

# Supervisor's Comments

June 2017

## Paving Point Lookout Rd & Michigan St Update ...

The following letter was sent to residents living on Point Lookout Rd ...

"June 9, 2017

Dear Residents Living on Point Lookout Road ...

Are you tired of the dust, mud and potholes on your road and desire to finally have your road paved after all these years?

Well there is good news as Sims Township and the Arenac County Road Commission have put together a plan to have your road finally paved sometime this summer.

But along with the good news comes some not so good news possibly. Your road will be permanently closed at Foster Rd. A barrier will be placed near the last drive for the market near the end of their fence closest to the market. The pavement of Point Lookout Rd. will continue 300 feet past the last residence closest to Foster. A turnaround area for plow trucks and school buses will be created near the new road end.

The Road Commission realizes that by not closing the road would result in more traffic from the adjacent subdivisions and would cause a greater likelihood of accidents than what already exists at the Foster/Point Lookout juncture. We will discuss the matter at our regular meeting at Sims Township Hall on Wednesday, June 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. to answer questions and address concerns you may have.

See the Worker Order attached for more information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project prior to the monthly meeting, call me on my cell at 989-646-0200.

Sincerely,

Bob Mackie ... Sims Township Supervisor"

A meeting was held Monday, 6/19/17 with the Road Commission and it was determined, after extensive discussion, that this project would be in two phases. Phase 1 will be the actual paving and closing the road near the Market Greenhouse. The asphalt will have a total length of 2200

feet and will extend past the last property closest to Foster Rd. In Phase 2, an alternate route will be considered that allows Point Lookout Rd. to exit at a point east of the current intersection on Foster Rd and was the plan proposed two years ago to alleviate the traffic hazard that exists at the present intersection of Foster and Point Lookout Roads. The original plan proposed two years ago was for \$140K and did not include paving Point Lookout Rd. and the Board at the time did not think it was a good idea, since land for the right-of-way would be an additional cost and would have to be purchased from the owner. The Korth family are the owners of that section so we will work with them to try to come up with a plan that allows public access by pedestrians and bicyclers to their market via Point Lookout Road without having to navigate a guard-rail. The paving portion of Phase 1 will begin this week. The Korth family was represented by Holly Korth and she contributed substantial positive input that enabled us all to come up with the two-phase approach for access to the Foster-23 Market.

## **Water Plant Updates from Jean Inman of Spicer Engineering ...**

Week of June 1<sup>st</sup> ...

This week at the Sims Whitney Water Treatment Plant the interior floor slab, generator pad and equipment pads were poured. Today after RCL poured the equipment pads they began anchoring the bottom plate to the floor slab for the 2 offices, bathroom and breakroom. N&J Construction completed the north wall with the masonry block. They shifted their scaffolding to the west side of the building and will continue to work on that side of the building until complete. All of the piping under the building is complete as well as the gas line to the generator pad.

Next week's schedule:

RCL – Strip forms from the equipment pads and generator pad. Rub out/grind the pads to clean them up. Rough grade around generator pad. Begin framing walls for the 2 offices, bathroom and breakroom. Begin anchoring the top plate to the top of block walls for the roof trusses.

N&J – complete the masonry block walls for entire building. The lumber and trusses have been delivered and will be installed the week after N&J is done with the masonry walls.

Sterling - may get started on the septic system next week with the water main to start the week after that.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Week of June 16<sup>th</sup> ...

This week at the Sims Whitney Water Treatment Plant they continue to work on the interior wall framing. The trusses are up and sheeting on the roof is down. They will start the metal roofing on Monday. They may start on the septic system and underground yard piping and water main next week, or the week after. They are waiting to start on the driveways (the north drive first) until they are doing the water main installation since they want to use the same MDOT shoulder closure signage.

Saginaw Midland said that they are shooting for the week after the 4th of July for the 72" tap. SME is performing the infiltration test today (6/19).

## **Tribal Distribution ...**

We did not do as well as we expected as we received the minimal amount of \$1000.00 from a total distribution of \$764,366.00. At least that helped offset 2/3rds of the cost of having our parked lot resealed and striped !

The scope of allocations has changed in the last couple years from equipment and other goodies for township halls to more public use projects, from parking lot replacement to road maintenance and bridge repair. So we will submit two public works projects and both have something to do with road improvements and access. One is resurfacing of Anne and Nancy subdivision and the other is the Phase 2 portion of Point Lookout Project discussed previously.



That's all for now ...

