

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 2, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Jim Waugh, Dave Zdarko, and Rob Kellogg, 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.

**Public Comment**

Don Deliman told those in attendance that a company called Oil Well Shares recently bought Range Resources and will be servicing oil and gas wells in the area. Many people employed by Range Resources are losing their jobs. He was concerned about safety issues, regarding the oil and gas wells, in the township and asked the Supervisors if they knew anything about the situation. The Supervisors were not aware that Range Resources had been sold.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, February 3, 2020, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Dave Zdarko, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report, for February 2020, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Venango County Land Bank – Judicial Sale List

*The Venango County Land Bank has given the township the opportunity to purchase any properties that are on the judicial sale list. The Supervisors were not interested in purchasing any of the properties on the list.*

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**Zoning**

**Permits**

None

**Zoning Report**

There was no report.

## **Administrative Action**

### **Resolution #20-21–Moratorium on Solar Development – Vote to Adopt**

On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #20-21, imposing a moratorium on solar development in the township for 180 days. This will give the Supervisors time to pass a curative amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that will include regulations on solar development. Currently, there are no regulations pertaining to solar development in the Zoning Ordinance or any other township ordinance.

### **2020 Stone RFO – Discuss Quantities – Vote to Seek Quotes**

The Supervisors considered the types and quantities of stone to put out for bid. Mark McDowell asked where the township uses limestone and Lew Staub said it is occasionally used in soft spots. The quantity of limestone for 2020 is high, as compared to other years, because it will be used on a Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume Roads project on Pastorius Road this summer.

Since the quantity of antiskid needed depends upon whether or not oil is used as dust suppressant, a lengthy discussion regarding dust suppressants (salt brine vs. oil) ensued. Mark McDowell told the Supervisors that he had a lot of literature outlining many negative consequences of using salt brine for dust suppressant. He said it is harmful to roadside vegetation, it is slippery when wet, it is messy during the spring thaw, it gets into water wells, it requires 4,000 gallons per mile to be effective, it often has to be applied multiple times during the summer, and it only works when the humidity is high. He also told the Supervisors that the salt brine will not work on roads where there is no gravel and many of the roads in the township are lacking gravel. Jim Waugh said that the oil is getting too expensive and that there is little money for gravel because the oil is consuming too much of the township's budget. He said he had done some research and there are no health hazards from the DEP approved salt brine that the township is considering. Furthermore, last year the township used salt brine on Fairview Road (about 1 mile, starting at Cherrytree Road and traveling towards Dempseytown-Gresham Road) and the residents loved it. It held the dust down well and the road crew was able to grade the road throughout the summer without losing the dust suppressant. With the oil, the road crew cannot grade the road when potholes develop because the oil disappears. Mark McDowell said the roads hold up where the oil is applied (in front of houses). Jim Waugh said the salt brine will cover the entire length of the roads, not just in front of the houses, but oil is so expensive that the township cannot afford to oil entire roads. Ron Stewart agreed with Mark McDowell that the roads hold up better in the places where the oil is applied. He asked the Supervisors if there is a "plan of attack" to replenish the roads with gravel and questioned why there is no money for oil this year if the township oiled and graveled last year. Jim Waugh said he would leave the decision up to Lew Staub, Roadmaster, regarding which roads are in the most need of gravel and that it will take many years to get "caught up" on gravel. Jamey Miller asked how many years it would take to get "caught up" on gravel and Lew Staub said that, many years ago, the township used to get 9,000 cubic yards of gravel per year and it took them 3 years to cover all of the roads. Jamey Miller suggested doing an experiment on a small section of road, similar to the experiment with EDP-30 a few years ago on Fairview Road (Cherrytree Road to Route 8). Jim Waugh said that the township experimented with salt brine on Fairview Road last year and suggested trying the salt brine for a year, noting that the township needs to focus on finding a way to fix the deep ditches this summer. Mark McDowell said salt brine will not bind the road and that the township

is wasting money if there is no gravel on the roads. Jim Waugh said there is less salt in the brine used for dust suppressant than there is in the product PennDOT uses on the roads in the winter. Dave Zdanko suggested graveling and using salt brine on 1/3 of the township roads and oiling the other 2/3 of the roads. Mark McDowell asked if the township had ever looked into using soybean oil for dust suppressant and Chrissie Kurelowech said the township looked into it a year or 2 ago and that it was very expensive. She said it works well, but the price was so high that it was not a realistic option. Mark McDowell noted that when he bought his property, the township oiled the roads. Steve Anderson said he feels the roads are in need of gravel. Someone asked where the minutes are for the meeting where the Supervisors decided to use salt brine and Jim Waugh said no decision has been made yet, but that the Supervisors have been talking about switching to salt brine since Emery Fiely was on the Board. It was also asked if, at the time the budget was passed, there was money budgeted for oil. Chrissie Kurelowech said that the road projects are not specific in the budget. Usually, all of the money for road maintenance will be put into account 438.00 (Roads and Bridges) and/or account 439.00 (Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects). The Supervisors might discuss future road maintenance when the budget is put together, but they usually do not commit to specific projects until the following spring. So, there is no money specifically budgeted for dust suppressant in the 2020 budget. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdanko, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to seek quotes for the types and quantities of gravel listed below. Chrissie Kurelowech will send out an RFQ (Request for Quote) and have the quotes due before the next regular monthly meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. The Supervisors will review the quotes at that time. With the exception of limestone (Pastorius Road Project), the quantities are the same quantities that were desired in 2019.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Tons</i>
<i>ASI Antiskid</i>	<i>2,300</i>
<i>2RC Gravel – Tailgate Delivery</i>	<i>7,200</i>
<i>2RC Gravel – Stockpile</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>AASHTO#57 Type C</i>	<i>600</i>
<i>2A Limestone</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>2A Limestone (DGLVR)</i>	<i>1,400</i>

