

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. No residents were in attendance.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of April 6, 2021 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz 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. Gravel patching was completed Township-wide. Overlay was put down on Beverdam Road by the Abbot's and on the south end. Cold patching was completed Township-wide. All tar and chipped roads have been swept. When we had the bad windstorm, there were trees down everywhere, and all of those were cleaned up, Township-wide. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. The GMC truck was taken to Hovis for an adjustment to the clutch after it froze up. The radiator was pulled out of the roller and has been taken to Bakerstown Radiator for repairs. Since we have had the radiator there a few times for repair, Mr. Smith told them that if it is beyond repairing this time, they can go ahead and re-core it if that is needed. The Volvo truck has been taken to Keystone Spring Service. There are two broken leaves on the springs. It should be back this week. The broom was rebuilt in order to do the sweeping. Mr. Fritz asked why the broom was not worked on during the winter months so it was ready to go this spring. Mr. Smith stated that it is not done until spring because we don't have a place to keep the trucks under cover during the winter and they have to be out of the garage in order to work on the broom. Besides that, the crew is busy keeping up with the snow and ice and winter maintenance. The skid spreaders from all the trucks have been repaired and stored away for the summer. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding the completion of work on South Harrisville Road, from where the work left off with the Grant money last year, out to Route 308. Gateway Engineers provided us with estimates for the work that we wanted to do, including enlarging the turn at the bend, from Harrisville Road onto Pleasant Valley Road, then on out to 308. The figures came in way too high, and we simply can't afford to put that much out for the relatively short distance of road that would be covered. The Board decided to forego the widening of the road at the bend where Harrisville meets Pleasant Valley. We will get the base of the road fixed up as best we can do, filling in holes and doing ditch work, then we will have it overlaid with a layer of asphalt to blend in with what was done on the remainder of the road. Mrs. Yeager noted that we can spare about \$50,000 of the Maintenance Fund balance that was not used last year. Mr. Smith stated that he will have Cory from PennDot out to look at what we would like to do, and have Cory work up a bid form for us to have the asphalt work done. Mr. Mishler made a motion to pre-approve the advertising for bids for asphalt on South Harrisville Road and Pleasant Valley Road to Route 308, providing that the estimate is not over \$50,000. Once we get the bids in, we will see what the figures are and we can decide if we can proceed with the completion of that project. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. Mrs. Yeager will place the advertisement, once Cory has provided us with his estimates and bid forms. We will plan to open bids at the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Mishler asked about the other roads that will need work in the Township this year. The following list was approved for advertising to see if we can fall within the allotted budget for road work funds and tar and chip funds for the year.

- Hungarian - surface treatment (Portions)
- Sunbury – Chip Seal – single coat
- Wolford - Chip Seal – Single Coat (Portions)
- Harrisville - From Branchton to the well pad – Chip Seal – Single Coat
- Moniteau to 308 – Surface Treatment (Portions)

Mr. Mishler made a motion to advertise for bids for tar and chip for the listed roads. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Bids will be opened at the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Yeager stated that she received word from all the divisions of the DEP that the case against Dennis Claypoole and the accumulation and dismantling of vehicles on his property, has been dismissed. They could find no reason that they could file any charges against him. So there is nothing they will do to help us with regard to the situation, in spite of all the complaints from the community. Mr. Mishler asked Mrs. Yeager if she can get in touch with Attorney Gallagher one more time to see what our final options are for this case. Mrs. Yeager will have

his opinion to the Board by the May meeting. Mr. Mishler also asked if we might look into passing an actual Junkyard Ordinance for the future. We can't use it against Mr. Claypoole, after the fact, but if things like this are going to be an issue, we need to get something in place. Mrs. Yeager will ask Attorney Gallagher about that, as well.

Mr. Mishler asked about the polling location for the May Primary Election. Mrs. Yeager has been in touch with the Election Bureau at least every other week, since January. She finally had to get Mark Gordon, at the County, involved to try to get resolution to the problem. He assured her that he will keep pressuring the Election Bureau until they come up with a polling place for us. Mr. Mishler asked Mrs. Yeager that, if nothing is resolved by May 1, she contact Jeff Campbell at the Moniteau High School to see if there is any way we can still use the facilities there for one more election. We would pay for security guards, and rent a couple of Port-a-Johns if we could just use the one room. Mrs. Yeager will call if nothing has been decided by May 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mishler and Mrs. Yeager presented information they have received from PSATS regarding new funding we will be receiving from the Federal Government under the American Relief Plan. Cherry Township will receive \$105,789. There are strict restrictions on the use of the funds, which must be spent for COVID related impacts on the Township. We can claim lost revenue from taxes in 2020, which Mrs. Yeager has figured to be in the vicinity of \$16,000. The Board discussed an addition to the south end of the building to put in an office for the secretary. Mrs. Yeager will be retiring at some point in the future, and another employee may not be willing to give space in his or her home to run the office out of, as we do currently. The Township has until December, 2024 to spend the money, so we will wait to see what the final regulations are. The Federal Government has not yet published the regulations, and no one is exactly sure when that will happen.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.