

**Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 6, 2018**

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Emery Fiely, Jim Waugh, and Dave Zdarko, Supervisors, and Christine Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer.

Call to Order

Emery Fiely called the meeting to order.

Pledge

Moment of Prayer

Jim Waugh led those in attendance in a moment of prayer.

Public Comment

Jamey Miller spoke regarding comments made at the last meeting about the monthly road report lacking in details. He said when Don Deliman gives the VFD report, nobody questions how many people showed up at each call, how much fuel was consumed, etc. Additionally, nobody questions the township secretary about how many phone calls she makes every month. Jamey Miller stated that the township would not be better off with more details in the road report and that he feels time should not be wasted documenting the details because the time would be better spent working on the roads. Emery Fiely responded by saying he feels the road report does not need details and by questioning the details in the road report, we are questioning the roadmaster. Emery Fiely said he does not question the roadmaster at all and noted that the new procedure for grading, which requires 3 workers, has yielded impressive results.

Jamey Miller also asked the Supervisors if the oil and chip on Cherrytree Road is representative of the oil and chip applied to the other roads throughout the township this summer. He noted that it is coming apart. Dave Zdarko said that the oil is holding up better on some roads than on others and noted that the amount of traffic makes a difference. Emery Fiely said that the roads still need more gravel and that the oil holds up better on roads that have more gravel. He also noted that the dust is minimal in between the oiled spots on roads that have an adequate amount of gravel. Both Dave Zdarko and Emery Fiely said that they feel the new product (EDP-30) applied to Fairview Road (from Route 8 to just beyond Cherrytree Road) is holding the dust down well. Emery Fiely said he would be in favor of using EDP-30 throughout the entire township, as opposed to E-1 Prime, next year.

Jamey Miller asked the Supervisors if there is a timeframe for the township to respond after a complaint has been made. Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, said that the township will respond to a zoning complaint within 10 to 30 days. He said the township usually sends a notification to the property owner who appears to be in violation before filing a complaint with District Magistrate Fish. However, the township can take the matter to District Magistrate Fish immediately after a complaint is received, if the township chooses to do so. Any property owner can appeal a decision made by Ben Breniman to the Supervisors.

Terry Coogan thanked the township for graveling Cherrytree-Plum Line Road and said it looks great.

After all public comment had been made, Emery Fiely asked those in attendance to refrain from asking questions or making comments throughout the rest of the meeting. He said the Supervisors would answer any questions after the meeting adjourned.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, July 2, 2018, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report, for July 2018, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

STV Incorporated – Bridge Inspection Report – Fairview Bridge

The Supervisors reviewed a bridge inspection report for Fairview Bridge. The bridge was inspected on October 10, 2017. A priority 4 recommendation was made (pave/re-grade both approaches to eliminate bump on bridge) and a priority 5 recommendation was made (clean/flush deck to remove roadway debris).

PSATS News Bulletin

Venango County Association of Township Officials – Annual Convention

The 106th Annual Convention of the Venango County Association of Township Officials will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the Oakland Township Fire Hall.

Cherrytree Township Volunteer Fire Department – 50th Anniversary

The VFD will hold its 50th Anniversary celebration on September 15, 2018 at Timber Lake Lodge and is soliciting contributions for door prizes to be given at the celebration.

Zoning

Permits

Z-2018-09	George Reed	741 Stone Springhouse Road	detached garage
Z-2018-10	Andrew and Rachel Schwab	853 Fairview Road	pool and deck
Z-2018-11	Leon and Carolyn Myers	904 Fairview Road	machine shed
Z-2018-12	Kathryn Bunce	2062 Buxton Road	enlarging mud room
Z-2018-13	James Waugh, Trustee	3515 State Route 8	carport

Zoning Report

Ben Breniman reported that certified letters were sent to property owners on Petroleum Center Road regarding travel trailers that have been located on the properties for an extended period of time. He talked to both owners. In the Zoning Ordinance, it states that a travel trailer with a sewage tank can sit on a property for no more than 30 days (unless the owner resides in a permanent structure on the property) and a travel trailer with no sewage tank can sit on a property for no more than 10 days (unless the owner resides in a permanent structure on the property). Ben Breniman said that the township does not want people living in campers. One of the property owners, Joel Stafford, said he just wants to stay there on weekends

and his travel trailer has a tank that he pays to dump at a nearby campground. Furthermore, he plans to build a house and permanently reside in the township in 2 years. Ben Breniman noted that the properties in question are well kept. He said all the property owners would have to do in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance would be to move their travel trailers off the properties, then move them right back on. Emery Fiely said he does not want to drive people out of the township and does not have a problem with the situation. Jim Waugh suggested getting an in-ground holding tank and Joel Stafford said he would consider it. Jamey Miller, who owns a property adjacent to the property owned by Joel Stafford, said he is now living in a trailer park and Joel Stafford assured him that the travel trailer will not be there for long. Jamey Miller thanked him.

Administrative Action

Sell Spreaders

Dave Zdarko suggested selling three stainless steel spreaders that are no longer needed. Two are in working condition and one does not work and would be sold for parts only. After a discussion about how much the spreaders are worth, the Supervisors decided to list them on www.municibid.com and not sell them until they vote to accept the highest bid on each one. That way, if the Supervisors feel that the highest bid on any of the spreaders is too low, they can reject the bid and not sell the spreader. Chrissie Kurelowech will list the spreaders on www.municibid.com and the Supervisors will vote to sell the spreaders at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018, if they feel the bids are reasonable.

