

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on July 5, 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. Two residents were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Jones was present to discuss the situation of Sonny Coulter dumping junk down by the old railroad tracks, on Mr. Jones' property. The Supervisors recommended that Mr. Jones contact the State Police, since the Township has no authority over things that occur on Private Property. Mr. Fritz asked if we can at least send a letter to Sonny Coulter, telling him this is not allowed. Mrs. Yeager will check with Attorney Gallagher regarding that request.

The minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of July 5, 2022 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler asked about the location of a new driveway, where we issued a driveway permit. Mr. Smith replied that it was on a piece of property that was being sold on Coaltown Road. Mr. Mishler also asked what the Non-UCC building permit was for. Mrs. Yeager responded that Gary Blausen is building a pole barn on his Redbrush Road property. Mr. Mishler asked about the cost from Hovis to haul the roller. Mrs. Yeager stated that it is for hauling the roller back to the building and then to Bowers Industrial for repairs. Mrs. Yeager also stated that we have only paid for the rental of the first roller. The second one we got has not yet been billed. 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. Sod and berms were cut on Redbrush and old tar and chip was scarified and worked in, the road was swept and is ready for tar and chip. Coaltown was scarified and graded, culverts were cleaned, and new turnouts put in and that road is also ready for tar and chip. A driveway culvert was installed on Coaltown, for a new resident who purchased land. Overlay was put down on Redbrush on the areas that are not scarified. Cold patch was put down on Beaverdam and Wolford. Trees were down and cleaned up on Wolford, New Hope, Moniteau, Windy, Coaltown, and Chambers. Wash outs from the storm were fixed on New Hope, Grubb, and Moniteau.

Russell Standard has moved our tar and chip date from July 5 to July 25. They are going to be doing Clay Township's roads on the 25th, and hope to work ours in at the same time.

In the coming month, we will continue grading, and we have to go back to re-grade a couple of places that are being tar and chipped. Coaltown hill will have to be re-done, and we need to do Beaverdam again. Mr. Mishler asked what section of Beaverdam is being done. Mr. Smith stated it will be from Kiester to the bridge. Duane will continue mowing. He has completed Harrisville, Kyle, Atwell, Moniteau, north and south Grubb, Chambers, Redbrush, and is working on Coaltown now. 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 hydraulic pop-off valve was replaced on the grader, over the pressure valve. A flat tire on the backhoe was repaired. The roller has been repaired at Bowers Industrial and is working great at this time. The first rental we got broke down and had to be returned to Highway Equipment. We got another roller from Equipment Rental Options, LLC and kept that one until ours was repaired. The PVC Pipe on the water container broke and it was spraying water out everywhere. The pipe was replaced. All anti-skid should be in by the end of the month. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith stated that the bid for tar and chip went out without including a section of Redbrush Road. When he saw two lines for Redbrush Road, he assumed it included the additional section, but it was for one section and an intersection. 8/10 of a mile was left off the bid paperwork when Cory, from PennDot, completed the bid forms for us. Mrs. Yeager checked with PennDot and Attorney Gallagher and we need to have that section re-bid, as there is too much cost involved to run it through as a cost run-over. The Auditor General will not approve that much money. Mr. Fritz feels we should just forget it for this year because too much additional money is involved that we did not budget for. Mr. Mishler stated that we have the money in the Building Fund and that we will not be doing any more additions or remodels to the building at this time. He thinks that, since the road is ready, we should take the money from the Building Fund and complete the road as originally planned. Mr. Smith made a motion to advertise again, for an additional 8567 square yards of surface treatment on Redbrush Road. The bids will be opened at a special meeting on July 25, 2022 at 3:00 at the Municipal Building. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. Mr. Fritz abstained. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will place the ad in the Butler Eagle.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager presented information regarding a request from Dimension Renewable Energy to building a Solar Farm along Rt. 308, using access through Atwell Road. It appears that the work and the solar farm will be for the benefit of Iron Mountain. The drawings and specifications have been submitted to the Township; however, after speaking with the Butler County Planning Commission and MDIA, and doing research about DEP and State requirements, Mrs. Yeager has informed Dimension that they

must follow steps to get the approval for the construction of the solar farm. The first step is to have a storm water runoff plan approved by the Township, which then becomes part of the submission to the Planning Commission for their approval of the project. Once approved by the Planning Commission, the project plans will go through MDIA for approval. Once all approvals have been received, Dimension can start building. Mrs. Yeager contacted Gateway Engineering to see if they could help with approving the storm water run-off plan. Jonathan Garczewski stated that they can. He send a work order with estimated costs of \$1000 for them to review the plan when it is received. This cost can be charged back to Dimension. Mr. Mishler made a motion to sign the work order for Gateway Engineers. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mr. Mishler signed the work order agreement. From here, we will wait to get the required information from Dimension Renewable Energy.

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. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.