

Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 2, 2018

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 2, 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

Ron Stewart thanked the road crew for fixing a washout on Miller Farm Road. He asked the Supervisors who he should call when he sees a serious road hazard like a washout and they told him to either call the township office or one of them.

Ron Stewart told the Supervisors that he feels it is a “slap in the face” to residents who are buying their own oil to spend \$5,000.00 to oil the entire length of Fairview Road (between Route 8 and Cherrytree Road). He said it looks bad because people were told the township was short on money this year. Dave Zdarko explained that the \$5,000.00 was spent on EDP-30, which is a new, slightly less expensive dust suppressant that the township wanted to test to see if it could be an option for next year. Ron Stewart asked why oil was applied to Shreve Road, from the intersection of Turkey Farm Road to Dave Zdarko’s house, when it is supposed to be applied only in front of houses and not between. Dave Zdarko said the Midland Asphalt driver made a mistake and did not stop when he was supposed to. Ron Stewart also told the Supervisors that he thinks just doing one pass (8-ft.) with the oil seems to be working well and suggested doing one pass on the entire length of the roads next year, not just in front of the houses. Margaret Fenstermaker did not agree and said she feels that one pass with the oil is not enough. She said most people do not drive in the middle of the road and it is very dusty to follow another vehicle down a road that only has one lane oiled in the middle. She also asked the Supervisors why they do not cover all of the oil with stone and Dave Zdarko responded by saying that they do cover all of the oil with stone but it is less visible in some areas. Robert Van Valkenberg asked the Supervisors why they oiled in front of the Mackiewicz property on Dempseytown-Gresham Road when the owner said it was not necessary. Dave Zdarko said it would help keep the MC-70 together.

Margaret Fenstermaker asked the Supervisors when the ditches are going to be cleaned on Foster Road. She said she has called repeatedly and they were not cleaned last year and still have not been cleaned this year. The leaves, branches, and anti-skid are building up and making it so the water is not draining off the roads properly. She said she liked it when the road crew would clean the ditches by throwing everything up on the bank of her yard and that they need to clean the ditches out like that again. Dave Zdarko said that the road crew started cleaning ditches in the spring, but then became busy preparing the roads for oil. They cannot clean ditches now because of the fresh oil. Last year a new ditcher and leaf blower were purchased. The ditcher throws the contents of the ditches into the middle of the road, not into the yards, and a second road worker has

to follow the ditcher and remove the debris from the road. The issue will be discussed with the roadmaster.

Robert Van Valkenberg asked Dave Zdarko how long he has been working on the roads and said it would be nice to have the roadmaster present at the meetings to answer questions. He also said the way the road crew grades the roads does not make sense. Ron Stewart asked Dave Zdarko why the road crew grades and he responded by saying the purpose of grading is to get the potholes out. According to Ron Stewart, the road near his house has never been graded deep enough to remove the MC-70 that was put on many years ago. Jamey Miller stated that the roads are concave and that the wash boarding is caused by water runoff. He asked the Supervisors if the cause of the water runoff is natural or manmade. Emery Fiely said the cause is both natural and manmade and noted that the roads have less wash boarding than ever since Dave Zdarko joined the road crew. Ron Stewart asked if the road crew will grade the roads again this year and Dave Zdarko said the roads will be graded again if needed. Ron Stewart also asked how long it took to apply the EDP-30 to Fairview Road and Dave Zdarko said it took 1 – 1.5 hours.

Mark McDowell noted that there is a gouge in the pavement on Breedtown Road where logging is taking place. He asked if the logging company will be required to repair the road and was told that the logging company has the road bonded and the bond will not be released until either the logging company repairs the road or pays the township to repair the road. The decision is at the discretion of the roadmaster and the bond will not be released until he is satisfied with the condition of the road.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, June 4, 2018, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously.

The minutes, from the special meeting held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried unanimously.

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

Correspondence

STV Incorporated – Bridge Inspection Report – Stone Springhouse Bridge

The Supervisors reviewed a bridge inspection report for Stone Springhouse Bridge. The bridge was inspected on March 27, 2018 and several priority 3, 4, and 5 maintenance issues were noted. A priority 5 issue was that the bridge deck needs cleaned/flushed. Jim Waugh said that the VFD could clean the deck for the township.

Margaret Fenstermaker - Ditching

A letter from Margaret Fenstermaker regarding ditching on Foster Road was received and most of the issues in the letter were addressed during "Public Comment". She also asked if the road crew could clean the leaves out of the ditches and Dave Zdarko said the new leaf blower was very helpful with the leaves last year.

Zoning

Permits

Z-2018-07	Emery and Terri Fiely	1593 Fairview Road	new shed
Z-2018-08	Thomas Cheffers	1031 Tarr Road	new pole building and deck

Zoning Report

There was no report.

Administrative Action

There was no “Administrative Action”.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 18 calls since the last meeting (17 documented and 1 not yet entered). Of the 17 documented calls, 1 was an off-road vehicle fire, 7 were EMS, 2 were MVA (no injuries), 4 were public service, 1 was mutual aid (dispatched and canceled), 1 was an extinguishing system malfunction, and 1 was an alarm system activation.

The VFD’s annual gun raffle took place on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Don Deliman said the VFD does not know exactly how much money was made on the event, but that there was a good turnout and they feel they did well. He said he will use a 4-wheeler with a roller to fix the yard because vehicles were on it.

A food inspection was recently performed by the state and the VFD passed. The only issue noted was that there is a water leak under the sinks. The VFD will repair it.

Don Deliman also reported that the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office will audit the VFD’s relief association on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

Jim Waugh reminded those in attendance to never park in front of the VFD doors. Recently, a young girl parked and left her vehicle in front of one of the VFD’s garage doors and a call came in, making it impossible to get one of the trucks out of the garage. Parking in front of the VFD garage doors and delaying or preventing the VFD from answering a call could cost someone their life.

Robert Van Valkenberg asked where the property line is located that separates the township’s property and the house next door. He said the owner of the house next door told people at the gun raffle that they could not park near the pine trees just off the township’s driveway because it was his property. Jim Waugh said that he looked it up and talked to Lew Staub about it and found out that the property line is just past the pine trees on the township’s side, so the pine trees belong to the neighbor, but the grass between the pine trees and the township’s driveway is on the township’s property.

EMA Office

There was no report.

Road

On behalf of Lew Staub, Roadmaster, Dave Zdarko reported that the road crew graded, dragged, and raked 24 roads, oiled and chipped 24 roads, cut and pushed off 3 trees, ran the mower on 7 roads, mowed the yard 3 times, fixed a “STOP” sign located at the intersection of Cherrytree Road and Route 8, and

sprayed EDP-30 on Fairview Road. Hasbrouck Sand & Gravel put gravel on 1 block of Fairview Road and is putting gravel on Stone Springhouse Road.

As for equipment, the 2014 Dodge was inspected, dust shields were put on the 2002 International, work was performed on the JCB backhoe (step and wipers), and Walsh Equipment fixed a DEF problem with the Massey tractor.

Ron Stewart said that he feels the road reports are not very useful to the residents and should include more information. For example, instead of saying “24 roads”, it would be better to tell people how many miles were graded, mowed, etc. Robert Van Valkenberg said that he does not believe it takes 3 people to grade a road and Dave Zdarko said this is the first year they have used 3 people to grade a road. Rob Kellogg asked why the road crew is grading with 3 people. Dave Zdarko said the drag helped in the spring. Robert Van Valkenberg asked how big the trees were that were cut and pushed off and Dave Zdarko did not know because he was not involved with the removal of the trees. Robert Van Valkenberg said that it shouldn't take 3 people to grade a road and that Hayfield Township, Crawford County, has 2 people who do everything.

Intersections – E-1 Prime

Chrissie Kurelowech asked the Supervisors if the intersections were going to be oiled because a resident who lives on an intersection inquired about it when she stopped in the office to pay for extra oil. She wanted to pay to have oil put in the intersection near her home if the township was not going to do it. The Supervisors were in agreement that oil should be put in an intersection only if there is a house located at the intersection.

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 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer