

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on August 1, 2023 at the Township Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. One resident was present. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments at this time.

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the July minutes. Mr. Mishler seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of August 1 was reviewed. No comments being made, 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. Grading was done on Redbrush, Grubb, Moniteau, and Chambers. We are working on Windy now, cutting sod and fixing up ditches. It will be graded next week. We still have Saniga left to do. Then we will move to the gamelands area. We cut sod and cleaned ditches on Grubb, Moniteau, and Chambers. An underdrain was put in on Wolford by Findlay, where a spring broke through. We swept all the tar and chip roads to avoid accidents happening. Dust control was done on Grubb, Wolford, Moniteau, Chambers, and Beaverdam from Pipestem to Wagners and from Schultheis to Snows. Trees were down and cleaned up on Grubb, Moniteau, Windy, and Chambers. Stop sign thefts were down in July to only one. A new supply of stop signs will be purchased from Stevenson as we have used the last one. Skid has been ordered to refill the shed. It is the same price as last year, \$8.25. Dave Saul will also be charging the same price as last year to haul it. For the upcoming month, we will be continuing to grade. Mrs. Yeager stated that Slippery Rock Township called her to see if we are closing Magill Road, as residents in that Township have been calling them that the road is being closed. Mr. Smith indicated that we will be going in to grade and clean it up before moving to the gamelands. Upcoming as well, we will be cold patching small holes and will overlay sections of Pipestem and New Hope. 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. We had a good month. We replaced the antennae and a brake light on the one-ton truck. Dave Brown was in and welded teeth on the bucket of the back hoe. We repaired a tire on the mower tractor and re-filled it with

calcium. All else was good for the month. We have received no word from Stevenson on the new plow hitch for the Mack truck. It was originally scheduled to arrive in August. 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 a draft of the Animal Nuisance Ordinance prepared by Mike Gallagher. The Board reviewed the draft and Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the draft and to have Attorney Gallagher proceed with advertising the adoption of the Ordinance at the September meeting. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mrs. Yeager will notify Attorney Gallagher to proceed with the process for adoption of the Ordinance.

Mrs. Yeager reported that Moniteau School District has received final approval to install the solar panels on the roof at the High School. She is awaiting a copy of the stamped and approved drawings and will issue them the building permit card when those are received.

At last month's meeting, Mrs. Beachem had requested that a speed limit be posted on Beaverdam Road because people are speeding, especially after the tar and chip was done on that road. Mrs. Yeager contacted Cory Shaffer at PennDot, and he indicated that the Township will have to conduct a speed study on Beaverdam, which will have to be done by Gateway Engineers. Once the study is done, a speed limit can be set according to the findings. Mr. Smith stated that for roads without speed studies, the normal speed limit is set at 55 mph. After a discussion about this situation, the Board is concerned about the cost of doing this speed study. It was decided that Mr. Smith can put up 45 mph speed limit signs and see if that helps anything and we will wait to proceed with spending the money for a speed study.

Mr. Mishler asked if we are still planning to sell the GMC dump truck. Mr. Smith stated that Gary Blausen thinks we may have a prospective buyer who was willing to pay \$7000.00 for the truck. The issue right now is that we may need the truck if we can't get the plow hitch for the Mack truck. Once we get the Mack set up to plow snow, we can sell the GMC.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager presented a letter that she drafted, at the request of the County Commissioners, to support Armstrong Utilities' efforts to obtain a grant which would increase the coverage for internet services in our Township. After a brief discussion, the Board was in favor of Mrs. Yeager sending the letter off to the County for inclusion in Armstrong's grant application. Mrs. Yeager will send it to Sherry Shoals in the morning.

Mr. Smith stated that someone posted speed limit and "children at play" signs at the corner of Roenigk and New Hope Roads. They used 4 x 4 pressure treated posts to install the signs. That is illegal by State law. He will get some PennDot approved signs and replace the signs that were posted there.

Mrs. Yeager asked if there has been any action at 300 New Hope Road, where Victor Kennedy had planned to install a new septic system. Mr. Smith indicated that the road crew has seen nothing happening there yet. Mrs. Yeager reminded him that Mr. Kennedy has to put in the alternate septic system that was approved by the DEP for that site. A regular sand mound was not approved. She asked that the crew please let her know if they see anything indicating he is starting to do any digging on that property.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Fritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to sign checks to pay all bills. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.