## **Committee Reports**

### **VFD**

Tom Huffman, VFD 1st Assistant Chief, reported that there were 11 calls since the last meeting. Of the 11 calls, 2 were building fires, 5 were EMS, 1 was a search for a person, 1 was public service, 1 was stand by, and 1 was dispatched and cancelled.

The spring shoots will continue to be held every Tuesday night through April 7, 2020. Sign-ups start at 5:30 and the cost is \$2.50 per shot.

Gun raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 each. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 15 Gun Bash will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020. The doors will open at noon and the drawing will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Tom Huffman said the VFD is always looking for new ways to raise money and any fundraising ideas are welcome.

### **EMA Office**

Tom Huffman, VFD 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, reported that the Venango County EMA office is in a research stage, regarding coronavirus, and is waiting for direction from Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

### **Road**

Lew Staub, Roadmaster, reported that the road crew plowed and put down antiskid 12 times, put down antiskid 3 times, spent 2 days filling holes, checked the roads twice, spent 1 day pushing limbs off the roads, and spent 3 days hauling gravel to soft spots. They also cleaned the garage and put a fuel filter on the inside pump. Northwestern Heating fixed the furnace in the garage twice.

As for equipment, Stephenson Equipment put a draw bar ladder support on the tractor. Two new steer tires were put on the 2002 International and two new front tires were put on the tractor. A new spreader light was put on the 2002 International. A mirror and steer tires were ordered for the 2009 International.

Shingledecker Welding has 12 78" used galvanized pipes that they are willing to sell at a low price because they have no use for them. Lew Staub said he feels the township should buy them if the price is right because pipes of that size can be very expensive. He said he already has places in mind where 8 of the 12 can be used. The Supervisors were in agreement that, if the cost of the pipes is low enough that the township will not have to seek quotes or bids, to go ahead and purchase them.

Lew Staub asked the Supervisors for permission to get quotes on a large quantity of pipes (plastic). He said he already has places to use 10. The Supervisors were in favor of seeking quotes for pipe. The quotes will be reviewed at the meeting scheduled for April 6, 2020.

Lew Staub told the Supervisors that he would like to get an estimate from Shingledecker Welding to repair 2 culverts, 1 on Fairview Road (between Stone Springhouse Road and Dempseytown-Gresham Road) and 1 on Breedtown Road (between Stone Springhouse Road and Dempseytown-Gresham Road). The Supervisors were in favor of getting an estimate. Lew Staub will meet with Dick Shingledecker and have an estimate ready to be reviewed by the Supervisors at the meeting scheduled for April 6, 2020.

### **Old Business**

There was no "Old Business".

### **New Business**

#### **2019 Annual Audit**

Chrissie Kurelowech presented the Supervisors with the 2019 Annual Audit Report that was completed by the township auditors. There were no findings. She said that the auditors wanted to change the pay rate for a Supervisor who works at the township on a part-time, as-needed basis from \$12.00/hour to \$15.00/hour. The Supervisors said that the auditors would need to vote to make the change because they control the wages of working Supervisors. Chrissie Kurelowech said she would contact the auditors to see if they actually voted to make the change at their meeting held in January and, if not, tell them that they would need to meet again to vote on it, if they wish to make the change.

### **Security Cameras**

Jim Waugh said that he would like to have the 2 cameras that were removed from the back of the township building (February of 2018) reinstalled for security purposes. He also suggested purchasing 2 new cameras and having 1 installed on the side of the building facing the pavilions and the shoot line and the other installed on the front of the building recording the paved parking lot area. He said he felt that removing the cameras from the back of the building was a misuse of taxpayer money. Dave Zdanko said he would agree to put the cameras back up if the other Supervisors would agree to review footage only as a group, not individually, if there is an incident in the future that would give them cause to review the footage. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to reinstall 2 security cameras on the back of the township building and to purchase 2 new cameras and have 1 installed on the side of the township building facing the pavilions and the shoot line and the other installed on the front of the township building to record the paved parking lot area. The Supervisors will only review footage together, not individually, when the need arises.

### **Adjournments**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer