



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO, WI
ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING 8/24/2010**

The Town of Spider Lake Road committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair McGuiness. Present were McGuiness, Hucker, Brandt, Dennis Diem and Clerk Ferda.

Equipment Assessment Update

Diem advised one dump truck is in Rice Lake getting the box repaired. New hoses will be installed if needed. Cost for both dump trucks will be approximately \$3,500.00 each. The dump trucks, once they reach 100,000 miles, need to have the valves adjusted. He estimates the cost at less than \$500 each. He also advised the mower is in rough shape and the broom will need new bristles at a cost of approximately \$750.00. The tractor/backhoe is not being used and needs brakes. After discussion, it was decided that Diem will get an estimate to repair the backhoe. In the alternative, the Town may decide to sell the backhoe. He will also get an estimate to replace the mower. Discussion was held about replacing the pick-up truck. Discussion focused around a 4x4 tandem with a dump box and a plow. The cost is estimated at \$65,000.00.

Town Hall Road-Wis 77 and Balsam Road-Murphy Blvd. Intersections

Discussion was held concerning the t-intersection at Town Hall Road. A motion was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Brandt to recommend to the town board to install a stop sign at the t-intersection of Town Hall Road exiting off of Wis 77 and to eliminate the yield sign. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning complaints regarding the y-intersection at Balsam Road and Murphy Blvd. When Balsam Road comes up for repaving, the Town will consider changing the intersection into a simple T. In the interim one option is to have a one way in and a one way out, but it is difficult to see traffic when exiting from Balsam onto Murphy Blvd to make a left turn. Another option is to exit only on the right side of Balsam and to have two lane traffic on the left side. After further discussion, a motion was made by Hucker and 2nd by Brandt to recommend to the town board to put a Do Not Enter sign on the right hand side of Balsam Road exiting onto Murphy Blvd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Culverts and Bridges

A letter was received from the Sawyer County Highway Department regarding County Bridge/Culvert Aid for 2011. It was concluded that no large culverts or bridge repair was required at this time.

Forest Service Roads

Hucker reported he received information from the Forest Service regarding any changes that anyone may want in the motor vehicle use map. He advised there has been no response regarding the Forest Service Road Maintenance Agreement.

Budget Update and Planning for 2011

Discussion was held regarding road projects for 2011. Some possibilities are Turner Road, portions of Murphy Blvd., Town Hall Road and a section of Upper A between Empire Lodge and FR206. Diem will provide a report from the WisDOT program for the next meeting regarding road status. He was given a figure of \$100,000.00 to work with for next year.

Regarding the 2010 budget, Hucker estimated wages and benefits could be \$4,000.00 short. Road maintenance and construction should be under budget. It is possible that operations and equipment repair will be as well. Fuel, utilities and supplies seem to be on target. Expenditures for fuel and utilities appear to be lower than usual. The clerk will check on these figures. Any surplus funds could be used to budget for equipment in 2011 or be held in a capital reserve fund. Regarding the 2011 budget, McGuiness will get an estimate for salt and sand. Approximately \$162,000.00 will be needed for wages/benefits. Approximately \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 may be needed for new equipment purchases.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brandt and 2nd by Hucker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christine Ferda
Clerk