

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2017

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 5, 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

Ron Stewart said he recently cleaned ditches and mowed the berm near his home at the intersection of Shreve Road and Black Road. He asked the Supervisors how well the salt brine and oil are working, pointing out that he would not know because he has not seen any near his house yet. The Supervisors reminded him that the road crew starts applying dust suppressant in one of three areas within the township each year. Since the area where Ron Stewart's house is located received dust suppressant first last year, it was not first this year. Jim Waugh noted that three or four people have told him that they are pleased with the salt brine on the roads this year. Mark McDowell said that the roads were dusty again three days after the salt brine was applied. Don Deliman said that he feels there is more dust on the oiled parts of the roads, from the anti-skid, than on the parts of the roads that received salt brine.

Rod Bedow told the Supervisors that he feels he should not have to bond township roads when harvesting timber from his own properties. He said that harvesting wood is considered an agricultural activity and he should not be treated differently than farmers who haul their goods on the roads. He also said that, according to his deed, he owns to the center of the road. Jim Waugh said that the taxpayers are paying to maintain the roads, so bonding is necessary. Rod Bedow noted that bonding is illegal because the roads are not able to hold heavy weight trucks in the first place and that the roads should be able to hold heavy weight trucks if the township requires bonding. He also said that it costs \$300.00 to obtain a bond through an insurance company and, if the township could hold a business or personal check, as it used to, instead of forcing a logger to pay an insurance company for a bond, the expense would be eliminated. Chrissie Kurelowech noted that the township would need to change the current weight limit ordinance if the Supervisors decided to allow the township to hold a check from a logger, as opposed to requiring a logger to obtain a bond from an insurance company in order to use a road. Rod Bedow said he has been in business for 30 years and he feels as if he is treated like an outsider by Cherrytree Township.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, May 1, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried.

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

Correspondence

PA State Workers' Insurance Fund – 2017 Premium

Chrissie Kurelowech pointed out that the premium for the workers compensation insurance for the VFD will go from \$11,780.00 (2016) to \$15,188.00 in 2017, an increase of 29%. She said that she called the insurance agent to find the cause of the increase and was told that there must have been a claim recently. Chrissie Kurelowech said that she thinks the last claim was over two years ago and it was small. She will be receiving the loss runs soon and will forward them to the insurance agent in an effort to find an explanation for the large increase.

PSATS – 2017 Adopted Resolutions/Success Stories/Act 172 Guidance

PSATS News Bulletin

Law Office of Edward J. McIntyre

A letter was received from Attorney Edward J. McIntyre, regarding sewage enforcement at 904 Fairview Road. There is ongoing litigation, which should be scheduled for mediation soon, between the property owner and the owner of the adjacent property. The owner of 904 Fairview Road will proceed with the township's requirement to have a new sewage disposal system installed once the litigation has ended. Chrissie Kurelowech told the Supervisors that Todd Fantaskey, Sewage Enforcement Officer, wanted to know if they wanted him to ignore the letter and proceed with sewage enforcement, or if they wanted him to give the property owner more time to end the litigation. The Supervisors were in agreement to leave the decision to Todd Fantaskey.

Zoning

Permits

Z-2017-06	Andrew Schwab	853 Fairview Road	new deck on back of house
Z-2016-07	Travis and Jolene Nosko	1944 Buxton Road	new fence surrounding property

Zoning Report

Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, reported that he recently contacted someone involved in the proposed construction project at the Titusville Airport in an effort to make sure the proper permits are secured. A waiver was requested, but Ben Breniman said that the proper permits must be secured. Once the bids are in and a contractor has been hired, the contractor will contact the township to begin the permit process.

Ben Breniman noted that there is more junk accumulating at 1220 South Perry Street and written communication with the property owners is necessary.

Administrative Action

Resolution #17-39 – McClintock Small Flow Resolution for Plan Revision

On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Lew Staub, and carried, the Supervisors adopted Resolution #17-39, McClintock Small Flow Resolution for Plan Revision. This is necessary for William McClintock to install a Small Flow

Treatment Facility (septic system) at 1110 Old Petroleum Center Road, Titusville, PA 16354.

