

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Gary Blausler, Duane Anderson, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. There were two residents in attendance.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order. Mr. Scott Rice was present to request approval for a lot line revision at his property on Pipestem Road. The plans were reviewed. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the plans. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. The plans were signed and sealed. Mr. Rice will return them to the Butler County Planning Commission.

The Minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the February minutes. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial report as of March 2, 2021 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gary Blausler gave the Road Master's Report. Eleven days were spent on winter maintenance. Pot holes were filled on Swope, Brimstone, Chambers, North Grubb, and Wolford. 230 tons of skid was delivered. We will keep getting more skid in throughout the summer until the shed has been filled for next winter. Mrs. Yeager provided an agreement written by Gateway Engineers to engineer the work on Harrisville Road, the remaining 4/10 of a mile, and the seal coating of the road from Branchton to the old well pad. The agreement, which includes engineering, bid preparation and collection, inspections and recommendations as the work progresses, and completion of all necessary paperwork, is for a total not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Mishler stated that he would like to see the current road surface on the 4/10 of a mile milled and the base stabilized with cement, as was done on the main portion of Harrisville Road last summer. He would like Mrs. Yeager to ask Gateway to price out the job both ways; with the milling and base work, and without the milling. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the agreement with Gateway Engineers. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. Mr. Mishler signed the agreement, and Mrs. Yeager will return it to Gateway, expressing the desire of the Board to have the project estimated both ways. Once the proposed costs are reviewed, the Board will decide which way we want to go with the project. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Duane Anderson gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. The truck tire chains were repaired and replaced as needed, four times during the past month, due to heavy ice storms. Two hydraulic leaks were repaired, one on the Volvo and one on the One-Ton Truck. The strobe light was replaced on the Volvo and the kingpins were greased. The spreader on the One-Ton was also greased. The back wall on the truck garage is pushing out again. The wooden part, above the stone footer, is bowed out about 4 inches. Mr. Mishler asked Mrs. Yeager to look up the number of Atlee Yoder, who did the rest of the work on our building, and see if he is willing to come out and take a look at the issue to see if he can repair it. Mrs. Yeager will contact Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Fritz asked if the broom and mower are both ready for spring work. Duane stated that they are ready to go. Mr. Fritz asked if the broom tractor is still starting up, even with the problem we are having with it burning oil. Duane said it starts up fine, and when he is using it, he carries a gallon of oil with him. Mr. Fritz stated that, since we only use that tractor for a few weeks in the spring, he does not want to put thousands of dollars into an engine job at this point. We may have to, in the future, but for now, let's just keep it going the best we can. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager reported that she spoke with Attorney Gallagher about the Dennis Claypoole issue on Beaverdam Road. He stated that he can definitely take the case to Civil Court; however, the cost to the Township will be quite hefty. He advised that we try to threaten him with another hearing at the Magistrate, which we will not excuse this time, and fines will be involved. Mrs. Yeager asked Attorney Gallagher if he felt DEP could help us out, at all, and he suggested that we do make an attempt to contact DEP and see what options they have to offer. Mrs. Yeager contacted DEP and filed a complaint, on behalf of the Township and the residents who are being affected by the environmental problems Mr. Claypoole is causing. Two DEP divisions were assigned to the area for reviews of the situation. The Air Quality Division contacted Mrs. Yeager and informed her that, while they were there, no burning was going on and that Mr. Claypoole told them he does not burn car parts on the property. The Air Quality Division closed their part of the case. The Ground Water Division still has to make an evaluation and will contact Mrs. Yeager after their assessment of the property. The Board decided that imposing fines through the Magistrate may be our only option if DEP does not come through for us. Gary Blausner stated that four more complaints were received during the past month. We will discuss the matter at next month's meeting, after DEP gives their final report to Mrs. Yeager.

Doug Duncan is willing to meet with the Board at the next meeting, April 6, 2020, at 6:30 at the Township Building, to review the proposed new Sewage Enforcement Ordinance. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Mishler are both in agreement. Mrs. Yeager will let Mr. Smith know about the discussion that will be held before our regular meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager has spoken with Angel Puca regarding her position as Township Tax Collector. Angel is going to make a decision about running for another 4-year term in the next few weeks. She will let Mrs. Yeager know what her decision is by the middle of this month.

Mrs. Yeager received a notice from the Department of Labor and Industry, advising her that an audit of all commercial building permits and inspections in Cherry Township for the past five years has been completed. No violations were found, and we will be audited again, in five years, for another five-year span of time.

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.