

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those in attendance were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Gary Blausner was also present, and one contractor representative attended to obtain bidding results.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments at this time.

Bids for two road projects were opened.

TAR AND CHIP BIDS

	<u>Surface Treatment – 15,488 Sq. Yd</u>	<u>Seal Coat – 18,536 Sq.Yd.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Russell Standard	\$ 54,099.58	\$ 19,147.69	\$73,247.27
Suit-Kote Corporation	\$ 49,873.49	\$ 20,620.81	\$70,496.30

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Suit-Kote Corporation for a total of \$70,496.30. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ASPHALT TO FINISH HARRISVILLE ROAD

745 TONS – ASPHALT BINDER COURSE

Weist Asphalt & Paving	\$ 44,506.30
Shields Paving	\$ 46,301.75
Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$ 52,202.15

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Weist Asphalt & Paving for \$44,506.30. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to continue purchasing Gravel on the Co-Stars Program from Allegheny Mineral. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Smith made a motion to continue purchasing cold patch Bituminous material from Hei-Way, LLC, under the Co-Stars contract. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The April 2021 minutes were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the April minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Financial Report as of May 4, 2021 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Gravel patching was done on Pry, Tinker, Brimstone, and Swope. A catch basin was installed at the end of Harrisville at the corner of the intersection with Pleasant Valley Road. This is in preparation for the asphalt paving that will be done to complete Harrisville Road where we ended with the grant funding in 2020.

A culvert was plugged at Puryear's on Harrisville Road after the heavy rains. We cleaned that out and got the ditch cleaned out to make the water run again. Ditches were cut and cleaned on Moniteau. We cut the sod and ditches on the east end, getting ready for the surface treatment. Coming up for the month of May and June is preparation of roads for chip sealing and surface treatment. Harrisville road from Branchton to the well pad will be chip sealed. Wolford and Sunbury will also be chip sealed. Moniteau and Hungarian will have a surface treatment. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. The grader was serviced, filters changed and hoses repaired. We ran it today for the first time. The radiator on the roller was serviced, and after it was put back in, we took the roller out of the shop and the brakes went out. The parts to repair the brakes are in and Tom Bartley will be out to help finish up the roller repairs. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager received a response from Attorney Gallagher about how to proceed with the Claypoole junk issue on Beaverdam Road. The letter and recommendations were reviewed. Mr. Smith made a motion to table this discussion until Mr. Mishler is back at the June meeting. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Butler County Election Bureau contacted Mrs. Yeager to confirm that the new polling location for Cherry Township for the May 18, 2021 election will be the North Trails Public Library on Route 308. Mrs. Yeager prepared letters and has mailed them out to residents to inform them of the change. She used both the Butler County Tax rolls and a wage earner list provided by Berkheimer Associates to compile the mailing list. Hopefully, we reached everyone in the Township. The Election Bureau noted that they will also be sending out a letter/flyer to notify voters of the change.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager reported that Patty Feather, owner of property along Branchton Road, has finally received her approval from the DEP for her Sewage Planning Module. They can go ahead and begin the process of installation of a septic system on the lot that they are building on in the subdivision plan of lots. Mrs. Feather approached Mrs. Yeager about an address, and since this is going to be a lane with multiple houses on it, Mrs. Yeager provided paperwork for the County to approve the new Lane name of "Feather Lane". Mrs. Feather signed off on the paperwork, and Mrs. Yeager forwarded the information to the County for approval.

Mr. Thomas Cloud, a property owner on Ferguson Road, approached Mrs. Yeager about a septic issue on his property. He is attempting to sell the property, but the financier, through HUD, will not provide a loan to the prospective buyer due to the fact that the well is not 100 feet or more away from the existing septic system, as required by the DEP. Mr. Cloud and his real estate agent both contacted Mrs. Yeager to see if the Township would sign off, stating that we have no issues with the location of the well situate to the septic system. Mrs. Yeager contacted Attorney Gallagher and Doug Duncan with regard to the request. Both of them recommended that the Township should not sign paperwork approving this situation. Somewhere down the road, this could present issues for the Township and it could leave us open to law suits in the future. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the opinion of the two professionals who guide us in these decisions. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager informed the landowner and real estate agent that the Township would probably not sign paperwork permitting the variance for the DEP ruling on the property, on the advice of our legal counsel. She will confirm the Board's decision with the landowner, telling him that the only solution would probably be to drill a new well.

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. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.