

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. One resident was in attendance.

Mr. Mishler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the August minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial report as of September 6, 2022 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Grading was done on Chambers, Moniteau, Grubb, Windy, Roenigk, Ferguson, and Saniga. Culverts and turnouts were cleaned on Coaltown, Windy, Saniga, and Ferguson. Cleanup from flooding was done on the 8th, after a thunderstorm. Work was done on Chambers, Coaltown, Redbrush, and Saniga. We installed a 30' culvert on Windy Road to replace a metal one that had collapsed. We also put in a 40' culvert on Moniteau and when we were digging to put that in, we hit a fiber-optic line belonging to Armstrong Utilities. We had called it in to Pennsylvania One Call, and it was marked, but after an investigation, it was decided that it was marked in the wrong spot. Armstrong came out and fixed it, and we have not heard whether or not we will be billed. Mrs. Yeager stated that she has not received anything yet. We re-buried the line for them and all is good. High cuts and brush were cut along New Hope, Redbrush, and Moniteau. Dust control was done on Atwell Road, two times. We installed a "Bus Stop Ahead" sign at 1340 Branchton Road, going toward Hilliards. Two trees were down and cleaned up on Saniga and Roenigk. We swept all the loose stone after the tar and chip settled in. Sweeping was done on Redbrush, Coaltown, Beaverdam, Pry Circle, and Harrisville.

For the upcoming month, we will be grading on Hungarian, Wolford, Findlay, and the gamelands. If the weather stays with us, we may be able to hit Beaverdam and Coaltown again. We may also be able to do some more high cuts. We need to put some overlay on New Hope where a logger was working. It is nothing they did wrong, just the age of the surface caused some breakdown of the tar and chip. We will also be getting equipment out and getting it ready for winter. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Equipment and Maintenance Report. The steering cylinder went out on the roller, but it was covered under warranty and has been fixed and is back up working well. A hydraulic hose and the rear steering was repaired on the grader. We had to get one new tire on the Volvo. Mr. Smith hit it with the backhoe when cleaning the ditches. The Volvo also went in to Hovis for State Inspection. During the upcoming month, we will start to clean up equipment and get it stored for winter, as well as pull out the plows and spreaders to get them ready for winter. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Russell Standard, when bidding out the additional mile of tar and chip for Redbrush Road, only placed the bid for one coat of CRS-2, instead of two coats. They caught the mistake right after we accepted the bid at our special meeting in July. Although Mr. Smith attempted to get a new quote from them, showing the added layer of CRS-2, we never received one from Russell Standard. The job was done, which included both coats of CRS-2, and Mrs. Yeager stated that we were only billed for the amount of the bid, and that nothing was added for the additional coat of CRS-2. Apparently, Russell Standard absorbed the cost of the error.

Mrs. Yeager stated that the complaint against Mr. Toomey on Branchton Road, regarding the shooting and target explosions, has resulted in Mr. Toomey hiring an attorney. His attorney contacted our Solicitor, and has requested a meeting with the attorneys, Mr. Toomey, Ms. Straughn, and the Supervisors, to discuss the possibility of coming to an agreement as to times and days when the shooting can take place. Mr. Mishler stated that his schedule is pretty busy, but he will make an attempt to get to the meeting. Mr. Fritz may or may not be able to attend. Mr. Smith stated that he can take care of the Township's side of the meeting if no one else can attend. Mrs. Yeager was instructed to let Attorney Gallagher know that any day will be fine, except for October 12. Any time of day is fine, as well; however, it was agreed that Ms. Straughn should be at the meeting. Mrs. Yeager will inform the Supervisors when a meeting date is decided upon.

Mrs. Yeager stated that an Engineering Firm has been hired by Dimension Renewable Energy to prepare and present all paperwork necessary for them to apply for a building permit for the solar farm on the Iron Mountain property off of Kyle and Atwell Roads. Jonathan Garczewski at Gateway will be handling all reviews and preparations on behalf of the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager has received an invitation from the Butler County Association of Township Supervisors for a safety seminar. The invitation states that the seminar will fulfill the requirement, by law, for safety training of Township officials. Mrs. Yeager was not aware of such requirements, and after a discussion, the Supervisors were not aware either, so Mrs. Yeager will contact PSATS to see if she can get clarification about this requirement.

Mrs. Yeager received a letter from Collin Fantaskey that he received a complaint from the DEP about a malfunctioning septic system at the Atwell property on Branchton Road. Collin will be looking into the complaint and Mrs. Yeager will keep the Board apprised of further developments.

There were no public comments at this time. Mr. Mishler 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 7:55 p.m.