

The Manistee Township Board met with the Manistee County Road Commission at the 325 Parkdale Avenue on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.. Board members present were John W Anderson, Dennis R Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Darlene Smith and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present were MCRC Manager Jerry Peterson, Foreman Bill Diesing, Road Commissioner Duane Anderson, and Clarence Smith

Road maintenance and improvements made during 2004.

1. Road ends and Public Access on Bar Lake and on Lake Michigan need work, to indicate they are being maintained. The Township asked for brushing out to indicate maintenance on these road ends. (1997,1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,2003) Dave Rutowski, Rebecca Dinsen, and John Anderson met in August 2001 & went over the work to be done on the road ends, and right-of-ways along Lake Michigan, and Bar Lake. Anderson, Dinsen, & Diesing met in the Summer of 2004. Some work was done.
2. Pomeroy Road was grubbed, graded, and graveled to a through road. This allows plowing, and access to all on the road.
3. Dontz Road is a Primary Road underwent re-construction in 2004. There was no work done on the N/S portion of Suida Road or Kott Road. This created another primary road with two good ends, and a very rough center section. Guardrails and construction signs were discussed.

Possible future projects to be considered during 2005

1. River Road - to grind and re-lay the existing black top portion, then grade and gravel from the end of the black top, up through the hills. (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004) This project was set aside, because of the possible relocation of River Road at US 31. However consideration will be given to grubbing, grading and graveling the portion known as the hills - to the E/W section. Peterson will provide us with an estimate.
2. Onekama Township is interested in resurfacing of Farr Road. It was agreed if Onekama Township commits to this project - Manistee Township will consider our share.
3. Domres Road is under consideration - because of the Tribal Office location. If LRBOI commits to reconstructing the west portion, we would consider finishing the east end of Domres Road.

Possible Future Projects

1. Claying, grading and graveling of E/W portion of Kemmer Road (5), Falk Road (6), Virgil Johnson Road (5), Asp Road (6), McNeil Road (6), Scott Road (5) and Guenthardt Road (2). It was asked to have the shoulders drawn in and create less of a trough, and more of a road. All of these roads could cause damage to our fire equipment, because of trees and branches.
2. Seal Coating in the township would be done in 2006, with the cost being locked in to last years prices. Peterson will get us a copy of the suggested roads,

and costs involved. Peterson stated the townships will be responsible for ½ of the cost of “preventive maintenance” in the form of seal coating roads. It will cost approximately \$1500.00 per mile to the townships. The SW corner of the county will have seal coating of primary roads in the year of 2006. The local roads will be seal coated in 2007. We need to plan for this maintenance in future budgets.

State Issues:

1. US 31 through Parkdale will be resurfaced in 2005. US-31 from the Olsen Hill area north to Coates Hwy will be resurfaced and extended to four lanes in 2007. That is the only Manistee Township project scheduled by MDOT until after 2015.

Maintenance Issues:

1. Extended shoulder on Lakeshore Road is obliterated by sand, and potholes in many areas from Kott Road north.
2. Road drains on Lakeshore Road need regular maintenance.
3. It was asked what could be done with the corner of Oak Grove, Park Street and US 31. There were no answers.
4. The problem with dirt washing onto Holden from the alley between Fowler & Park will be handled with putting millings into the sand to hopefully hold it in place.

General discussion followed on a number of subjects with not action being taken.

There being no further action the meeting as adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk