

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, February 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Jim Waugh, Rob Kellogg, and Shari Nelson, Supervisors, and Christine Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Call to Order**

Jim Waugh called the meeting to order.

**Pledge**

**Moment of Prayer**

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

**New Business**

**Pro Waste Services – Bill Locke and Alex Pol**

Bill Locke and Alex Pol, of Pro Waste Services, informed those in attendance about their company's plan for 4487 State Route 8, the former Penn RV Center. Pro Waste Services recently purchased the property and plans to turn it into a trucking terminal, at least for the time being. Bill Locke is a consultant and Project Manager and Alex Pol is the Operations Manager for Pro Waste Services. The company has a facility in Erie and a facility in Meadville. Bill Locke explained that, since the company is getting a lot of business in the area, the property will be used, at least initially, as a place to pick up and drop off empty dumpsters. The company plans to make the Titusville facility similar to the Meadville facility. There are currently 2 employees at the Titusville location, with 2 more expected in March. In April or May, the company plans to add another 2 employees, making the total 6. Connie McFarland, a concerned neighbor, asked for clarification regarding whether or not the dumpsters will contain recyclables or be empty and Bill Locke stated that, for now, the dumpsters will all be empty at the site. Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, noted that the property is located in the Commercial/Light Industrial zone and the trucking terminal that the company has planned is a permitted use, but, if the company decides in the future to process full dumpsters on the property, it will have to go before the Board of Supervisors to obtain a conditional use. Connie McFarland asked Bill Locke if the company would erect a fence if, in the future, it begins to process full dumpsters on the property. Bill Locke noted that the township's zoning ordinance is "tough" and that there are setback requirements, fencing requirements, etc., that the company would need to follow. Connie McFarland also said that she is concerned about noise. Ron Stewart asked how many trucks will be entering the property daily and Bill Locke said 3 trucks, at most. Connie McFarland asked if the trucks will be entering/exiting on Fairview Road and Bill Locke said that they will be entering/exiting from Route 8. Connie McFarland also said that she is concerned about her water well because she had been told that the company plans to erect additional buildings on the property. Bill Locke said that the company is not currently doing anything that will disturb water wells. Ron Stewart asked about the regular hours of operation for the facility and Bill Locke said that there will not be 24-hour activity and that the work will begin as early as 6:00 a.m. Uriah Sampson,

a concerned neighbor, said that his family has lived in their house for 20 years. He said that they knew they were buying a house on Route 8, but did not want to live next to a dump station. Tim McGrath noted that Pro Waste Services has 20 acres to use and, if the company wants to use the property for anything more involved than a trucking terminal, it would need to go before the Board of Supervisors for a conditional use. Furthermore, if the company seeks a conditional use, the Board of Supervisors would be able to impose conditions, such as noise limits, barrier requirements, fence requirements, etc., as part of the permit. Tim McGrath also noted that at least one hearing would be required to obtain a conditional use and that the public would be notified in advance of any scheduled hearings. Additionally, the owners of neighboring properties would all receive registered letters to notify them of upcoming public hearings. Tim McGrath also told those in attendance that the public is free to file complaints with him if they feel that Pro Waste Services, at any time, is in violation of the zoning ordinance. Vickey McFarland, a concerned neighbor, asked about the weight of each dumpster and said that she is worried about her water well getting damaged from heavy dumpsters repeatedly being dropped on the property owned by Pro Waste Services. Alex Pol said that each empty dumpster weighs about 4,000 lbs. and Bill Locke said that many will be dropped initially while they are getting the trucking terminal started, but as time goes by, there will only be a few dropped each day. Vickey McFarland also asked if other Pro Waste Services locations started out as trucking terminals and Bill Locke said that the Erie facility started as a trucking terminal. Connie McFarland noted that one of her neighbors visited the Pro Waste Services facility in Erie and said that the property was a mess and things were strewn all over it. Bill Locke responded by saying that he invites anyone to visit any Pro Waste Services location at any time. He said that the company has never been fined or even received a "Notice of Violation". Ron Stewart asked about the contents of the dumpsters, when they are full, and Bill Locke said that they are used mostly for construction materials. Several concerned neighbors continued discussion with Bill Locke and Alex Pol, about Pro Waste Services' plans for the property, in another area of the building while the meeting continued in the meeting room.

### **2025 Township Audit**

Chrissie Kurelowech reported that the Auditors approved Rob Kellogg's wages, as recommended by the Supervisors, at their annual reorganization meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The Auditors will soon begin reviewing all of the financial records for 2025 and preparing an audit report for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED).

### **Township Building – Water Damage**

Chrissie Kurelowech reported that a water pipe burst in one of the hallways in the township building, sometime during the weekend of January 24, 2026 and January 25, 2026, causing the hallways, part of the bathrooms, and part of the closet to be flooded. This was most likely caused by frigid temperatures and the back furnace failing. A claim was made with the insurance company and there will be a \$1,000.00 deductible. The pipe was repaired and the furnace was replaced by Moore Heating and Air Conditioning. ServPro cleaned the mess caused by the water and removed damaged drywall and baseboards. An insurance adjuster inspected the building and said that the carpet will need cleaned, but not replaced. She will give the township a list of work remaining to be done (drywall replacement, carpet cleaning, etc.) and the township will be able to hire people

locally to perform the work. The Zoll cardiac monitor (AED (Automated External Defibrillator)), owned by the VFD, was wet, but it is undetermined at this time whether or not it is permanently damaged. Chrissie Kurelowech mentioned it to the insurance adjuster and, if there is permanent damage, it will be covered by the insurance.

### **Public Comment**

Sarah Goodman, Oil Region ATV Association (ORATVA) Board member, told the Supervisors that “just Cherrytree Township and Frenchcreek Township” are holding out and not passing ordinances to legalize ATV, side-by-side, and snowmobile use on township roads. She said that other counties are getting grant funding for ATV, side-by-side, and snowmobile use and “you are going to cause trouble”. She told the Supervisors that some people are going to rebel and ride illegally on Cherrytree Township roads anyway because they are not respectful. Jim Waugh asked Sarah Goodman where she lives and noted that she is not a resident of Cherrytree Township. Tucker Gregg, a township resident and a member of the Planning Commission, asked Sarah Goodman if she suggests that people break the law by riding illegally and she responded by saying “No”. She said that Cherrytree Township is stopping tourism for Drake Well because people cannot ride their ATVs, side-by-sides, and snowmobiles legally on township roads. Sarah Goodman told the Supervisors that the township would benefit by passing an ordinance because part of each permit fee would go to the township. She said that ORATVA would purchase and erect the road signs for the township. Jim Waugh noted that enforcement would be a problem because it takes the state police about 45 minutes to get to Cherrytree Township. He also noted that PennDOT has not approved any state roads for ATV, side-by-side, and snowmobile use. This could present a problem when connecting township roads where riding is legal. Kim Bliznesky said older riders would be able to legally ride to restaurants and Lodge Bliznesky said that the rest of the county is “on board” with it. Another person in attendance said that he lives on Dempseytown-Gresham Road and would like to ride his side-by-side on the roads. Jim Waugh said that the Supervisors were told by the Township Solicitor that liability could fall on the township in the event of an ATV, side-by-side, or snowmobile accident, if the Supervisors were to pass an ordinance legalizing the activity on township roads. He noted that West Virginia has seen a 24% increase in accidents since legalizing off-road vehicles on public roads. Furthermore, he said that he has had more township residents tell him that they do not want ATV, side-by-side, and snowmobile use made legal on township roads than residents who have told him that they are in favor of legalizing the activity. Additionally, he said that he has been told by many residents that they do not want noise from off-road vehicles. Ron Stewart noted that ORATVA was told many months ago that the Supervisors felt there was too much risk of liability on the township if they were to pass an ordinance legalizing ATV, side-by-side, and snowmobile use on township roads, but ORATVA never followed up by contacting the Township Solicitor, etc., and now ORATVA is being told the same thing by the Supervisors.

Christine Samonsky asked if the township has a policy on ground-mounted solar systems. Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, said that there are regulations pertaining to such systems in the zoning ordinance, but, in general, they must be placed in back yards or side yards. Jim Waugh suggested that Christine Samonsky do research before installing a solar system.

