

## CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. William Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. Gary Blausner and one resident were in attendance. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial report as of October 3 was reviewed. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. We worked on ditches in the Gamelands, cleaning culverts and turnouts on Brimstone, Tinker, Swope, and Pry. A washout was repaired on Wolford after heavy rains. It was the only place we experienced problems with that rain storm. Trees were down and cleaned up on Sunbury, Ferguson, Chambers, and Harrisville. There was a huge one down by Farren's on Harrisville. We started to go back and re-grade some of the roads today, and will continue as long as the weather is good. We started on Wolford and will move to Redbrush and Chambers. We plan to do some guardrail work as we move through the Township, as well. The skid is all in for the winter. There were no price increases from last year for both the skid and for the hauling. We didn't need that much this year, after last year's calm winter. Brimstone Road will be closed for about one and a half hours on September 7, so the High School can conduct a Homecoming Parade across Brimstone to the High School. Traffic control will be done by the Fire Departments in the area. Signs on several roads in Marion Township were pulled down and dumped in one of Cherry Township's resident's yard. Mr. Blausner contacted Marion Township and they came and picked them up. Mr. Fritz 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. The Volvo was in for State Inspection. Four hydraulic hoses were replaced to avoid issues in the future. A hose on the backhoe was replaced, and just today, we replaced a hose on the grader. The loader was serviced for winter. We are waiting for one more filter to finish the work. The grader was lubed and the Volvo was serviced. We are taking the new Mack truck to Stephenson to have the hitch put on. We will deliver the truck to Lilly on Thursday, and we aren't sure how long it will take. It shouldn't be that long. For the upcoming month we will be getting the spreaders out and preparing the trucks for winter. Mr. Fritz made a motion to accept the Equipment and Maintenance report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager reported that a certified letter she mailed out to the residents at 210 Pipestem Road was not accepted or picked up. The letter was in regard to a malfunctioning septic system at that property. Collin Fantaskey also attempted to send a certified letter to the address, which was also not picked up. Mrs. Yeager will forward the information on to Attorney Gallagher, and he indicated that a courier would be sent out to

the property to serve the residents with an order to allow Collin onto the property for inspection and testing at the site. If this does not work, official Court documents will be filed. Mrs. Yeager will keep the Board apprised of the situation as it progresses.

Mrs. Yeager presented copies of the State Shares Grant proposal she has prepared for submission by November 30, 2023. Mr. Smith and Mr. Blauser both felt that the information on the application was appropriate. After a brief discussion, it was decided to increase the amount of the request from \$75,000 to \$90,000. Mrs. Yeager will send a copy to Mr. Mishler for his review and we will finalize the application at the November meeting. Mr. Smith made a motion that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 23-02, authorizing the submission of the application for the State Shares Grant to DCED. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yeager presented information regarding Health Insurance coverage for Mr. Smith. Since he is the only employee using the Township Insurance, beginning December 1, 2023, we will no longer be eligible to carry a group plan. We have to enroll half of the employees to be eligible for a group plan. DaveVic Benefits Administrators provided several options for Mr. Smith to enroll in an individual health insurance plan. Since we are no longer under group coverage, the law will not allow the Township to pay the bill for Mr. Smith's health insurance coverage. We are, however, permitted to give him a wage increase to cover the Township's share of the insurance. The law states that the money meant to cover the insurance must be paid to him before taxes. Mrs. Yeager will send the information to Mr. Mishler with the options of how we can handle the payment of insurance through wage increase. We will approve and vote on the wage increase and the new insurance plan for Mr. Smith at the November meeting, as Mr. Mishler must be present to vote, with Mr. Smith abstaining.

The Butler County Planning Commission has approved amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Since Cherry Township has adopted the County Ordinance for Subdivisions and Land Development, the amendments are of interest to the Board for future planning in the Township. Mrs. Yeager provided copies of the amendments. She feels we should definitely continue with using the County Ordinance, as the solar installations in the Township will only be increasing and the County takes care of much of the paperwork and red tape for us when larger projects come into play.

Mr. Smith made a motion to set Trick-Or-Treat hours for Cherry Township for Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Yeager will report the hours to the Butler Eagle and Butler Radio, as they have been requesting this information from her in the past several weeks.

Mr. Fritz 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 7:50 p.m.