

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 7, 2023 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 at 7:04 p.m. The minutes of the January Reorganization meeting and the January Regular meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the January minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of February 7 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. There were six days of winter maintenance. We had the freeze/thaw/snow/ice situation going on all month. Most of the work was skidding, as we have not had a lot of snow. We did gravel patching on all dirt and gravel roads. Stone was spread over mud on Grubb, Chambers, Findlay, Brimstone at Swope, and Swope. The mud on Findlay was almost axle deep. All the stone we put down when we graded this past summer is gone. Mr. Smith thinks the power company went through, doing repairs when it was wet, and tore the road up. Ditches and culverts were cleaned on Chambers, Beaverdam, and Pipestem. Trees were down on Brimstone, Ferguson, Pry, Grubb, Saniga, Findlay, and Redbrush.

The tree removal was completed on New Hope Road at the Ray property. The debris was laid along the edge of the road. Mrs. Ray said she has someone lined up to come and get it. The roots were dead on most of the trees, so it was best that they were brought down. Dellich Excavating came in and took down about 70 trees. A complaint was received from a neighboring resident as to why his trees were never taken down. Mr. Ray gave him the hardwood trees that were in the mix with the pines so he can use them for firewood, alleviating any further issues. Mr. Smith stated that when he called in the locators for Pennsylvania One Call, Century Link reported no utilities in the area. But we hit phone lines. Luckily Heath Dellich only sliced a couple of lines out of the whole bundle, because he saw them right away and pulled back. Century Link was out today and fixed the lines. Mr. Smith does not know if we will be billed for the service call, but also stated that they are the ones who reported no lines in the area, so hopefully we will not be responsible.

For the upcoming month we will patch holes, both cold patch and gravel. We will wait for winter weather to arrive, and will be doing winter maintenance if it does. 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 rear axle and a serpentine belt were repaired on the GMC dump truck. New springs were put on the Volvo. Our new truck is at Stephenson for the installation of the hydraulics. Mr. Smith was told we would have the truck no later than February

21<sup>st</sup>. However, the plow hitch is on backorder and is not available until September. Mr. Smith and Gary Blausner looked into getting a hitch fabricated. Noah Byler can make us one for \$1500.00 and can have it done in three days. So Mr. Smith told Stephenson to cancel the hitch that is on order and they will credit us for the cost of that hitch. So hopefully, we will have the truck 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

Mrs. Yeager provided the updated paperwork for the solar project at Iron Mountain. Mr. Fritz signed the paperwork for the DEP permitting and for the bond account for planning and review fees. Mrs. Yeager will forward the paperwork on to the appropriate recipients. There are still several documents that the Planning Commission is waiting for in order for them to issue the final approval. Gateway gave their blessing in a letter dated today, that the Storm Water Ordinance is being followed for the Township. We are just waiting for the engineers for Dimension Energy to provide us with an updated Maintenance Plan.

There has been no further development with the Toomey shooting issue. Attorney Gallagher has left several messages with Attorney Casey, as he has not been able to speak with him directly. No response has been received from Attorney Casey.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager stated that Gary Blausner did not take 30 hours of his vacation time in 2022 and that he has asked her to pay him for the time not taken. After a discussion regarding payment of unused vacation, Mr. Smith made a motion to pay Gary for 30 hours of unused vacation from 2022. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mr. Mishler made a motion to amend the Employee Manual, adding into the "Vacation" section, that vacation time must be taken in the year it is earned and that no vacation time will be carried over and that time not taken will not be paid out. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will make the appropriate changes to the Employee Manual.

Robert Hairhoger, from the Marion Township Fire Department, sent a letter to the Board asking for financial support for the establishment of an ambulance service. After a brief discussion, the Board asked that Mrs. Yeager contact him to see if he will come to a meeting and provide more information regarding their request. Mrs. Yeager will contact Mr. Hairhoger.

There were no public comments at this time. Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay bills. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.