

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cherry Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Mr. David Mishler was in attendance remotely, via telephone. Gary Blausner and three residents were present. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents residing on Pry Circle were in attendance inquiring about the work needing done on that road. Mr. Smith assured them that tar and chip for Pry Circle is first on the list for 2022. The residents would like to see the plans when they become available. Drainage work needs to be done, and they would like to see what is being planned so they know what to expect. Mr. Smith stated that we will contact PennDot and have a representative come out to help with the planning process and will keep the residents updated as to the procedures we will follow.

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

The financial report as of December 7, 2021 was reviewed. Mrs. Yeager stated that the septic refund to Peter Derbish was due to the fact that they cannot pass for any type of system on their property. 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. There was one day of winter maintenance, the day after Thanksgiving. Gravel patching was done throughout the Township. If we have some good weather during the upcoming months, we will cold patch the surfaced roads. Stop signs were repaired and replaced on Pry Circle, Tinker, and Windy. Culvert markers were installed on Roenigk, Sunbury, Chambers, Pipestem, Coaltown, Hungarian, and Moniteau at Grubb. Campbell Bus requested that we put up markers as some of their new drivers were concerned about backing into ditches as they were turning around, or making turns at intersections. A "Watch Children" sign was requested on Redbrush. There is already a 25 mph sign posted, but since no one pays attention to the signs, we put up the "Watch Children" sign as requested. Mr. Smith was off for a week, in the hospital with pneumonia, so the workers spent most of their time repairing and storing equipment during that week. For the upcoming month, we will patch holes and wait for snow for winter maintenance. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. The grader motor was pulled. The gaskets went bad after the motor was repaired. The seals around the oil pan were all replaced, the motor was put back in, the grader was pressure washed, and is ready to go for the summer. We do need to put a new cutting edge on it in the spring. All spreaders and boxes are on the trucks and ready for winter maintenance. The broom tractor

will be getting repaired this winter. We will be taking it to Brian's shop in Mars to have him rebuild the motor. All equipment is in the building for winter with the exception of the loader.

The power steering pump and alternator went out in the One-Ton truck. Repairs were done at Pry's and we got it back today. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adopt the proposed 2022 budget, as advertised. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussions continued regarding spending of ARPA funds received in July 2021, with the second round disbursement to be received in July, 2022. Mrs. Yeager provided information that she has been able to gather from PSATS and other Townships. The Treasury has still not released the FINAL version of the rules and specifications that we are to follow when choosing a project where we can spend the money. Mrs. Yeager has contacted the three fire companies that serve Cherry Township regarding their 501c3 status. Marion and Slippery Rock are 501c3 organized; however West Sunbury is not. A non-profit must be 501c3 organized in order for a Municipality to give them money from ARPA funds. Mrs. Yeager will continue to gather information each month and we will, hopefully, have further clarification from the Treasury as to how we can proceed. It was agreed that if we can work things out with the fire departments, and if we are not permitted to use the funds for road repairs, we are willing to give money to each fire department before the end of 2026, when all money must be expended.

Mrs. Yeager informed the Board that Doug Duncan is resigning as our primary SEO in 2022. He gave Mrs. Yeager the names of a couple of men he knows who are willing to take on the position. None of them has a lot of experience, but he is willing to work with someone to help get them going and to ensure that paperwork is completed properly, as needed. Mrs. Yeager will have names and commitments from David Ice and the newer men Doug mentioned so the Board can make appointments at the January 3, 2022 Organizational meeting.

Mrs. Yeager asked Mr. Smith if he has received his confirmation of election from the Butler County Election Bureau. He has not. Mrs. Yeager spoke with Jean Mershimer, and she has not yet received her confirmation of election for the auditor position either. Mrs. Yeager will contact the Election Bureau to try to get resolution to this issue.

The Organizational meeting for 2022 will be held on January 3 at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting will follow.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.