

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on September 7, 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 or guests were in attendance.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the August minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of September 7 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler noted that over \$9000 was spent on repairs to the mower. What can we do to keep this from happening again? Mr. Smith stated that the mower is over 20 years old and this is the first major repair that needed to be done. It got twisted when the deck corroded and the spindle was bent beyond use. He stated that we can pressure wash it before putting it away for the winter to try to protect it from corrosion. The new deck we got is a new design. It is braced better and should hold up for another 20 years. 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. Chambers Road was graded and the whole road is done. Sod was cut on Redbrush and the road was graded. Berms were filled in on the south end of Harrisville on the newly asphalted area. We also fixed the apron at Rt. 308 and Pleasant Valley Road where the new asphalt was put down. There was a drop off there, and we filled it in and widened it out. Catch basins are also in place there. Dust control was done on Chambers, Grubb, and Coaltown. After the heavy rains, we had daily work to be done to keep the roads repaired due to heavy water flow.

August 9 – New Hope – large stone was blown out and had to be filled back in.

August 10 – Roenigk – Culvert blew out and had to be replaced.

Wolford was flooded and culverts and ditches were cleaned out.

North Harrisville – Culverts were plugged with debris and were cleaned out.

August 18 – New Hope – large stone blew out and was again replaced – worse this time.

August 19 – Wolford and Roenigk flooded again. Cleaned culverts.

August 23 - Windy – going up Hambley's Hill, there were ruts across the road from heavy water flow. Regraded the road and rolled it in.

August 24 – Redbrush washed out. Repaired and leveled.

August 26 – Wolford and Findlay – washed out – cleaned ditches and culverts.

August 29 - New Hope washed out again – repaired.

August 31 – Stockham’s driveway washed down the hill. Cleaned up stone, cleaned Culverts. Cleaned culverts on South Grubb that were plugged.

New Hope was an issue all month, and with all the heavy rain, it was apparent that we need to put in catch basins and run the water into pipes and off the road to avoid all the damage to the road surface from washed out gravel ditches. We will make a plan to get that done. Sticks and leaves plugged a lot of the ditches throughout the Township.

Two large trees were down on Grubb, one tree was down on New Hope, one on Pipestem, and one on Wolford.

For the upcoming month, we will continue to grade roads. Saniga is next on the list, and we will move on from there, providing these heavy rains stop and we can get to the grading rather than constant clean up. Pry Road is the only one that is left to mow. 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 Volvo had some minor brake work done. Bolts on the roller were replaced. A tire on the grader was replaced. Repairs to the One-Ton truck included replacing fuel and brake lines, and fixing the air conditioning. The mower deck was replaced.

We will begin to look for a new dump truck to replace the GMC. Mr. Smith stated that Walsh/Stephenson is looking into available models. What we really need is a 7-8 ton truck, with air brakes. GMC does not make a mid-size truck anymore. Ford has an F7000 and an F8000. International may make a mid-size dump, and they are looking into it. Mr. Smith will also talk to Brian Bowers, our mechanic, as he knows a lot of people and works with a lot of places getting parts, etc. He also stated that the GMC will be fine to get through the upcoming winter, and we can start looking into the new dump in the spring so we have plenty of time to get it in before next winter. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

A joint telephone conversation took place between the Supervisors, Doug Duncan, and Attorney Michael Gallagher, regarding the adoption of Ordinance 41, a new Sewage Enforcement Ordinance. The new ordinance is updating the one we already have in place, to accommodate some new regulations set out by DEP and also to clarify the responsibilities of

residents with regard to installation and maintenance of on-lot sewage systems. A few changes need to be made to the proposed ordinance before advertising. Mr. Mishler made a motion to advertise for the adoption of Ordinance #41, either at the October or November meeting, once the modifications mentioned during the conversation have been made. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Attorney Gallagher will notify Mrs. Yeager as to when the Ordinance is ready and advertising has been done. Doug Duncan will work with Attorney Gallagher to make the changes that are needed.

Attorney Gallagher reviewed the options that the Township has, in the attempt to get Dennis Claypoole to comply with the current ordinance of the Township with regard to the collection of junk on his property. We can choose to take him to the Magistrate, but if we lose that case, we cannot pursue a Civil Court case. Attorney Gallagher advised that we go with the Civil Case at this time. The Board agreed to discuss the matter again, and see which route we would like to take and make a decision at the October meeting. In the meantime, we are awaiting a hearing date from the courts for the hearing with another Magistrate, not with Louis Stoughton. Mr. Claypoole asked for another Magistrate office to hear the case.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager has been attempting to assign an address to Jerry and Patty Feather, for their property off of Branchton Road. The County Emergency Management office is not in favor of Mrs. Feather naming the lane that exists, going into her back properties, and past the homes of Keith Whipkey and Theron Robbins. They want Keith Whipkey to name the lane; however, he refuses to do so, as he would have to change his address and does not want to do that. Patty Feather needs an address to get her electric hooked up for service to a new home she is planning to build. Attorney Gallagher told Mrs. Yeager that the Township can name the lane and force Whipkey and Robbins to change their addresses. Mrs. Yeager needs a vote from the Board on whether to name the lane and assign new addresses to all the residents, or whether to give Patty Feather an address on Branchton Road, which is what Whipkey and Robbins currently have. After a discussion, Mr. Mishler made a motion to give Patty Feather a Branchton Road address, rather than assigning a lane name. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will contact the Feathers, the Boyers Post Office, and 911, with the new address for the Feathers.

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 9:03 p.m.