

**CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
JULY 2, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on July 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. William Smith, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. Gary Blausner, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. One resident was in attendance. Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were no public comments at this time.

The minutes of the June 4 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of July 2, 2024 was reviewed. Mrs. Yeager noted that the Natural Gas Impact money was received from the State and that it is already paid out to help cover the tar and chip work. The entire bill from Russell Standard has been paid. Mr. Smith asked if we received the \$1000.00 discount on the bill. Mrs. Yeager replied that we received \$500.00. This discount was given to us for stockpiling the gravel that was purchased by Clay Township for their tar and chip jobs. Mr. Smith noted that Clay Township's gravel is still at the bus garage. He does not know if their work hasn't been done yet, or just why the gravel is still there. We will see what happens during the upcoming month. Mrs. Yeager called attention to the fact that the sewage enforcement charges received from Gateway Engineers were much higher than was anticipated and she only paid them the previously Board approved amount of \$5000.00. The invoices for work they have completed were reviewed by the Board, and we really don't have a choice but to pay the additional \$7800 that we have been invoiced by Gateway for June work. Mr. Mishler stated that they did have a lot of clean-up work to do for us, and it was mentioned that we hopefully can get back on track to more reasonable fees in the near future. Mr. Mishler made a motion to pay Gateway the balance of what we owe them. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. After a brief discussion regarding fees charged to the residents for septic testing, Mr. Mishler made a motion to raise the septic permit application fees to \$1000.00. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Mishler asked Mrs. Yeager to contact surrounding Townships to see what fees they charge for septic permit applications so we can see if we are in line with those around us. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Blausner seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Patching and repair work was done on Coaltown and at the intersection of Coaltown and Branchton. Grading was done from Branchton to the bridge. Grubb was graded and the hump at the Branchton Road intersection was graded and evened off. A catch basin and culvert were installed on Wolford and Wolford was graded from Rt. 308 to Carson's. All tar and chip has been done. Coaltown did not turn out as good as we had hoped but the tar and chip has stabilized at this time. We may go back in and do some

patching to increase the chances of it holding up over the winter. Grading has been done on Findlay and on Chambers from Branchton Road to the first corner. Gravel patching was done on Redbrush, Chambers, and Moniteau. Ditches and culverts were cleaned on Grubb and Moniteau. Dust control was done on Chambers in front of the houses and also at the Rohde residence. Trees were down and cleaned up on Ferguson, Roenigk, Redbrush, Grubb, and New Hope. For the upcoming month, we will be grading. Mr. Mishler noted that Dave Brown is doing a very good job with the mowing. Mr. Smith agreed and stated that he should be done with all roads by the end of July. 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. We mounted the water tank in the Mack truck. We have issues with the Volvo. We hauled two loads of stone in it and when Gary went back for another load, the motor appeared to go out on the truck. It was barely running. The computer did not throw any codes, and Gary changed the fuel filter in an attempt to get it going, but it still won't run. There must be an issue in the fuel system somewhere. Mr. Smith stated that we are going to call Hovis and try to get it fixed somewhere close so we don't have to have it towed to Kittanning. The new motor was installed in the Mack truck, which was covered under warranty. Everything else seems to be running good at this time. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Blausen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith stated that he has not had time to call around about pricing for a new one-ton truck. Mr. Mishler stated that it is getting late to have one ordered and made by winter. Mrs. Yeager asked if we can look at any of the trucks that are sitting on lots around the area, or do we need to have the truck specially made. Mr. Smith stated that the only reason he was going with a dealer like Tri-County is to get the Co-Stars pricing so we don't have to bid it out. Mr. Mishler asked if any local dealers are Co-Stars approved. Mr. Smith will look into that and will try to have information for the August meeting.

After a discussion about the noise situation at Camp Davis on Redbrush Road, Mr. Smith made a motion to ask Attorney Gallagher to go ahead and file with the Magistrate to attempt to get the noise reduced for the neighbors. Mr. Blausen seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The septic report from Gateway, Mark and Jake, has been reviewed under the financial report section of the Agenda. The report is thorough and indicates all work that is being done on behalf of the Township and the residents.

Mrs. Yeager provided information from Attorney Gallagher regarding the expungement of truancy records for two Cherry Township youth who attended Moniteau High School. This is a new process that has been State mandated for Townships to sign off on. Mr. Smith made a motion to sign the expungement paperwork and return it to Attorney Gallagher. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will send the paperwork back to Mike Gallagher for filing with the Clerk of Courts.

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. Blausen seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.