

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 4, 2018

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 4, 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

Carl Hazen told the Supervisors that oil is necessary for dust suppressant from May 15 through October 15 of each year. He suggested putting half of what would normally be put down and then going back 2 or 3 weeks later and putting the second half on and not using gravel in the process. Dave Zdarko said that May 15 is usually too early for oil because the frost is not out of the ground yet. He also said that, if only half the oil is put down, in 2 or 3 weeks it would be gone due to traffic. Lew Staub said that the weather usually does not cooperate and that the road crew needs time to grade the roads before oil is put down or large ruts will be formed. Jim Waugh noted that gravel helps keep the oil down. Carl Hazen asked about allowing residents to pay for MC-70 in the future. Chrissie Kurelowech presented a letter (provided by Cindy Pettit) that Troy Township sent to its residents containing information about purchasing MC-70. A 12 ft. by 250 ft. stretch of MC-70 would cost a Troy Township resident \$530.00. Emery Fiely said that Cherrytree Township would probably allow property owners to purchase dust suppressant next year, but would require each participating property owner to sign a contract and Carl Hazen said he was glad to hear the Supervisors were willing to consider such a program. Jamey Miller asked the Supervisors why they would need to offer a program to allow residents to purchase oil next year. He said that he thought the township could not afford oil this year due to a special budget and questioned why money would not be available for oil in next year's budget. Emery Fiely said that there will be no paving projects next year, so the township should be able to afford to do 2 passes of oil in front of each house. He said that he appreciated the public's input on the matter and Mark McDowell thanked the Supervisors for trying to help.

Ron Stewart thanked the road crew for recently grading Black Road and Dutch Hill Road. He asked why oil did not go down immediately after the roads were graded and Lew Staub said the oil never goes down immediately after grading and that the roads near Ron Stewart's house would get oil on Thursday. Ron Stewart asked why Miller Farm Road has not been graded when the grader has recently been in the area near Miller Farm Road. Lew Staub said the road crew has been busy preparing roads for oil and Dave Zdarko said the roads where people reside are top priority. Lew Staub noted that the one-lane roads are never done until July.

Ron Stewart asked the Supervisors if the weed eater is broken. He said it needs to be run around the township building. Dave Zdarko responded by saying that the road crew has been busy working on the roads.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdanko, and carried unanimously.

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

Correspondence

PSATS News Bulletin

Zoning

Permits

Z-2018-06 Robert and Bambi Reed 1597 Fairview Road deck with roof

Zoning Report

Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, reported that he recently spoke with the owner of some partially demolished trailers on Black Road and progress is being made. The insides have been gutted and aluminum has been removed.

A discussion took place regarding the length of time a travel trailer can be occupied on a property. If the trailer has a holding tank, it can be occupied for 30 days, otherwise, it can only be occupied for 10 days without being in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

Administrative Action

2018 Extra E-1 Prime

Chrissie Kurelowech explained the plan that was suggested by Lew Staub, Roadmaster, to allow residents to purchase extra E-1 Prime dust suppressant from the township during the summer of 2018. The road crew will make one pass through the entire township (8 ft. pass in front of each house). In the meantime, property owners interested in purchasing extra oil can call the township office, by July 1, 2018, to be put on a list. Extra oil will be sold in 14 ft. by 200 ft. sections for \$150.00 per section and residents will be allowed to purchase multiple sections, if desired. Once the first pass has been made through the entire township, if there is enough oil left for everyone who wants it, the extra oil will be put down. The extra oil will not be put down until after July 4, 2018 and its only purpose is to suppress the dust. Residents should understand that the oil will only be good for this summer. Chrissie Kurelowech also said an ad was put in the newspaper and she has a list with 7 interested property owners on it. The township put 25,000 gallons of E-1 Prime out for bid and is required to purchase 75% - 125% of that amount. The Supervisors discussed the plan and agreed with most of it, but thought it should be on a "first come, first serve" basis instead of only selling it to residents if there is enough for everyone. They also decided not to put oil around the cemeteries anymore in an effort to cut costs. On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Jim Waugh, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to allow residents to purchase extra oil in 14 ft. by 200 ft. sections for \$150.00 per section. The extra oil will be offered on a "first come, first serve" basis and interested residents will need to contact the township office to be put on the list no later than July 1, 2018. The oil's only purpose is to suppress dust and it will not last for more than one season.

Sell Paver and Roller

Discussion was held about selling the paver and roller that Cherrytree Township jointly owns with Oil Creek Township (Crawford). Dave Zdarko has been in contact with representatives from Oil Creek Township and they are in favor of selling the paver. They might be in favor of purchasing Cherrytree Township's portion of the roller and keeping it for themselves. On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to sell the paver and roller that are jointly owned with Oil Creek Township. Dave Zdarko asked the other Supervisors about selling the broom and bermer that are also jointly owned with Oil Creek Township. They were in agreement to keep the broom, but wanted Dave Zdarko to ask Oil Creek Township if they would like to purchase the bermer. Chrissie Kurelowech will find the agreement between the townships that includes specifics about the jointly owned equipment and contact Oil Creek Township to begin the process of selling the paver and the roller.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 12 calls since the last meeting. Of the 12 calls, 1 was a passenger vehicle fire, 7 were EMS, 3 were public service, and 1 was a special type of incident.

The VFD monitored Clean-Up Weekend and had no non-residents stop to use the dumpsters. A total of \$242.00 was collected from township residents.

A group of citizens recently held a fundraiser at Timberlake Lodge for Cherrytree VFD, Hydetown VFD, and Pleasantville VFD. Despite the work that was put into it, very few people attended the event. Cherrytree VFD had representatives attend, but the other fire departments did not send any representatives. The proceeds were split between the three fire departments and Cherrytree VFD received \$373.00.

Tickets are available for the VFD's annual gun raffle, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018. Don Deliman asked Chrissie Kurelowech if the VFD could use the township office during the event and she said she did not mind.

The VFD will have a flea market on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

EMA Office

There was no report.

Road

Lew Staub, Roadmaster, reported that the road crew ditched spots on 9 roads, graded, dragged, and raked 11 roads, put weight limit signs up, checked the roads once, cut up 2 trees, got the paver and roller running, replaced 6 crossover pipes, and mowed the yard twice. Suit-Kote seal coated 3 roads. Representatives from the Venango Conservation District recently visited the township to discuss the Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume Roads program. The road crew and the Supervisors seem to be in agreement that Drake Well Road is a project that is likely to be eligible for funding through the program. The creek is washing the road away. Lew Staub said that the application is due in the fall.

As for equipment, a spreader was put on the 2002 International and 2 rims and dust shields were replaced on the 2002 International. The tractor has been repaired and has returned from Walsh Equipment. The repairs were covered under warranty, but the township had to pay to have the tractor hauled to and from Walsh Equipment. Also, a cylinder was replaced on the rake.

Chrissie Kurelowech showed the Supervisors a picture, recently dropped off by a resident, of an overflowing pipe on Hamilton Corners Road. The road crew will take a look at the pipe after the oiling is finished and will, most likely, replace it.

Old Business

There was no "Old Business".

New Business

There was no "New Business".

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer