

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Three residents were in attendance.

Mr. Mishler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Mishler made a motion to move the update on the Toomey noise complaint from Old Business to Public Comment. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Lesar from New Hope Road were present to discuss the Toomey gun shooting range and the noise complaint that has been brought to the Township Supervisors. Mr. Lesar stated that nothing has changed and Mr. Toomey is still shooting most days of the week. Mr. Smith suggested that Mrs. Yeager contact PSATS to see what other Townships have faced with regard to an issue like this and what has been done with other cases elsewhere in the State. Mrs. Yeager will call PSATS and also the Department of Tobacco and Firearms to see if there is anything they can recommend. Mrs. Yeager has not yet heard anything from Attorney Gallagher as to whether or not Mr. Toomey will agree to any more restraints on the shooting, via the proposed agreement between him and the Township. Mr. Lesar asked why Mr. Toomey can't move the range to another place on his property, as he is shooting so close to their houses at the present location. Mrs. Yeager will look into how many acres Mr. Toomey has available on the property of Ms. Straughn. Mr. Mishler suggested that we ask Frank Fritz to contact Bill Smith when the shooting starts up, so Mr. Smith can go over and see how long the noise continues. Mrs. Yeager will call Mr. Fritz to see about this possibility. Mr. Mishler asked that Mrs. Yeager contact Attorney Gallagher and inquire as to how far Mr. Toomey's attorney can push the second amendment card, when we are really only considering the noise aspect of this situation. Mr. Mishler also asked if Mrs. Yeager can see if we are insured in the case a lawsuit should arise over this issue.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the October minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement as of November 1 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. Since the weather has been so nice, we were able to re-grade Beaverdam, Redbrush, Coaltown, Grubb, and Moniteau. We may still be able to fit

in a couple more roads before bringing the grader back to the building for the winter. Overlay was put down on Tinker, Redbrush, Pipestem, Coaltown by the bridge, New Hope, Windy, and Ferguson. Gravel patching was done on Atwell and Kyle. Culverts and turnouts were cleaned on Brimstone. Mowing was done to cut brush and high-cuts on Harrisville and two trees were removed on Harrisville. Two trees were cleaned up on Redbrush and Roenigk.

The bus company called and asked if some work could be done at the intersection of Coaltown and Branchton roads. It is becoming really difficult for the bus to see oncoming traffic because of the growth of brush and trees on that corner. We went over and cleaned up a few trees and brush within the Township right-of-way. Troy called the State, but they said it is the responsibility of the Township, so we will have to see what more we can do to clean up that intersection. Mr. Smith will try to talk to the property owner and see if they are willing to let Bill Dellich come in and do some more work there to make visibility better. There is a lot of rock on the bank there, and if Dellich could spend a couple of hours there, cleaning up, we could get the brush and trees cut back further and move the dirt on the bank back with a dozer. Mr. Smith will get a price from Bill Dellich for a couple hours of work at that location. Mr. Mishler agreed that we can spend the money for the sake of safety, as long as it is not way out of our range.

For the upcoming month, we plan to grade, patch, and get the plows and spreaders ready for winter maintenance. 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. A seal went out on the steer box on the Volvo, which was repaired. The strobe light on the one-ton was re-wired. The GMC went through State inspection and is ready to go for the winter. Oxygen was purchased for the welding torches. The clutch is bad on the one-ton truck, and we will be sending it out to Brian for repairs. The bushings are also bad on the A-Arms. After repairs, it will go in for inspection. Mr. Smith and Gary Blauser went out to Somerset to inspect the new Mack Dump truck. The cab and chassis is complete and it has gone to Super City to have the bed put on. Super City said it will be January until the bed is finished. The cab and chassis are good, totally in spec with the order. Once the bed is complete, the truck will go to Stephenson for the hydraulics installation. We could be looking at late January or February before we get the completed truck delivered. It's a really nice truck. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager provided updates on the progress of the Solar Farm to be built on the Iron Mountain property off Atwell Road. There is a lot of red tape to get through and the proposed farm must be divided into two sections now, as there is a limit as to how many solar panels can

be installed under one control station. So the project is being split into North and South arrays and paperwork is being revised to show this division.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager provided figures for the proposed 2023 Township Budget. Line items were reviewed and a few minor changes made. Mr. Mishler made a motion to advertise for the adoption of the proposed budget at the December 6, 2022 meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will place the advertisement in the Butler Eagle.

Mr. Mishler asked Mr. Smith to provide a list of proposed tar and chip projects for the summer of 2023. Although we don't have a lot of funds for tar and chip for the upcoming year, we need to see what needs done the worst. Mr. Smith stated that we should look into chip sealing Pry Road, Sunbury Road, and Ferguson Road.

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 8:40 p.m.