

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 1, 2021. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Gary Blauser was also in attendance. No residents were present.

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

The minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the May minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial report as of June 1 was reviewed. Mr. Smith commented on the fact that most people have already paid their real estate taxes for 2021. 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. Cold patching was done on Coaltown, Beaverdam, Wolford, and Pipestem. Gravel patching was done on Beaverdam, Coaltown, North Grubb, Saniga, Findlay, Redbrush, Atwell, Roenigk, and Wolford. We cut sod, berms, and turnouts on Moniteau to prepare it for tar and chip. A 40' piece culvert was installed on Atwell where water had run down alongside of it and had completely destroyed the drainage and left a hole in the road. We dug out the old one and put the new piece in. We also installed 60 feet of culvert pipe at the Davis residence on Moniteau Road. We removed the old rotted piece that was there and replaced it, then put another one alongside the original one, providing an additional place for water to run away from the spring that runs through that area. We have started mowing and Harrisville, Kyle, Atwell and half of Roenigk are done. We had one day of storm cleanup—nothing major, just a few limbs here and there that needed taken away. Dust control was done on Grubb at Martha Rohde's. We had a deal with Rural King to buy a 2000# bag of calcium for dust control, that we thought would save us money, but they wanted around \$380 to ship it, so it wasn't saving us anything over what we can get it for at Zanella's. Mr. Fritz stated that we just need to get it from Zanella's anyway. The skid shed is full. We just had 920 tons delivered by Dave Saul, and he charged us the same rate as last year, \$4.50 a ton. We also got the anti-skid for the same price as last year from Slippery Rock Material. Mr. Smith stated that he also had to move a beaver from Wolford Road again. 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 Volvo truck is at Hovis for an inspection and to fix the air conditioning. The AC is probably just a sensor gone bad, as the same thing happened last year. We have a major issue with repairs to the roller. The rear brakes needed repaired and once we found all the parts and called Tom Bartley to come and help put it back together, he had retired. We struggled with getting the master cylinder, the brake drum, and gear housing back on, before lifting the tire back on, but we made it and had everything back in working order. We started it up to check the brakes, and it started to leak fuel. It was leaking right on top of the motor, so it had to be repaired because at that point, it was a serious fire hazard. The fuel is leaking from the injection pump around

the housing on the pump. After talking with Tom Bartley and Dave Hackett, they told us how to fix it, replacing the O-rings. We followed the direction they gave us and got it back together, but now the pump is out of timing and the #1, #3, #4, and #7 cylinders are all leaking. We need to pull the pump because the rack inside it is out of time. This type of work is out of our league and we need a heavy equipment mechanic to come in to work on it. Mr. Smith has calls in to Ray Fiscus in North Washington and also to Dave Hackett. Hopefully one of them can come out and look at the roller. Mr. Smith indicated that if he wants the job, Dave Hackett will be our new mechanic. Mr. Fritz stated that he doesn't want to sink a lot of money into repairing the roller because we learned with the old grader that once things start going bad, everything starts to go. He feels we need to start looking for another, newer, used roller. Mr. Smith will start looking around. In the meantime, if we can't get ours repaired, we need to see if we can find a rental so we can get the roads that we have slated for tar and chip this summer, ready to go. Mr. Smith will look around to see where he may be able to find someone who can rent us a roller. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The issue with the Claypoole junk accumulation on Beaverdam Road was discussed. It was agreed that we need to file a formal complaint with the Magistrate again, and this time if Mr. Claypoole does not completely comply, we will assess fines. If fines are not paid and the property is not cleaned up, we will take him to Civil Court. It will cost the township a great deal of money to take him to Court, but we are at the point of not having any other option. The people in the community are very upset about the situation and they are expecting us to do something to get the mess cleaned up. Mrs. Yeager will file the appropriate paperwork with the magistrate.

Discussion regarding the adoption of a junkyard ordinance was tabled until Mr. Mishler is present.

Mrs. Yeager reviewed new information she received from PSATS and the County regarding some changes that have been made to the Federal Regulations with regard to the ARP funds we will be receiving, supposedly in June. She will keep the Board apprised of any new developments with this funding.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked if Mrs. Yeager could provide him with copies of the Tax Exemption form so that he can have it to give to new vendors when he goes for parts. Mrs. Yeager will supply those forms.

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 8:15 p.m.