



# Menominee County Highway Department

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## **Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 8, 2023 Highway Department Conference Room**

- 1. Call to Order.** 9:01 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** Committee members present: Keith Tourtillott, Chairman; Eugene Caldwell, Vice-Chairman; and Gregg Malmstrom, Member. Members absent: None. A quorum was present. Others present: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; Ken Casper, Patrol Superintendent; and Brittany Anderson, Office Manager.

### **3. Community Input**

None

### **4. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 13, 2023.**

Motion by G. Malmstrom to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 13, 2023. Second by E. Caldwell. Motion approved.

### **5. Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner's presented his written report. The Commissioner highlighted the following from his report:

- Allen O'Kimosh was hired as the new Highway Maintenance Technician. He started on July 31, 2023. He replaced Rick Wilber, who retired. There is one more vacancy that the department has posted.
- The Commissioner briefly discussed the Special Menominee Tribal Legislature (MTL) meeting that was held on August 1, 2023, at the Neopit Community Center. The Legislature met with WisDOT's Regional Deputy Director, Mike Wendt, to discuss the need for improvements on STH 47 and STH 55. The Commissioner was invited to the meeting to discuss challenges associated with maintenance on these two State highways. At the meeting, WisDOT agreed, in concept, that the schedule for repaving the road should occur sooner than in 2028; that additional funding for temporary improvements (wedge patching) should be sought; that additional road maintenance funding should be provided to Menominee County Highway; and that WisDOT will meet regularly with the Tribe's Community Development Department and County Highway. The MTL will meet again with WisDOT on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the South Branch Community Center to follow-up with WisDOT on its progress.

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- E. Caldwell stated that some members of the public at the meeting criticized the department for wedge patching portions of STH 47 just before the meeting took place. The Commissioner stated that planning for the wedge patching took place two months in advance.
- K. Tourtillott stated that the State does not recognize that STH 55 received increased traffic over two years as a result of construction on STH 32, which resulted in traffic being detoured across CTH M east onto STH 55. This added more wear and tear to the road surface.

There were no questions on the report or action items contained in the report.

Motion by E. Caldwell to approve the Highway Commissioner's report. Second by G. Malmstrom. Motion approved.

### **6. Monthly Expenditures**

Included in the meeting packet was a memo from the Commissioner summarizing the July payables. The payables consisted of 20 invoices totaling \$11,066.49.

Motion by E. Caldwell to approve the July 2023 payables in the amount of \$11,066.49. Second by G. Malmstrom. The motion carried.

### **7. Financial Report**

The meeting packet included the financial report for June 2023. The financial report revealed year-to-date revenues of \$1,019,823.54, YTD expenses of \$936,741.80, YTD depreciation of \$137,634.13, and a YTD surplus of \$83,081.74.

Motion by E. Caldwell to approve the financial report. Second by G. Malmstrom. The motion carried.

### **8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

None

### **9. Adjournment: 9:36 a.m.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by J. Weso.