

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
January 13, 2017

The Franklin Township Board met for the annual special meeting with the Lenawee County Road Commission at 1 p.m. to discuss 2016 costs and discuss 2017 proposed road projects. There are 58.27 miles of local roads in the Township. 5.41 miles of the local roads are paved.

2016 local road maintenance totaled \$139,792.86 which was paid through from Franklin's portion of the gas tax. 2016 total road projects totaled \$243,619.80. \$222,000 of that amount Franklin paid out of its own road fund. Franklin Township has paid 3.2 million of its own funds towards road improvements over the last 30 years. In recent years Franklin has been averaging \$130,000/year of Township funds for road improvements and far exceeded that amount last year. The County Road Commission is considering bringing back a match program for Township road improvements like it had in place several years ago. Franklin is #4 on the salt brine list for 2017.

To pave a road averages \$100,000/mile. Limestone averages \$30,000/mile and gravel is half as much as limestone. Franklin has been using limestone for road projects in recent years. A limestone bid also includes salt brine and shoulder removal. Managing Director Scott Merillat prefers to call the salt brine applications "road stabilization" not dust control. The LCRC is aware the salt brine is not 100% effective on the dust. New traffic count on Franklin's roads are due next year.

The Board discussed possible road projects for 2017. O'Dowling Drive was mentioned for a culvert replacement. The Road Commission said they are still trying to do three scrapings a year on gravel roads.

Board members asked questions and updated the LCRC of problem areas on roads in and out of the Township. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk