

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Gary Blausner and two residents were in attendance.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stan Smith presented a subdivision of the Ada Book Estate. Two non-building waivers are associated with the subdivision, as well as two lot line revisions. Septic for the existing dwelling has been inspected and approved. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the subdivision. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The paperwork was signed and will be forwarded to the Butler County Planning Commission for approval.

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

The financial report as of August 3 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz asked if the injection pump on the roller has been completely fixed. Mr. Smith replied that it has and the roller is up and running. Mr. Mishler asked if Mrs. Yeager has looked into how much money we can take from the ARPA funds to replace our revenue losses from 2020. Mrs. Yeager indicated that she needs to check with PSATS as to whether or not we can pay ourselves back for the revenue losses yet, or if we should wait. There is also a formula to use in figuring how much we can request for repayment. She will look into this before the next meeting. Mr. Mishler asked if the payment for the Volvo was the last one. Mrs. Yeager indicated that it was. Mr. Mishler asked that the agenda for September include discussions about the purchase of a new dump truck. 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 Coaltown, Grubb, Moniteau and half of Chambers. Sod was cut and ditches cleaned on Grubb. Fifty feet of culvert pipe was installed on Grubb, under the road to replace and repair drainage issues. Ditches were cut and cleaned on Pipestem by Eckenrode's and on Coaltown. Cold patching was done on Pry Circle and Redbrush. Gravel patching was done on Redbrush and Wolford. Trees were down and cleaned up on Saniga, New Hope, Pipestem, and Wolford. Dust control was done on Moniteau, Grubb, Coaltown, Redbrush, and Beaverdam.

The tar and chip is completed. The chip seal on Sunbury, Wolford, and Harrisville came out really good. The surface treatment on Moniteau and Hungarian was completed on a Wednesday. Mr. Smith looked at it on Thursday. Oil was running into ditches and onto some driveways. He believed that the oil was floating. Cory Shaeffer came out from PennDot and looked at the job. He also said the oil looked like it floated. SuitKote came out and also looked at the job, stating that since there was no rain prior to the surface treatment, and the oil did not come back up through to the top of the surface, they feel the crew overshot the oil. Mr. Smith stated that he also thinks the road surface was too wet, causing the oil to not adhere to the road surface. It appears that only the prime coat is what was affected. Mr. Smith is concerned about the prime surface holding up over the winter. It does appear that it eventually set up. At this point, we can't tear it up, so if it doesn't hold up over the winter, SuitKote will have to come in and re-do it. We have a performance bond for one year after the job is completed. Mr. Mishler stated that we need to be mindful to not release that bond until we are certain the road will be holding up. Mr. Smith agreed. The road base was tight before they put down the prime coat, so we just have to wait and see if it comes apart or not.

After the tar and chip was placed on Moniteau, a resident complained that now water will be running down their driveway from the road, which will flood their garage and wash out their driveway. Mr. Smith is going to contact Bill Dellich to bring in his mini excavator to dig a trench and we will install a catch basin toward the top of the driveway, much like the one we have in front of our garage at the building. He will install a pipe and direct the water past their house and into the field so the water does not go down the driveway.

Gary Blausner asked that Mrs. Yeager send a letter to 231 Chambers Road. The driveway culvert there is smashed and plugged. The resident needs to get it replaced with a 20 foot, 12 inch smooth bore pipe. If he will buy the pipe, the Township will install it.

For the upcoming month, we will be working on grading and ditching, particularly the middle of Coaltown, Wolford, and Findlay. There is still more mowing to do, which we will have to wait for the mower repair. (to be discussed in the Equipment Report) 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 steering hose went out on the roller, and that has been replaced. There is an oil leak on the grader. The mechanic came out to look at it. It is engine oil that is leaking, and he thought it was the valve cover gaskets. But after looking further, it is the timing cover gasket. We can still use the grader, and he will be back out to fix it. Duane was mowing on Sunbury Road, and the mower started smoking. The spindle bearings went out on the mower deck. They are thinking the bearings probably seized. Stephenson has a parts kit to make the repair. We are tearing it down to see if that is what we need. The mechanic is also looking into parts for the sweeper tractor to overhaul the short

block. We really need to get it fixed, as it continues to burn a lot of oil. Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith reported that he received a call from Magistrate Louis Stoughton. He has agreed to hear the case against Dennis Claypoole regarding the collection of junk on his property. The date is set for August 19 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Smith will be attending the hearing. After a discussion, the Board decided to give him 15-30 days to get the mess cleaned up. This time we will impose fines until the situation is entirely satisfactory to the Township. Residents are too upset for us to let this go.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager provided copies of the proposed Ordinance 41, which would put rules into effect for installing septic systems in Cherry Township. After reviewing and discussing the proposed ordinance, the Board would like clarification regarding whether or not holding tanks are permitted for residential purposes; whether alternate systems are or are not permitted, under the new rulings that were put in place by the DEP in February of 2021; and on page 21, Section 9, what do these inspections exactly apply to. There is some confusion as to what an aerobic versus a non-aerobic system is. Mrs. Yeager will contact Attorney Gallagher and see if clarification can be made regarding these topics. The motion to adopt the Ordinance has been tabled until such time that we can reach an understanding regarding these issues.

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. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.