

Minutes-Town of Elk Mound, Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Town Chairman Christopherson and Town Supervisors Michels and Klemp examined town roads 863rd, 867th, 870th, 810th, 865th, 740th, 950th, and 890th to address resident concerns, document water damage, consider road building, and inspect the extent of road deterioration.

Board members estimated repair costs, took photos for submission to the DOT for grant money, and estimated road building expenses. The board reached consensus on the following:

- 1) It is the town's goal to repair the base and replace the pavement on 867th from the stop sign to the mailboxes by excavating the road (\$1000), laying a base of gravel (\$2000), installing tile and fabric (\$800), and laying a new cold mix surface (\$15,000).
- 2) DOT grant applications will be submitted for repair of 867th and 810th. Estimated repair costs are \$18,800 and \$1200.00 respectively. Emergency repairs to date have been \$1575 and \$540 respectively.
- 3) Cold mix patching is planned for 863rd, 870th, 740th and 950th. This is likely to cost \$8000-\$10,000. The hope is the town can afford to cold mix overlay the entirety of 863rd, 867th, 870th, 740th and 950th within the next 3-4 years. Cold mix overlay currently costs between \$85,000 and \$100,000 per mile. The board notes the 2019 road budget already faces a shortage due to record setting late winter snows and anticipated budgets for 2020 and 2021 are insufficient to accomplish all these goals.
- 4) The town will place gravel base on 890th. There is no plan to have cold mix overlay on 890th due to cost concerns and infrequent road use.
- 5) 810th needs a cold mix patch which the town will perform.
- 6) 865th is a private road. Some residents are interested in building a road and approached the board concerning this. The board estimates building a suitable road would require \$20,000 in grading and culverts, \$50,000 in gravel, and \$100,000 in cold mix asphalt. Unanticipated expenses, including property rights issues, could easily increase the total expense to \$200,000. The board awaits further word from the residents concerning this issue. Consideration must be given to resident taxes, interest rates, home value and marketability.
- 7) A photographic essay is being prepared by Supervisor Klemp for submission to the DOT.

Any town resident who wishes to express any concern, idea, or input to the board concerning the above, or any matter, is welcome to and encouraged to address the board. The board appreciates the participation and assistance of residents whose insights and thoughts it finds extremely helpful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Klemp  
May 15, 2019