

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on February 1, 2022 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. Four residents were in attendance.

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

Public Comments:

Mrs. Yeager presented drawings for a subdivision plan of the Joseph Burgoon property on Beaverdam Road. Two parcels will exist: one with the house and out buildings, consisting of 18 acres and which is being sold; and another with 40+ acres of farm land, which the Burgoon's will maintain ownership of, and which will be rented out for farming purposes. The Butler County Planning Commission has approved the subdivision plans. Mr. Fritz made a motion to approve the subdivision plans as presented. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The subdivision was signed and sealed. The Burgoon's grandson will pick up the approved plans from Mrs. Yeager tomorrow.

Patrick West, appointed back-up SEO for Cherry Township for the 2022 calendar year, was present for introductions with the Board. Mr. West was welcomed as a new SEO. Several issues were discussed, particularly the submission of paperwork to the Township and that we really need to have good record keeping, as the DEP is making things much harder on the Townships these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawry, of 145 Hungarian Road, were present to speak about the last snow storm, when we had 9-1/2 inches of snow. Mr. Lawry stated that they are the only house on their side of the road that has a driveway going uphill and then out onto the road. It is hard to get out when the snow plows pile snow up at the end of their driveway, so he would like to have the plow push the snow in the opposite direction, away from the driveway and into the middle of the road. Then the plow could switch the direction of the plow back and make a pass in the opposite direction, pushing all the snow off to the other side of the road. The supervisors explained that this is not an appropriate solution, as it would cause a hazard to leave large piles of snow in the center of the road, even for short periods of time, which could cause problems with traffic getting through. Mr. Lawry was also upset that his mailbox was broken off, for the 3rd time since he moved there in 1987. He would like the Township to replace his mailbox. Mr. Mishler stated that we would purchase another mailbox for them, but Mr. Smith stated that we are not allowed to work on a resident's private property to actually

install the mailbox. After a discussion, it was decided that the Township will attempt to make wider swipes just before and after the driveway to avoid large piles of snow right at the driveway entrance, and also avoid hitting the mailbox with the plow or with heavy snow. The Lawry's stated that they already purchased a metal mailbox, as theirs was a plastic one, and Mr. Smith had advised a sturdier metal kind. They will install it in the spring, when the weather is better. Mr. Smith will work to guide them in moving the mailbox back into their property further, to avoid the plow hitting it again.

The minutes of the reorganizational meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the reorganizational meeting minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The minutes of the January regular meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of February 1, 2022 was reviewed. Mr. Smith stated that the radiator was replaced on the One Ton truck. The burned parts they removed are in the garage, if anyone wants to look at them. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. There were five days of winter maintenance. We also removed trees on New Hope and Moniteau. Road were checked frequently for ice and snow issues. 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 radiator on the one-ton truck was replaced. Mr. Smith is appreciative of Campbell Bus Company for allowing us to use their heated and dry repair bay to make the repairs. The steer cylinders on the roller were pulled and Brian Bowers took them to his shop to rebuild them. The tail light and spreader lights were repaired on the one-ton truck. A new, longer, plow flag was also put on the one-ton. A plow shoe was replaced on the Volvo plow. The spreader on the GMC was adjusted.

Fire fighter was out to service and inspect the fire extinguishers. They refilled the extinguisher we used to put out the fire in the one-ton truck.

A quote was received from Tri-county Mack for an 8-ton dump truck. It would have an Allison automatic transmission, MD-6 Mac engine, air brakes, cab only, and the quote is for \$77,418.00. Stephenson Equipment quoted a steel bed, plow, and spreader, with hydraulics and hoist, for \$68,400. Mr. Smith told them this is not acceptable. He asked for another quote for a steel or stainless heated bed, using our plow and spreader. He believes the total

cost will come in somewhere in the vicinity of \$130,000. We will see what they come up with by the next meeting. A new truck would probably be ready by September, 2022.

Mr. Smith also stated that Clay Township is selling a one-ton pickup next fall. It currently has 70,000 miles on it. It is a Ford 550 or 650, and the spreader goes with it. The truck is an automatic, diesel, with a steel bed. We may want to consider looking at it. Our GMC one-ton is starting to nickel/dime us, and it currently has 104,000 miles on it.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager explained that the Final Regulations have come out for the use of the ARPA funds. The final rule states that a Township can use up to \$10 million for expenses under the "lost revenue" category of allowed expenses, up to the amount we received from the State. For Cherry Township, this means we can spend our \$111,000 for any purpose we deem necessary. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously decided that we use the money for road repairs. Mrs. Yeager will re-work the 2022 budget, working in the \$111,000 for road maintenance and adjusting the rest of the general funds and liquid fuels funds to complete road maintenance and help with the purchase of a new dump truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager presented information she received from PSATS with regard to adopting a mailbox policy for the Township, since we have had an issue with this during the past month. Mr. Smith made a motion that we table this discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Mr. Mishler had left the meeting at this time. The motion carried.

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 8:40 p.m.