

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 6, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Emery Fiely, Lew Staub, and Jim Waugh, 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

There was no public comment.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the reorganization/regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried.

The treasurer's report, for January 2017, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried.

Correspondence

Venango County Board of Elections – Polling Place

The township building will serve as a polling place in the upcoming primary unless the township notifies Venango County otherwise. The Supervisors were in agreement to continue to allow Venango County to use the township building as a polling place.

PSATS News Bulletin

Zoning

Permits

Z-2017-01 Michael and Carla Bell 113 Black Road new pole building

Zoning Report

Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, reported that a couple from Franklin has expressed interest in purchasing 3862 State Route 8, formerly Country Gardens, with the intention of using the building as their residence and as a place to locate their radio controlled truck business (New Ideas Company). Since the prospective buyers, Ryan and Richelle Cornmesser, were in attendance, Ryan Cornmesser explained his intentions and how his business could affect neighboring properties. He owns a low-voltage company that requires his family to travel often, but he also owns another business that sells and manufactures radio controlled trucks and parts. He and his wife manufacture the trucks and parts themselves. If they purchase

Country Gardens, they would like to reside there with their four children and use the rest of the building for their radio controlled truck business. They would also like to store cable, etc. for the low-voltage business. Additionally, they would like to build a racetrack in the backyard to be used for radio controlled truck competitions. Currently, they hold competitions once a month, but would like to hold them once a week, year-round. Usually, each competition draws about forty people. They also own a forty-five foot trailer (registered commercial) that would be parked on the property. The Supervisors were in favor of the prospective buyers' intentions. Ben Breniman will contact Ryan and Richelle Cornmesser to start the process. Since the property is located in an R/A district (Rural Agricultural) and the couple's intended use differs from the previous business at that location, the Zoning Hearing Board would need to grant a variance to allow the couple to change the use of the property to suit them. Once the couple applies for a zoning permit, they will be denied because their business is not considered a permitted use. At that time, the applicants must request a hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board in an effort to obtain a variance.

Administrative Action

Resolution #17-24–Appt. Mark J. Corey & Associates as Twp. Engineers for 2017

On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Lew Staub, and carried, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #17-24, appointing Mark J. Corey & Associates as the township's engineering firm for 2017.

Cherrytree Township Volunteer Fire Police – 2017 Schedule

As the Supervisors reviewed the 2017 schedule, Don Deliman said that Cherrytree would not go to any Cornplanter events on the schedule unless Cornplanter is busy and does not have any personnel available. On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Lew Staub, and carried, the Supervisors voted to approve the 2017 schedule for the Cherrytree Township Volunteer Fire Police.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 9 calls since the last meeting. Of the 9 calls, 6 were EMS, 2 were MVAs (vehicles in ditches), and 1 was public service (flooding road).

He gave a copy of Act 172 of 2016 to each Supervisor and told them that Act 172 provides tax incentives for people participating in volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies. If the township were to pass an ordinance, "active" members of the Cherrytree Township Volunteer Fire Department would qualify for a 20% reduction of the local portion of their property taxes. Additionally, the volunteers could be deemed exempt from paying earned income tax to the township. Don Deliman said that it is too late to affect this year's taxes, but it is something the Supervisors might want to consider for next year's taxes.

EMA Office

There was no report.

Road

Lew Staub reported that the road crew plowed and anti-skidded 16 times and just anti-skidded 7 times. They fixed washouts in 46 spots and hauled gravel to soft spots on 10 roads. They also ordered 300 more tons of anti-skid.

As for equipment, the radiator hose and heater hose on the 2009 International blew out and were replaced by Jay Donovan. The bearings were changed on the 2002 International spreader. The road crew put the bermer on the 2009 International and put the spreader back on. The 2002 International was inspected.

The Supervisors discussed which roads they would like to see paved and which roads they would like to see seal coated in 2017, with the intention of voting to put the projects out for bid during the meeting scheduled for March 6, 2017. For paving, they decided to seek bids for 3 options. The first option is to pave Turkey Farm Road from Route 8 to Shreve Road (.8 mile), the second option is to pave Cherrytree Road from Buxton Road, towards Route 8, until the pavement ends (.8 mile), and the third option is to pave both stretches of road. The Supervisors would like to seek bids to seal coat Stone Springhouse Road from Route 27 (1 mile) and South Perry Street from Cherrytree Road towards Titusville (1 mile). They would also like to give the bidders options to bid on seal coating two other sections of roadway. The first is the entire length of Old Route 8 and the stretch of Black Road between Old Route 8 and Route 8 (1.68 miles) and the second is Cherrytree Road from Buxton Road to Fairview Road (1.29 miles). Chrissie Kurelowech will work with Josh Montgomery, PennDOT Municipal Services Representative, to assemble the bid packets and the Supervisors will vote to advertise the paving and seal coating projects during the meeting scheduled for March 6, 2017.

Lew Staub is seeking quotes for a new tractor and mower. He asked the Supervisors for their input on equipment specifications. They decided they would like a 2WD tractor with 85 -100 horsepower. They would like a 50 inch mower deck and a reverse head ditcher. Additionally, they would like to get a quote on a leaf blower. Lew Staub will report back with prices once he receives them.

Old Business

None

New Business

2017 Clean-Up Weekend

Chrissie Kurelowech asked the Supervisors if they would like to schedule Clean-Up Weekend for the first weekend in June, as in other years. They were in agreement to schedule it for the first weekend in June and to order the same number of dumpsters that were ordered in previous years. Additionally, they decided to have the dumpsters delivered on Friday, as opposed to Thursday this year. The dumpsters will arrive throughout the day on Friday, June 2, 2017 and will be removed on Monday, June 5, 2017.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer

