

**Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 1, 2016**

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Emery Fiely and Lew Staub, Supervisors, and Christine Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer.

Call to Order

Emery Fiely called the meeting to order.

Pledge

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Ron Stewart gave the Supervisors an update on the backhoe repair situation. He called A.R. Beatty Diesel and was told several times that they would pick the backhoe up within a day or two and transport it to Erie for repair. It never happened. However, he called on Friday, July 15, 2016, around 3:00 p.m. and they said they would pick it up that night and they did. The last time Ron Stewart called for a status check, he was told that the backhoe is in 300 – 400 pieces and is in the process of being put back together. He was also told that they might discount the price because it took them so long to take the backhoe for repairs. The Supervisors thanked Ron Stewart for his efforts.

Bill Rusiewicz, a Stone Springhouse Road resident, noted that the north end of Stone Springhouse Road was recently paved, but there is no pavement in front of his home, which is located near Buxton Road. He said that the dust is terrible and the township used to put dust suppressant on the entire length of the road, but now only puts it on a small patch of road in front of each home. He was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and feels that the road dust is to blame. Emery Fiely responded by saying that the north end of Stone Springhouse Road (just off Route 27) was paved this year because it has been paved for many years and was falling apart. It cost the township nearly \$100,000.00 to pave that section. The portion of road in front of Bill Rusiewicz's home is dirt and has always been that way. Emery Fiely also said that, due to budget constraints, other areas of Stone Springhouse Road will most likely never be paved. Bill Rusiewicz then accused the Supervisors of not caring about the air that the residents are breathing and wanted to know what, if anything, the Supervisors plan to do to fix the problem if they will not put more pavement down. Emery Fiely said he would not be serving on the Board of Supervisors if he did not care about the residents. He said the township could spread calcium chloride, but Bill Rusiewicz said he would not like to breath in the dust created by calcium chloride. Emery Fiely said the township could possibly put down salt brine. Bill Rusiewicz asked the Supervisors why dust suppressant is not put down on the entire length of the road anymore and Emery Fiely told him that the township cannot afford it. Emery Fiely also told Bill Rusiewicz that the road in front of his home was dirt when he purchased the property and probably still will be dirt when he leaves.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Lew Staub and seconded by Emery Fiely.

The treasurer's report, for July 2016, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Emery Fiely and seconded by Lew Staub.

Correspondence

Venango County Conservation District – Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads Prog.

The township has been notified that the deadline to submit applications for the 2017 Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads program is October 31, 2016. The Supervisors will not submit an application. Lew Staub noted that, since the program recently changed, there are too many requirements in place, like traffic studies, etc.

Venango County Tax Claim Bureau – Properties Scheduled for Upset Tax Sale

The township received a list of properties scheduled for upset tax sale on September 12, 2016.

PennDOT Newsletter

Ron Dewey – Dewey Road

Ron Dewey, a Dewey Road resident, sent a letter to the Supervisors asking that improvements be made to Dewey Road. He asked if the township would consider paving or tar and chipping the road and said that the grading of the road has caused the road to be 9 inches lower than his driveway. Ron Dewey also asked if, in the meantime, oil could be put down to control the dust. Additionally, he said he called about a year ago to get a new sign for Dewey Road and it still has not been put up. Lew Staub said that the township does not receive liquid fuels money for the maintenance of Dewey Road. However, the township will continue to maintain the road.

Venango County Association of Township Officials – 104th Annual Convention

The Venango County Association of Township Officials will hold its 104th annual convention on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Chrissie Kurelowech will make reservations for any Supervisor wishing to attend.

Zoning

Permits

Z-2016-06	Tavern Holding LLP	4286 State Route 8	new sign
Z-2016-07	Ronald L. Bickel	1042 Shreve Road	new double-wide trailer

Zoning Report

Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, reported that the owners of 5376 State Route 417 now have a portable garage and the property looks much cleaner than it did at one time. Emery Fiely said that he does not feel further enforcement is needed.

Ben Breniman recently inspected 1722 Breedtown Road and found that it looks a little neater, but the weeds in the yard are very high. Emery Fiely suggested giving the occupants a little more time to clean up the property.

The owners of 1220 South Perry Street talked to Ben Breniman, on July 11, 2016, about removing junk from their property. They said that they are making progress. Emery Fiely noted that he does not want them to slip through the cracks.

Administrative Action

Thompson Subdivision–Reqst. for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration

On a motion made by Emery Fiely and seconded by Lew Staub, the Supervisors voted to accept the Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration for the Stanley Thompson subdivision (Stone Springhouse Road). Emery Fiely signed the document. The Venango County Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing the subdivision and is requiring that a Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration, approved by the township, be submitted for the residual parcel. By submitting this document, the owner agrees to never build any structure on the residual property that will generate sewage requiring a permit and the township agrees to take responsibility for identifying any violations of the agreement.

PNC Bank – Resolution for Extensions of Credit and Incumbency Certificate

Chrissie Kurelowech explained that several documents need approved and signed in order to obtain a township credit card for Jim Waugh. On a motion made by Emery Fiely and seconded by Lew Staub, the Supervisors voted to pass a resolution for extensions of credit and incumbency certificate for PNC Bank to allow Emery Fiely, Lew Staub, and Jim Waugh to make changes to the township's credit card account and obtain financial services and products, on behalf of Cherrytree Township, from PNC Bank. On a motion made by Emery Fiely and seconded by Lew Staub, the Supervisors voted to remove Roger Patterson as Card Account Administrator for the township's credit card account through PNC Bank and make Emery Fiely and Jim Waugh both Card Account Administrators. On a motion made by Lew Staub and seconded by Emery Fiely, the Supervisors voted to request a township credit card for Jim Waugh. The Supervisors signed the documents and Chrissie Kurelowech will return them to PNC Bank.

Gutter Quote

A quote from T. Cornell Gutters, LLC was received to repair the gutters on the township building. The price quoted was \$1,062.00, with an option of including ice bar for \$400.00 and an option of including rain shield for \$200.00. On a motion made by Lew Staub and seconded by Emery Fiely, the Supervisors voted to accept the quote submitted by T. Cornell Gutters, LLC, for \$1,062.00, and to include the ice bar option at an extra cost of \$400.00. They decided not to get rain shield.

Complaint – Septic, Garbage, Etc.

A complaint was recently received regarding 123 Fleming Alley. The person who submitted the complaint alleges that there is excessive garbage and junk on the property and that sewage is not being disposed of properly. Todd Fantaskey, Sewage Enforcement Officer, has been notified and will investigate. The Supervisors were in agreement to have Ben Breniman, Zoning Officer, investigate and begin enforcement, if necessary, to get the property owners to clean up the property.

Chrissie Kurelowech explained that she received a phone call from a man wishing to complain about accumulating junk and garbage at a property on Meadville Road. He feels that the garbage could be contaminating the water. However, he refuses to complete a complaint form because he wants to remain anonymous. Chrissie Kurelowech told him to call the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) if he feels water is being contaminated. She said a woman called her a week before the man and complained about the same property.

The woman said she will complete a complaint form and return it to the township office. The Supervisors were in agreement not to act on the anonymous complaint, but to wait until the next meeting to see if the complaint from the woman has been submitted.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 13 calls since the last meeting. Of the 13 calls, 8 were EMS, 2 were public service (trees down), 2 were dispatched and canceled, and 1 was mutual aid (Oakland – structure fire).

Half of the hoses have been pressure tested and a couple failed. On August 6, 2016, the tanker and engine will be pump tested.

Alan Wade noted that the VFD made \$9,600.00 profit on the gun raffle that took place on June 25, 2016.

EMA Office

None

Road

Lew Staub reported that the road crew has been busy mowing berms. Glenn O. Hawbaker paved a mile on South Perry Street and a mile on Stone Springhouse Road. The road crew patched a pipe on Cherrytree Road four times and cold patched Cherrytree Road near South Perry Street. They also erected curve signs on Dempseytown-Gresham Road. A pipe was installed on Pioneer Road. They also stacked 2RC and 2B gravel and pushed four trees off the roads. They mowed the yard at the township building four times. The spreader has been taken off the 2009 International and the bermer has been put on. They will start berming the new blacktop on South Perry Street.

As for equipment, the tractor needs sent out this winter for repairs. The rocker cover gasket needs replaced, the shroud is cracked and split, there are problems with fan belts and the trinary switch. The 2002 International needs a new timing cover and oil pan.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer

