

## Credit River Township

### Residential (165<sup>th</sup>, 167<sup>th</sup>, 169<sup>th</sup>, 180<sup>th</sup>, Cleary Lake Court, Jennifer Lane) Road Improvement Meeting

April 16, 2013

**Members Present:** Chairman Brent Lawrence, Vice Chair Tom Kraft, Supervisor Leroy Schommer, Supervisor Chris Kostik.

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Al Novak.

**Others Present:** Township Attorney Bob Ruppe, Township Treasurer Sarah LeVoir, Township Clerk Lisa Quinn. Engineer Ron Wagner representing the Township Engineering Firm of Hakanson Anderson.

**Open Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Lawrence opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the Board and staff.

**Opening Comments:** Supervisor Tom Kraft opened the meeting with a short explanation of the Credit River Township 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Credit River Township CIP is on the Credit River Township Website. The CIP details Credit River's strategy of overlaying roads to delay more costly road reconstructions.

**Engineer's Report.** Engineer Wagner gave a brief overview of the project; detailing properties affected, an estimate of the assessment per property, and need for the project.

Chairman Lawrence then opened up the floor for comments and questions from the Residents.

#### **Resident Comments:**

Resident Jerry Maas, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, offered comments that indicated he supported the need for the Overlay project at this time. At the same time he also offered the recommendation that better records be kept on the construction and maintenance of the Township Roads, so that as road projects come up in the future, more information can be provided to the residents.

Mr. Maas asked about the through traffic on 165<sup>th</sup> Street to the Park and mentioned that a lot of that through traffic consists of horse trailers. He asked if 165<sup>th</sup> Street can be categorized as a Collector Road, with a higher percentage of the Overlay costs attributed to the Township and less to the residents. Supervisor Kraft explained that the

Township already pays for the extra half inch of Overlay on Collector Roads. Mr. Maas then detailed some properties that he felt should be added to the assessment rolls for this Overlay project.

Resident Mike Blanchard, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that his road is spider web cracked, but does not have potholes. He asks that the Township patch it first and then eventually go into an Overlay.

Resident Chris Wrobel, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, reiterated a Board comment regarding the base being the most important part of the Road and said that 165<sup>th</sup> has a good limestone base. Mr. Wrobel also mirrored Mr. Maas' comment regarding park traffic, and the need for properties on the end of the Road on the gravel portion to be assessed "something."

Resident J. Anderson, Cleary Lake Court, asked if 180<sup>th</sup> a half a mile east of Cleary Lake Court was included in the project. Chair Lawrence said that those properties were eliminated from this project's cost because if in the future the rest of the road was overlaid, they would be assessed at that time with a full portion assessment. Resident Anderson asked about the bidding process and Attorney Ruppe explained the MS 429 Bidding process, with selection of the contractor going to the lowest confirmed responsible bidder.

Resident Andy Chase, Cleary Lake Court, asked if any patching has been done previous to the proposed Overlay. Engineer Wagner answered in the affirmative. The resident then asked how the project cost was divided. It was explained that the costs are divided per parcel, regardless of road frontage.

Resident G. Adelman, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that she would rather have the Road done before it becomes more costly, but strongly feels that the gravel road residents should be assessed at some level for the project.

Resident Doug Lenz, Cleary Lake Court, asked why some pieces of his road on the corner of Cleary Lake Court were torn out and replaced. Supervisor Tom Kraft explained that was preventive maintenance.

Resident Jim Prohaska, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, asked about the pothole at the intersection of 165<sup>th</sup> and CH27, which makes it very difficult to make a turn onto 27. Resident Prohaska asked if it could be filled in as part of the overlay. Supervisor Schommer said that unfortunately it is on the County Road and that Credit River Township cannot do anything about County road maintenance. Chairman Lawrence recommended that the resident call Lezlie Vermillion, the Assistant County Administrator who is in charge of County Road Maintenance or Mitch Rasmussen, Scott County Engineer, and see if he can get some action taken on that problem spot.

Resident Mike Bohnsack, 167th, asked if 167<sup>th</sup> Street was used for construction traffic in the future, and was damaged, what consideration the residents would have for already having to pay for an overlay at this time. Supervisor Schommer stated that any developer could be asked to pay to reconstruct the road as a part of any project. The resident then asked about annexation. Supervisor Schommer said that annexation is not foreseeable at this time. Attorney Ruppe stated that he has a lot of municipal annexation experience, and that he does not see the available properties in that area as attractive enough for annexation in the near future.

Resident Vern Platt, 165<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that he did not want 165<sup>th</sup> to deteriorate as badly as 167<sup>th</sup> and Jennifer Lane have. He also asked about any damages that he feels Mediacom has made working in the area. Supervisor Schommer assured the resident that Credit River has a ROW Bond in place for any Mediacom liability. Chairman Lawrence said that Mediacom has always been willing to work with Credit River Township in order to preserve the good working relationship that they currently enjoy.

**Adjourn.** There being no further business before the Town Board, a motion to adjourn was heard.

**Supervisor Kostik made a motion to adjourn the Residential Road Improvement Hearing. Supervisor Schommer seconded the motion. The Residential Road Improvement Hearing was adjourned at 8:40 PM.**