

**CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on September 5, 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. Gary Blausner and two residents were in attendance. Mr. Mishler called the meeting to order at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Kate Homison was present to provide a completed Sewage Planning Module for her property on Redbrush Road. The plan was reviewed and the checklist completed. Mr. Mishler signed off in all places required by the Township. Kate will send the appropriate copies to DEP along with a check for their review. We will be notified if DEP needs further information for the final approval of the Planning Module.

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

The treasurer's report as of September 5 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Fritz arrived at the meeting and Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Sod, ditches and berms were cut on Windy, Tinker, Brimstone, Swope and Pry. Grading was done on Windy and Saniga. Sections of Redbrush were re-graded due to a wash board that was created after a washout. There were three days of storm cleanup. Water filled ditches and debris plugged them. In some spots the ditches were so full, the water flowed down the road. There were also some trees down. Cleanup was done on Chambers, Grubb, Moniteau, Windy, Coaltown, Wolford, Hungarian, and Roenigk. Mr. Mishler asked if the water did any damage to the new tar and chip areas. Mr. Smith stated that all of those areas held up well. Trees were down on Saniga, Beaverdam, Wolford, and Coaltown. Overlay was put down on New Hope and Pipestem. Handmade Stop signs and watch children signs were removed on Roenigk and proper, State approved, signs were put up. We still need to put up speed signs on Beaverdam. We will start grading in the Gamelands in September.

The Ray family would like Mr. Smith to help them clean up their yard where we cut down pine trees and to level their yard to make it easier to maintain. After a brief discussion, the Board noted that working on private property is not permitted. Mr. Mishler stated that, if there is still debris within the Township right-of-way that is remaining from the removal of those pine trees,

we can clean that up further. But any work in their actual yard is not permitted under Township Code.

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Katsur, on Redbrush Road, has agreed that we can take out the ornamental grass that is blocking the view of the road at the bend. He agrees that it is causing an issue for drivers on the road. He will not make an attempt to replace it, or will replace it with something that will not obstruct the view of the road. Mr. Smith and Gary Blausner both witnessed this statement by Mr. Katsur.

Mr. Smith received a call from Moniteau High School. They would like to shut down Brimstone Road for a brief time so they can have a homecoming parade on the road. They will have the band, fire companies, and other organizations in the parade. Mr. Smith stated that we have no issue with them using the road for the parade, but we do have to notify 911 Emergency Management that the road will be closed on October 5, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We will use our road closed signs and the fire companies will direct traffic.

Mrs. Beachem posed a question about how long dust control lasts once it is put down on a road, and can they get more put down. Mr. Smith stated that where they put down the calcium on Beaverdam, it will not last as long as it might in other locations, because there is so much traffic on Beaverdam. Rains will also cause the calcium to wash into the road making it less effective. It is too late in the year to be placing more calcium on the roads as the weather is changing and the roads will absorb the calcium, turning it into mud. Mr. Mishler stated that we can perhaps put a very light coat on Beaverdam, one more time, and that will be all we can do for this year. Mr. Smith agreed that we will dust the road lightly.

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. A hydraulic fitting was replaced on the backhoe and a tire was repaired on the backhoe. We will need to replace that tire, however, because the casing is cracked on it. A new edge was installed and side guards replaced on the bucket of the loader. The loader was also serviced and greased. Bowers Industrial was in to work on the mower tractor, repairing a switch for the injection pump, where a fuse was broken.

The Board discussed purchasing a new one-ton truck. Clay Township is keeping their truck now that they have it repaired. Mrs. Yeager stated that there is a webinar this week that will discuss eligible projects for grant funding from the Infrastructure Law. She cannot attend the webinar, but Mr. Mishler asked that she send him the information so he can possibly be in attendance. Mrs. Yeager provided information about the State Share Grant that is allowed to be used to purchase trucks. She will work on the application for this grant; however, the funding comes

from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, where we received the million dollars for Harrisville Road. We are at the bottom of the list to receive more funding from the CFA, due to that large award. It will not hurt to try. We will pursue grant money for the purchase of a new truck, but Mr. Mishler asked Mrs. Yeager to get Attorney Gallagher to start on the borrowing certificate that we would need to take out a loan for the purchase of a truck. It will more than likely be a long lead time to get a truck, but if we have everything else ready, it may help us to be able to close a deal sooner. Mrs. Yeager will keep researching to see if there are any other funding sources out there. Mr. Mishler made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance Report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Advertising has been done for the adoption of Ordinance #43, an animal nuisance ordinance, as prepared by Attorney Gallagher. Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance #43. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The ordinance was signed and sealed. Mrs. Yeager will send a copy of the adopted ordinance to the Butler County Law Library.

There was no New Business to discuss.

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. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.