

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. William Smith, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. Gary Blauser, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. There were four residents in attendance.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members of the West Sunbury Fire Department were present to provide the Board with information about their services to the community throughout the 2023 calendar year. The department worked at 22 calls in Cherry Township last year. A review of equipment and supplies that they are purchasing to help provide better service to the community was discussed. They still need to raise funds to purchase the needed tools and an F450 truck. Events have been planned to raise additional funds. They appreciate the support of the Board and the residents in the form of fire taxes enacted to help the fire department stay afloat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Jenkins, 210 Pipestem Road, were present to discuss the situation at their property regarding a mal-functioning septic system. They have been working for around 6 months now to get the ball rolling to install a new system on their property. They have called Collin Fantaskey many times and he does not return their calls, or he makes appointments and does not show up. They are concerned about the sewage in their yard and would like to get something started. The Board asked that Mrs. Yeager contact Mark Reidenbach to see if he can get things going for the Jenkins family. Mrs. Yeager has the paperwork from Doug Duncan when he denied repairs to the current system and recommended a Small Flow Sewage Treatment Facility. We may not be able to get the paperwork Collin had for this location. Mrs. Yeager will call to see if Mark can work off of what Doug has provided. She will let Mr. Jenkins know what his response is. The Board assured them that we will help to get things moving with their situation.

Andrew Armagost was present to ask for a signature from the Board on his paperwork to subdivide his property at the corner of Chambers and Branchton Roads. Mr. Smith signed the paperwork, and the Board assured Andrew that the section needing to be signed by our SEO will be handled. Mrs. Yeager will speak to Mark Reidenbach to have him contact Andrew about completing this paperwork.

The minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Blauser made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of April 2 was reviewed. Mr. Smith is relieved to see we got our Liquid Fuels money for 2024. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. All dirt and gravel roads throughout the Township have been patched. We cut and cleaned ditches on Windy and cleaned out one culvert on the road, as well. We removed large rocks in the ditches for the water to flow easier. One underdrain was installed on Findlay where a spring broke out. Ditches were cleaned and the road was gravel patched. Sometime within the next month, weather permitting, we will need to install another underdrain on the road. There is too much water volume for the current drains to handle. The road keeps flooding. Dellich will do the ditching for us and they have the shale fill to put in under the road and we will roll it in to raise the road up to keep the water from flowing over it. Hopefully this will eliminate the issues we are having there. The beavers plugged the culvert screen on Wolford Road and the road flooded again. The road had to be closed on one side until we made repairs. We cleaned the screen, cleaned the ditches, and when the water receded, we opened the road back up. Trees were down and cleaned up on Moniteau, Harrisville, and Branchton Roads. A stop sign was replaced on Pry and Brimstone. Cory Schaffer was out from PennDot to inspect the roads and help prepare a plan for which roads need tar and chip this year. He prepared an estimated cost, based on the roads we would like to see done. After a review of the plan, Mr. Mishler made a motion that Mrs. Yeager advertise for bids for the selected roads and or portions of roads that Cory listed in the estimate. Mr. Blausen seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will place the ad in the Butler Eagle for bids to be opened at the May 7 meeting. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Blausen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. A tire on the backhoe was repaired. All summer equipment is out of storage and we are servicing it and preparing it for use for summer work. The spreaders are still on the Volvo and one-ton, in case we get any more snow or ice. The spreader was taken out of the Mack, so we can haul gravel for road repairs. The Mack truck is still losing water and antifreeze. It appears to be a slow leak, but the light comes on when it gets to a low enough level. Tri-County has already worked on this issue a couple of times and it continues to leak. The truck is going back to Tri-County and they will be calling a technician at Mack to see what can be done to get this problem fixed. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Blausen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Gallagher sent a letter to Collin Fantaskey on April 1, advising him that we have hired another SEO to work for the Township and that we would like to have all documentation for Cherry Township returned to either the Township or to the Attorney's office within ten days. The Board is concerned that we might not get the paperwork from Collin, and asked

Mrs. Yeager to see what else can be done to get it. Mrs. Yeager will check with Mark Reidenbach to see what he thinks we need to do.

No decision has been made by Mike Gallagher about amending our sewage enforcement ordinance, as requested by Mark.

A discussion followed regarding hiring a replacement for Duane Anderson. The Board was in agreement that we should try to get part-time help as we don't always have enough for a third man to do. Mr. Smith will send Mrs. Yeager a list of requirements for a part-time worker so she can advertise for applications.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Mr. Payton Neyman as the Cherry Township delegate to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Neyman is the Assistant to the Business Manager at Moniteau School District, and is willing to fill this position for surrounding Townships and Boroughs. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will notify the Butler County Tax Collection Committee of the Board's decision.

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Blausner seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.