

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Township Maintenance Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the October minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of November 4 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler inquired about the repairs to the GMC truck. Mr. Smith replied that the kingpin went out on one side of the front axle. It was repaired and we still have the other one, as they came in a set, and we can repair that side if and when it goes bad. Mr. Smith noted that it is good to see the Weist Paving bill paid. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Grading was done on Beaverdam, Coaltown hill, for the third time, and spots on Chambers. We gravel patched the pot holes on Redbrush, Wolford, Saniga, and Grubb. Beavers are building a dam under the bridge on Coaltown Road, and it is almost touching the bottom of the deck. Mr. Smith called the County Bridge Department, and they will be coming out to take care of the situation. High cuts and brush cut-back was done on Coaltown and Hungarian. Repairs were made to the Cornetti driveway on Harrisville Road. There was a dip where the driveway met the new road surface, and we put gravel in the area so it is a smoother transition. We removed a tree top on New Hope Road. Campbell Bus called to let us know it was scraping the top of the bus.

We had a resident from Washington Township complaining about Pleasant Valley Road, which is now under the ownership of the Game Commission. The resident stated that his wife had a visiting nurse coming to their home, and the GPS took her across Pleasant Valley to get to them. The road was so bad, she couldn't get through. Mr. Smith called the Game Commission and they stated that the project to fix the road is out for bid, and repairs will be made sometime in the summer of 2021. They were not going to put up "road closed" signs, as they say that Game Commission roads are "travel at your own risk." In the interest of public safety, Mr. Smith purchased "road closed" signs and put them up. The Game Commission will bring the signs back to us when repairs to the road are complete. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. All spreaders have been put on the trucks, and the plows are all ready to go for the winter. The skid shed is almost full. We should be getting about another ton delivered, and that should finish filling it. Cylinders were repaired on the grader and five hoses were replaced. It should be ready to start grading in the spring. The oil cooler on the roller had another leak. We took it to Bakerstown Radiator and it has been repaired. The air flow sensor went bad in the one-ton truck. That was repaired and the fuel lines were also replaced between the two tanks. They were exposed and had become badly rusted. As reported above, a kingpin went out on the GMC dump truck, which was repaired and the inspection was completed. The steering assist cylinder in the Volvo truck is leaking. We ordered the parts from

Volvo and we should have them this week. You can't just replace the seals because everything comes as one unit. We pressure washed the backhoe and cleaned out the cab. The Volvo was also pressure washed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager received the transfer of funds from the Butler County Infrastructure Bank Loan and Weist Paving has been paid for the Harrisville Road Project. We have a couple pieces of paperwork that need signed for Mrs. Yeager to forward the packet to DCED in order to receive our grant money. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Smith signed the necessary paperwork, and Mrs. Yeager will scan and submit the entire packet to DCED later this evening. With the remainder of the money from Iron Mountain's contribution to the project, we will be buying the road traffic signs and also purchasing guard rails for four locations on the road. Mr. Smith received two quotes for the guard rails.

Fence Maintenance Service	\$ 3,993.00
Pittsburgh Fence Co., Inc.	\$10,138.00

Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the quote from Fence Maintenance Service. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will contact Fence Maintenance Service to advise them of the acceptance of their bid, and to contact Mr. Smith to set a time to begin the work.

The new septic ordinance drawn up by Attorney Gallagher is still being reviewed. We will table the adoption of this ordinance until the new calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

We received one quote for the installation of an ADA pad and parking spot at the Maintenance Building, allowing for us to hold meetings at the building. This is due to the recent information we received from Moniteau High School that we will no longer be using their facility. The quote came from Emrick Masonry, and the cost will be \$10,078.00. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the bid from Emrick Masonry to install the ADA pad and parking space. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will contact Emrick to obtain a start date for the project. Since this expense will be reimbursed through the CARES Act, by Butler County, the work money needs to be expended by November 15, 2020.

Mr. Mishler and Mrs. Yeager have discussed setting up a Website for Cherry Township. With COVID-19 restrictions, we are finding it more difficult to reach the residents with information they need and the process of residents obtaining permit applications and other forms they need has become an issue, as not everyone wants to make arrangements for these things in person. We have found a good website building company who will assist us with setting up the site and will train Mrs. Yeager to maintain the site and how to enter new information as time goes forward. The company is called ProudCity, and we have had a couple of Zoom meetings with them. Mr. Mishler is impressed with their capabilities and the things they can offer the Township. The original set-up cost and training for 90 days is \$4500.00, one time fee. Annual fees will be \$1800.00. After a brief discussion, Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the bid of ProudCity for setting up a Township Website. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mr.

Mishler and Mrs. Yeager will be working with ProudCity next week to begin the set-up of the site. Because this expense will be covered under the CARES Act, by Butler County, the website needs to be up and running and available to the Public by December 1, 2020.

Mrs. Yeager presented correspondence from the Butler County Tax Collection Committee. John D'Amore, business manager at Moniteau High School is retiring, and he has always been the alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee for Cherry Township. It has been recommended that we contact Cindy Brown, administrative assistant to the business manager at Moniteau High School. She will now be representing the school. Mrs. Yeager did contact Cindy, and she agreed to be our alternate delegate to the Committee. A resolution has been prepared to appoint Cindy to this position. Mr. Mishler made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-07, appointing Cindy Brown as alternate delegate for Cherry Township, to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The Resolution was signed, and Mrs. Yeager will send it to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee.

Mrs. Yeager provided a sample proclamation for School Choice Week, showing the Township's support for families to choose how their children can be educated, provided by the many options that are now available in Pennsylvania. Mr. Mishler made a motion to submit the proclamation for the National School Choice Week. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will prepare and provide the approved proclamation to the address provided.

The budget for the 2021 calendar year has been prepared and presented for approval. After looking over all the figures, and adjusting for the annual cost of \$1800 for the new website, Mr. Smith made a motion to advertise the proposed 2021 budget for approval at the December 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will place the ad in the Butler Eagle and will have final copies of the proposed budget available for review by any person asking for a copy.

Mrs. Yeager inquired about moving money from the General Fund to the Savings/Building Account before the end of 2020. Mr. Mishler made a motion to move \$30,000 from General to Savings, putting money aside for emergencies or for a down payment on a new dump truck to replace the GMC Dump, which is now 20 years old. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will make the transfer.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.