

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on March 1, 2022 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. One resident was in attendance. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Darryl Beachem presented a subdivision plan to separate his property into two pieces, giving his son ownership of the portion of the land where he presently resides. The two parcels both have existing septic systems, and the subdivision is only providing for change in ownership. The plan was reviewed. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the plan. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The plan was signed and sealed. Mr. Beachem will return it to the Courthouse for filing with the Recorder of Deeds.

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

The financial report as of March 1 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler inquired about the amount of propane being purchased. He is wondering if the heat is escaping where the garage wall is pulling away from the foundation, or if the doors are letting heat escape. Mr. Smith stated that they repaired the garage doors and that there is really no way for heat to escape the back wall where it is buckling. Mr. Mishler requested that we attempt to find someone to repair the back wall. Mr. Mishler also inquired about the mileage reimbursement for Gary Blausler. Mr. Smith stated that, with the plows on the trucks, it is hard to take them for parts pick up, so Gary used his own vehicle. Mrs. Yeager stated that she needs a detailed receipt from Brian Bowser for the parts to repair the Broom Tractor. She has requested it twice, and he has not responded. Mr. Smith will get that receipt for her. 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. There were four days of winter maintenance, and one day of working with the heavy icing issue. Two days were spent removing trees and branches after the ice and wind storms. There was a lot of flooding due to the snow melt, but all culverts seemed to hold up very well. There were no major issues. However, with all the snow in the ditches, when it thawed and refroze, the ditches plugged. Running water washed out around the ice blockage and pushed out onto the road surface on Windy, Ferguson, Redbrush, Coaltown, Grubb, Moniteau, and Wolford. We went around and filled in the ruts that were formed on the roads, and filled in the ditches as much as we could. All roads are

passable. We replaced one culvert on Redbrush, not due to the flooding, but it was an old metal pipe and it just rusted and collapsed. It was located right off Rt. 308. We put cones out to close Coaltown Road due to flooding, and the cones were stolen. We will have to get new cones.

Cory, from PennDot, will be out on March 8th to measure for tar and chip projects. We will be doing Pry Circle first this year. About ½ miles of tar and chip, and all culvert work. We will also put in a catch basin to pipe the water runoff into the woods. We will also measure Coaltown from Kiester to the bridge, and attempt to open up the width at the hill. Redbrush will be measured from Coaltown to just before Camp Davis, and from Scheerbaum's to Katsur's and the "S" curve. We hope to cut the "S" curve to our right of way, which will be 33 feet. Also measured will be South Harrisville, to chip seal that portion. Mr. Smith talked to Suit Kote, and they have eliminated the southern portion of the area they used to cover doing road surfacing. They may not bid on our project this year. Mr. Smith estimates that the total will come in roughly around \$100,000. We should be able to advertise for opening bids at our April meeting.

Mr. Mishler asked if we are going to finish the work on Magill Road this year, as he sees it was not done in the fall. Mr. Smith stated we will get over there to do the rest of the work. Grading still needs to be completed there. 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 brake line was replaced on the GMC Dump. The steer cylinder has been repaired and put back onto the roller. The loader was serviced. Brian Bowers is still working on the sweeper tractor. We replaced the siding on the garage doors. Other than keeping up with servicing and maintaining the plows and trucks for winter maintenance, that is what was done for the month.

Mr. Smith reported that we got final quotes for a new dump truck. Tri-County Mack quoted \$77,418.37 for the cab and chassis. Stephenson Equipment quoted \$59,200 for the up-fit installation of hydraulics, hitch, spreader, toolbox, and total completion of the heated bed. The truck will be a 2023 Mack, MD-6, with a Cummins Motor and Allison Transmission. The plow will be driven off the front of the motor and we will use our plow from the GMC. The truck comes with a Western Hitch. Both companies work through Co-STARs, and we will not need to advertise for bids. Mr. Mishler asked what we would do with the GMC. Mr. Smith stated that we can either sell it outright, or see if Tri-County Mack would do a trade-in. The bed and frame are rotted out. He will ask about the trade-in at Tri-County Mack. Mr. Mishler made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2023 Mack truck, with a down payment of \$25,000 toward the purchase. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will begin work to find financing, checking with First National Bank to get loan interest rates.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager presented a revised budget, where she moved the receipt of the ARPA funds into the road maintenance category, since the final rule has been issued by the Federal Treasury Department, allowing road maintenance as an approved use of the ARPA funds. We will receive the final payment of the funds in late June, early July of 2022. After reviewing the budget changes, Mr. Mishler stated that in order to allow for other road repairs throughout the Township, he would like to see us keep the tar and chip projects to around the \$100,000 mark. We will see where bids come in for these projects.

NEW BUSINESS

After a brief discussion regarding the mailbox damages at the Lawry residence on Hungarian Road, the Board decided to adopt the policies for mailbox installations provided by PSATS and Franklin Township in Erie County. Mrs. Yeager will check with Attorney Gallagher to see if we can adopt the policies through a Resolution and, if so, will draft the resolution for adoption at the April meeting.

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 8:16 p.m.