## **Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting/annual reorganization meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2026, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Shari Nelson, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report, for January of 2026, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

Venango County Assoc. of Township Officials – Spring Dinner – April 11, 2026  
*The Venango County Association of Township Officials will hold its Annual Spring Dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Oakland Township Volunteer Fire Department. Reservations can be made through March 30, 2026. Shari Nelson plans to attend.*

PA DEP–Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney Trans. Line Rebuild–NPDES Draft  
*The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) has a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The draft has been placed in the PA Bulletin for January 24, 2026 and written comments will be accepted up to 30 days after the publication. The project affects 150 miles of an existing transmission line that runs between Indiana County and Erie County. In Venango County, there are 32.97 miles of transmission line that will be rebuilt and, in Cherrytree Township, there are 16.61 miles of transmission line that will be rebuilt.*

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## **Zoning**

### **Permits**

None

### **Zoning Report**

Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, reported that there were no permits issued during the month and that the Planning Commission is working on an update to the existing zoning ordinance. Tucker Gregg, of the Planning Commission, said that the members are continuing to work through a backlog of issues, including data centers, and that he feels they will need a few more meetings before giving a draft ordinance to the Township Solicitor for review. Tim McGrath noted that the Planning Commission is trying to consolidate 20 years of junk ordinances into the new zoning ordinance.

Tim McGrath said that the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) is offering a zoning training program in Wexford on February 17, 2026 and February 18, 2026. He said that there are several issues that he has encountered in the township that he would like to discuss during the training, especially since the township is in the process of reworking the zoning ordinance. The cost for PSATS members is \$260.00 and he asked the Supervisors if the township would be willing to pay for him to attend. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Shari Nelson, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to send Tim McGrath to the PSATS zoning training program on February 17, 2026 and February 18, 2026.

## **Administrative Action**

### **Resolution #26-41 – Dillemath Small Flow Treatment Facility – 4201 State Rte. 8**

On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #26-41, approving a small flow treatment facility, at 4201 State Route 8, for Shana Dillemath.

### **Resolution #26-42 – GVM Small Flow Treatment Facility – 135 Toon Town Lane**

On a motion made by Shari Nelson, seconded by Jim Waugh, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #26-42, approving a small flow treatment facility, at 135 Toon Town Lane, for Grand Valley Manufacturing.

### **Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue – Urban Search and Rescue Agreement**

Chrissie Kurelowech told the Supervisors that she had recently been asked to sign “Memorandum of Understanding” forms to allow several members of Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue to join the Pennsylvania Urban Search and Rescue Company 4 (PA-US&R-CO.4), based out of Erie, and to confirm that they will be covered under the township’s workers’ compensation insurance “during the activation, deployment, and/or exercises with PA-US&R-CO.4”. She said that she was almost certain that the township’s insurance would cover the members, but that she sent the question to the insurance agent, who sent it to the insurance carrier, and that a response has still not been given. Robert Van Valkenberg, a member of Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue, said that, by joining PA-US&R-CO.4, the team would have access to better training facilities and would be able to train their dogs to search in natural disasters, vehicles, smashed buildings, etc. Additionally, some of the training would be able to take place indoors. Jay Bickel, a member of Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue, said that answering calls with PA-US&R-CO.4 would be similar to the mutual aid calls that the VFD answers now. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Shari Nelson, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors agreed to give permission to Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue to join PA-US&R-CO.4, as long as the insurance carrier confirms that the members will be covered under the township’s workers’ compensation insurance, and to continue to include the members under the township’s worker’s compensation insurance. Chrissie Kurelowech will sign the forms once the insurance carrier responds and confirms that Cherrytree VFD K-9 Search and Rescue members will be covered while training and responding to calls as part of PA-US&R-CO.4.

## **Committee Reports**

### **VFD**

Austin Armstrong, VFD Fire Chief, reported that there were 12 calls during January of 2026. Of the 12 calls, 5 were public service, 3 were EMS, 2 were MVAs, 1 was a structure fire, and 1 was dispatched and canceled.

The tanker was out of service for tank restoration, but is now back in service.

### **EMA Office**

Tim McGrath, Emergency Management Coordinator, told those in attendance that there will be training on February 11, 2026.

### **Road**

Lew Staub, Roadmaster, reported that the road crew plowed and put antiskid down 16 times, put antiskid down 3 times (no plowing), pushed 3 trees off of roads,

spent 3 days pushing drifts back with the grader, put 3 loads of salt in the shed, and ordered 250 tons of antiskid.

A new flue switch and pipe were put on the furnace in the garage. The front plow blades and shoes were changed on the 2009 International, a light was put on the 2002 International, and a hydraulic line was replaced on the 2019 JCB backhoe.

Lew Staub gave the Supervisors information on a 2018 Broce RCT350 road sweeper that is for sale for \$42,000.00. The township no longer owns a broom since terminating a shared equipment agreement with Oil Creek Township, Crawford County. No decision was made.

Tucker Gregg thanked the road crew for the great job that they did during the recent storm and noted that the township roads were in better condition than the roads/streets in town.

### **Old Business**

There was no "Old Business".

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer