

CHERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cherry Township Supervisors was held on December 5, 2023 at the Township Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mr. Frank Fritz, Mr. David Mishler, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Gary Blauser, and Mrs. Carolyn Yeager. One resident was in attendance.

Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order. There were no public comments. The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Mishler made a motion to approve the November minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

The financial report as of December 5 was reviewed. Mr. Mishler asked that Mrs. Yeager look into the Adobe payment. If this is a monthly fee, we should just use the free app so we don't have to pay for this every month. Mrs. Yeager will check into it. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Smith gave the Road Master's Report. Two days were spent doing winter maintenance. We had light snow and needed to drop some skid. Gravel patching was done on Wolford, Saniga, Grubb, and Roenigk. Cold patching was done on Wolford, Coaltown, Redbrush, and Grubb. We reset the beaver screen on Wolford Road. Trees were down and cleaned up on Saniga, Chambers, and a huge one on New Hope by Windy. That one just missed the power lines. A culvert was installed in the ditch on Coaltown at the Cogswell residence to help the mail carrier make mail deliveries. Mr. Mishler stated that some work needs done on Coaltown at Branchton. Mr. Smith stated that he will do some patching there, and that patching also needs done on Beaverdam.

For the upcoming month, we will keep patching and cleaning ditches. All tar and chip that was done this year is looking good. 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. All spreaders and plows are on the trucks and ready for winter maintenance. The one-ton plow was cleaned and painted and the inspection was done on the one-ton truck. Bad wiring in the turn signals was repaired and two bearings on the hopper spreader were replaced, on the one-ton truck, as well. The heated mirrors were repaired and the rear bumper and spreader mounts were painted.

The fire extinguishers were serviced and inspected by Firefighter. The pressure washer was cleaned up and stored for the winter. The weed eater was also cleaned up and tuned up. Weeds were cut down around the skid shed and a couple of the stumps left by the electric company were pulled out. The loader was serviced and we still need to clean up the backhoe. We received one sealed bid for the sale of the 2001 GMC dump truck. The bid came in from Larry McKinley 336 Eau Claire Road, Emlenton, PA 16373. The bid is \$4950.99. Mr. Mishler made a motion to sell the 2001 GMC Dump truck to Mr. McKinley, based on his bid. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried. Mr. Smith will contact Mr. McKinley to make arrangements for payment and the transfer of title for the truck.

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 Collin Fantaskey is scheduled to go out for an inspection of the property at 210 Pipestem Road. Mike Gallagher will more than likely want a full report of his findings. Concern was raised by the Board of Collin Fantaskey's unresponsiveness to this issue, as well as his inability to respond to the Township's needs in a timely manner. Mrs. Yeager has not been receiving reports and paperwork that is needed for her records either. A discussion took place about what our options are to replace him. Mrs. Yeager stated that the only other people she knows in the area who are certified are Colleen Berg and Patrick West, who we appointed last year as our backup SEO. Mr. Mishler asked if Mrs. Yeager could contact Mr. West to see if he is interested in becoming the main SEO for next year. Mrs. Yeager will make the call and search for information about other SEO's in the area.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2024, as approved at the November 6, 2023 meeting and advertised for adoption in December. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. All three supervisors voted yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding the constant flow of calls being received regarding tax collection issues. The residents, real estate closing firms, and banks are constantly calling the Township with issues they need to have addressed and can't get a response from the tax collector. Some are quite upset and angry, especially when their needs are ignored and telephone calls are not answered. Mrs. Yeager has not received any payments since September 5, which was for August collections. The Board asked Mrs. Yeager to see what can be done to have someone else collect taxes for the Township. She stated that a call has already been made to Mike Gallagher, because she received a threat that a resident was going to sue the

Township for not doing anything about this, when we know there are serious problems with the services to taxpayers. Attorney Gallagher is working to find out what our options are.

Mr. Mishler made a motion to recognize Frank Fritz for his 22-1/2 years of service as a Supervisor for Cherry Township. This is quite a commitment for a person to make, and we are grateful for the years he has given in support and service to the residents. Thank you, Frank! Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 7:50 p.m.