Rivers Park District Officials are open to discuss cost sharing on Murphy Lake Blvd. Road Maintenance. The Town Engineer recommends before & after traffic counts.

**6) Update on CR 27**

Supervisor Schommer and Supervisor Kostik have been attending meetings on the reconstruct of CR 27. They offered an update to the Board on the plans so far. The County officials are considering whether CR 27 should be a 4 lane or 2 Lane Road.

7) **Adjourn.** There being no further business to discuss, the road workshop was adjourned at 7:20.

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Tom Kraft, Vice Chairman

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Recorded by: Lisa Quinn, Clerk