Old Route 8 Culvert Repair

Chrissie Kurelowech updated the Supervisors on the status of the Old Route 8 Culvert Repair/Replace project. The original quote, obtained in March of 2016 from Shingledecker's Welding, Inc., was for \$24,700.00. After waiting a year for a DEP permit, with price increases and engineering fees, the estimate increased to \$50,000.00. A few months ago, the Supervisors decided to pursue Act 13 funding through Venango County to finance the project, since the culvert was deemed structurally deficient by the township engineer, Mark Corey. Mark Corey prepared the Act 13 application and, with labor and material increases, engineering fees, and additional guiderail, the estimate increased to \$57,000.00. At that point in the process, a letter was sent to PennDOT asking for project approval. Two PennDOT representatives looked at the culvert, agreed that it is structurally deficient, and suggested putting concrete on the bottom of the pipe in an effort to make the pipe last for many more years. This increased the estimate to \$75,000.00. Chrissie Kurelowech noted that adding concrete on the bottom of the pipe might make a revision to the DEP permit necessary, which would most likely delay the project even longer. The Supervisors were opposed to adding the concrete. Chrissie Kurelowech presented two options offered by the township engineer, Mark Corey. The first was to proceed with the project without applying for Act 13 funding, which would cost the township \$50,000.00. The second option was to apply for \$57,000.00 of Act 13 funding through Venango County. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried, the Supervisors voted to apply for \$57,000.00 in Act 13 money through Venango County to fund the Old Route 8 Culvert Repair/Replace project. They did not wish to add more time and money to the project by following through with PennDOT's suggestion of putting concrete at the bottom of the pipe.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 28 calls (4 mutual aid) since the last meeting. Of the 28 calls, 4 were dispatched and cancelled, 11 were EMS, 1 was a building fire, 1 was an MVA, 1 was a search for a missing person, 9 were public service, and 1 was an unintentional transmission of alarm.

The next flea market will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee per table. To reserve a table, contact Allen Wade at (814) 827-2567 or jawade@gmx.com.

The 16th Annual 20-Gun Bash (gun raffle) will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. The doors will open at noon and the drawing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any VFD member or at the township office. Don Deliman asked Chrissie Kurelowech for permission to use the township office during the gun raffle and permission was granted.

The township's annual Clean-Up Weekend was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 and Sunday, June 4, 2017. The VFD was present on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and received many comments about how smoothly the event went. There were very few non-residents who participated. The VFD received \$279.47 in donations over the course of the event.

EMA Office

There was no report.

Road

Lew Staub reported that the road crew fixed washouts on 11 roads, cut trees on 7 roads, graded and raked 24 roads, cold patched 3 roads, mowed the yard 4 times, put in 2 driveway pipes, and oiled and chipped 21 roads. They checked the roads once and received 2 tri-axle loads of gravel to fix road damage due to logging. Glenn O. Hawbaker paved Turkey Farm Road (Route 8 to Shreve Road) and Cherrytree Road (Buxton towards Route 8).

As for equipment, the rotary manifold was removed from the grader, taken to 5 Star Equipment for a rebuild, and put back on the grader. The road crew put spreaders on the 2009 International and the 2002 International. Two spreaders need replaced and Lew Staub received a quote from Walsh Equipment for \$2,910.00 per spreader. On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Jim Waugh, and carried, the Supervisors voted to purchase two new spreaders from Walsh Equipment at a cost of \$2,910.00 per spreader. The 2009 International was recently towed to 5 Star International in Erie and the estimated cost of repairs is \$13,079.46. The truck needs a turbocharger actuator, charge air cooler, crankcase breather, and a diesel particulate filter. Also regarding equipment, two tires had to be changed on the 2014 Dodge.

Discussion was held about the water issue on Turkey Farm Road. There are 2 options. The first is to replace Ginny Kerr's driveway pipe with a larger one, which would be expensive and mean that her paved driveway would be damaged in the process. The second option is to dig a tail ditch on Gary Caldwell's property. No Turkey Farm Road residents were in attendance. Lew Staub felt that the best solution would be to dig a 30 to 40 foot tail ditch on Gary Caldwell's property, but permission would be needed from Gary Caldwell first. Chrissie Kurelowech will contact Gary Caldwell to see if he would be willing to grant the township permission to dig the ditch by signing a document.

Old Business

Facebook Page

Chrissie Kurelowech noted that the township now has its own Facebook Page (Cherrytree Township, Venango County). Meeting date reminders, etc., will be posted on the page.

Dorothy Harry – 620 Old Route 8 – Ditch Issue

Chrissie Kurelowech reported that Dorothy Harry recently called and wanted to know if the road crew would be able to do anything to the ditch across the road from her house on Old Route 8 to resolve the problem she is having with water running into her yard. Lew Staub said that the road crew cannot do anything to the ditch that would fix the problem and that she needs a pipe installed in her yard by a contractor.

New Business

Dumpsters – Overflow Issue

Chrissie Kurelowech said that the two dumpsters in the parking lot seem to be getting more use and are overflowing most of the time. They are emptied every other week. She called Tri-County Industries to see how much it would cost to

have them emptied weekly and was told that it would cost \$250.00 per month for both dumpsters. Currently, the township pays \$159.08 per month for both dumpsters. The Supervisors asked Chrissie Kurelowech to call and see how much it would cost to have a third dumpster added.

Trees on Township Property

Jim Waugh said he was recently approached by someone who would like to give the township an estimate for the timber on the township's 8.5 acre parcel on the corner of Cherrytree Road and Buxton Road. He then made a motion to sell the wood and donate the money to the VFD. There was no second. Lew Staub noted that the timber would have to be put out for bid and properly advertised before being sold, whether the township decides to donate the money to the VFD or not. After some discussion, the Supervisors made no decision, but decided to get some estimates before considering selling the timber. Rod Bedow offered to mark the trees.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer