

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on May 2, 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. Three residents were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bids were opened for tar and chip projects in the summer of 2023. Bids were as follows:

	<u>Midland Asphalt</u>	<u>Russell Standard</u>
1. Atwell Road	\$ 16,332.30	\$ 12,978.90
2. Windy Road	2,367.00	1,881.00
3. Ferguson Road	13,314.08	8,613.67
4. North Grubb Road	9,815.16	7,799.88
5. Hungarian Road (single coat)	11,973.50	8,585.50
6. Hungarian Road (double coat)	3,788.80	2,451.20
7. N. Beaverdam Road	21,318.78	16,941.54
8. Pry Road	27,859.52	18,023.98
9. Tinker Road	<u>24,680.48</u>	<u>15,967.27</u>
TOTAL	\$ 131,449.62	\$ 93,242.94

Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the bid of Russell Standard, in its entirety. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will notify the bidders of the results.

The minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the April minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of May 2 was reviewed. 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. Gravel patching was done on Roenigk, Windy, and New Hope. Ditches were cleaned and cut on Windy, New Hope, Coaltown, and Redbrush. All tar and chipped roads have been swept. Someone took the bolts out of the Hungarian Road signs and laid them along the side of the road. We had to fix them and put them back up.

We have started cutting sod and berms and cleaning culverts on Pipestem. We will move next to New Hope and Ferguson to cut berms and sod. The work will include preparing Ferguson for the tar and chip, as approved in the bid award above.

The weather has not been the most cooperative, but we should be able to move to New Hope the end of this week. The crew is switching to four 10-hour days for the summer. 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 serpentine belt bearings went out on the new Mack truck. The tensions were off and there was too much strain on the bearings. Tri-County truck said it was Stephenson's fault, as they believe it happened when the clutch pump was put on. Stephenson fixed it under warranty. The truck is now at Noah Byler's to have the hitch installed. We should have it back next week. All hopper spreaders were cleaned and stored for the summer. Bristles were changed and two hoses replaced on the broom tractor. The Volvo truck was pressure washed, as were the broom tractor and the GMC dump truck. The grader was oiled and lubed and filters were changed. A new drive tire was also put on the grader. The latches on the Volvo tailgate were adjusted so the tailgate closes and opens correctly. A two-way radio was installed in the Mack truck. Mr. Fritz asked if we are using the plow from the GMC for the new Mack truck. Mr. Smith replied that we are using the Western plow that was on the GMC dump. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager reported that Jim Wendelschafer, from Iron Mountain, is willing to meet with the fire companies and show them the location and workings of the solar array fields that will be installed along Rt. 308 and Atwell/Kyle roads. She has notified Robert Hairhoger at Marion Township Fire Department, and he is going to co-ordinate with the other fire departments to come up with a date to meet with Iron Mountain.

Attorney Gallagher has reached out to Attorney Casey, asking him if Mr. Toomey and Ms. Straughn are still willing to sign the agreement to limit shooting on the property on Branchton Road. Attorney Casey indicated that he feels his clients will sign the agreement; however, Attorney Gallagher has heard nothing back from them at this point in time.

Mr. Smith stated that he will see if we can put the GMC dump truck on MuniBid to try to sell it. Mr. Fritz stated that he feels the truck is worth some money because of the CAT motor in it and there are no emissions controls like the new trucks have. Noah Byler also told Mr. Smith that he may know of someone who is looking for a dump truck.

Mrs. Yeager stated that the Iron Mountain Building Permit is coming closer to fruition. She was told that the application may be filed in June.

The building permit application for the Moniteau High School roof solar panel project has been returned to the contractor for code compliance reasons and for changes to be made to the plans. There were a lot of regulations that were not met, so it may be a while longer until the permit is issued by MDIA.

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rico Marino commented that the road crew is doing a very good job throughout the Township. He has not seen the roads in this good of condition in many years.

Mr. Mishler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.