Sell Paver

Dave Zdarko said he has been in contact with one of the Supervisors from Oil Creek Township, Crawford County, and Oil Creek Township would like to go ahead and sell the Blaw-Know paver, which is jointly owned by Oil Creek Township and Cherrytree Township. The Cherrytree Township Supervisors voted to sell the paver at a meeting held on June 4, 2018. The Supervisors were in agreement to list the paver on www.municibid.com and not to sell it until the highest bid is voted upon at a meeting. Chrissie Kurelowech will list it on www.municibid.com and, at its first meeting in September, each township will vote to accept or reject the highest bid received.

Drake Well Road Repair

Emery Fiely told those in attendance that Drake Well Road is in need of repair because part of the road is washing into Oil Creek. Dave Zdarko obtained two estimates. Tom Wencil would charge \$3,200.00 to place the rip-rap and the township would have to transport the rip-rap to Drake Well Road and complete the job with gravel. Shingledecker's Welding would charge \$6,471.20 and would transport the rip-rap to Drake Well Road. The township would be required to furnish gravel. The cost of the gravel is estimated to be \$3,500.00. Chrissie Kurelowech said that an emergency permit to fix the road has already been issued by DEP. The Supervisors were concerned about the tight financial situation that the township is in right now, but were also concerned about the safety of people traveling on the road. Jim Waugh made a motion to close Drake Well Road. There was no second. A lengthy discussion took place about whether to fix the road now or wait until spring when the township's financial situation is better. Emery Fiely was concerned about having enough money to make it through the winter if the township were to spend the money to fix the road now. Tim McGrath pointed out

that the road being in need of repair is a known situation, but winter is not. If winter is harsh and the township cannot stretch the money until spring, a short-term loan could be obtained. Tim McGrath also noted that the price for the repair could be much higher later. He also told the Supervisors that Joe Lamey has cement barriers and he could ask him if the township would be able to use them, if that would help the township. Charlene Armstrong asked if Cherrytree Township had asked Oil Creek Township, Venango County, to maintain Cherrytree's portion of the road during the winter, if the road were to be closed. Cherrytree Township had not yet asked Oil Creek Township, Venango County. Jamey Miller asked the Supervisors what costs they have in the winter and Jim Waugh said overtime and salt. On a motion made Emery Fiely, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously, the Supervisor voted to accept the estimate submitted by Shingledecker's Welding for \$6,471.20 to have Drake Well Road repaired immediately.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 25 calls since the last meeting. Of the 25 calls, 2 were building fires, 1 was a trash fire, 1 was a grass fire, 16 were EMS, 1 was an MVA with no injuries, 2 were public service (tree down and lift assist), 1 was dispatched and canceled, and 1 was an unintentional transmission of alarm.

The VFD will hold a 50th Anniversary celebration on September 15, 2018 at Timber Lake Lodge. Two members from several neighboring volunteer fire departments have been invited as well as various officials.

EMA Office

Tim McGrath reported that he recently attended training and learned about the importance of townships assessing and reporting damage after storms. It is imperative that all of the townships document and report damage to Venango County EMA because once a certain threshold has been reached, the situation is raised to the next level. If townships fail to report damage, then the threshold might not be reached and Venango County will not be able to receive assistance from a higher level. Only half of the townships in the county took time to assess and report damage to the county after the last major storm.

Road

On behalf of Lew Staub, Roadmaster, Dave Zdarko reported that the road crew mowed 29 roads, ditched for 1 day, cut 4 trees up, graded 5 roads, mowed the yard 3 times, oiled and chipped 1 road and extra spots throughout the township (purchased by some residents), installed 1 crossover pipe and installed 1 driveway pipe. Hasbrouck Sand & Gravel tailgated gravel on 2 roads.

As for equipment, the 2002 International was inspected and new front tires were put on the JCB backhoe.

2019 County Aid Application

Chrissie Kurelowech said that the 2019 county aid application will be due this fall and asked the Supervisors to choose a project. In order to submit an application, a resolution will need to be passed at the September meeting. The township will receive \$50,000.00 from Venango County in 2018 to use towards paving Cherrytree Road. She suggested choosing a project that the township will, most likely, do, with or without the

county's help, and offer to share the costs. In the past, the township has been more successful applying for county aid with projects where both the township and the county contribute, as opposed to asking the county to fund an entire project. After some discussion, the Supervisors decided to apply for county aid to help seal coat Cherrytree Road (the portion paved in 2018) and Dutch Hill Road (the paved portion). Chrissie Kurelowech will begin putting the application together.

Old Business

There was no "Old Business".

New Business

There was no "New Business".

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

After the meeting was adjourned, Don Deliman told the Supervisors that he has enjoyed coming to the meetings throughout the years and voicing his opinion and is very upset that he has been told not to speak during the meetings. Emery Fiely said that the last few meetings have turned into a "free for all" and that accomplishes nothing. Don Deliman expressed concern that questions and comments after the meeting would not appear in the minutes and Emery Fiely said the Supervisors have to do business and cannot get work done. Don Deliman said it is the job of the Supervisors to listen to citizens. After some discussion, the Supervisors decided to add a second "Public Comment" section to the agenda and allow those in attendance to ask questions and voice their opinions, while still on the record.

Lawrence Wensel, of 2597 State Route 8, asked the Supervisors if anything can be done about the junkyard located where Route 8 and Route 417 meet. Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, explained that the situation is ongoing and that he has been working with the property owner for some time now, but that the property owner is no longer in good health.

Lawrence Wensel also asked about getting a "No Jake Brake" sign placed near his home on Route 8 because the noise is very bothersome. Chrissie Kurelowech suggested contacting PennDOT, since Route 8 is a state road, but Ben Breniman said he thought the application might have to come from the township itself, not from a resident. Chrissie Kurelowech said she would contact PennDOT on the matter and get back to Lawrence Wensel.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer

