

**Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 1, 2018**

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 1, 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 said that he walked out of the regular monthly meeting held two months ago because he was upset that the Supervisors changed the meeting format. During that meeting, the Supervisors said that the public could speak during two "Public Comment" sections of the meeting (beginning and end) and would not be permitted to comment during the rest of the meeting. Ron Stewart noted that he did not feel the meetings were getting out of hand. He called all three Supervisors and two out of the three said they would be in favor of allowing those in attendance to comment throughout the meeting again. He asked the Supervisors if they would consider going back to the old format and allow comments throughout the entire meeting. Dave Zdarko suggested putting a time limit on comments. Jim Waugh said the issue would be up to the Chairman of the Board and Emery Fiely said he prefers to have no interruptions and to move the meeting along, but would consider going back to the old format if the meetings are kept under control. After a brief discussion, the Supervisors agreed to return to the old format and allow the public to comment throughout the entire meeting, even after the "Public Comment" section has ended. Ron Stewart also thanked the road crew for work recently done near his home on Black Road.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report

Don Deliman noted that, in the "VFD Report" in the minutes from Tuesday, September 4, 2018, it said that Emery Fiely asked Don Deliman why the siren at the fire station is not tested weekly, but the siren was never tested weekly, it was tested monthly. Chrissie Kurelowech will make the correction. The amended minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdarko, and carried unanimously.

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

Zoning

Permits

Zoning Report

There was no report.

Correspondence

PennDOT – 2019 Estimated Allocation of Municipal Liquid Fuels and Turnback
The 2019 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for Cherrytree Township is \$210,054.29. Additionally, \$24,240.00 will be received from the state in turnback. Chrissie Kurelowech noted that there is little change from 2018, when the allocation was \$210,777.38 and the turnback was \$24,240.00..

Venango County Assessment Office – Parcels Scheduled for Appeal
Venango County Assessment Office has formal hearings scheduled in October for three properties in Cherrytree Township.

PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust – 2019 Rate
The 2019 rate has decreased to 0.80% from 0.09%. The taxable wage base will remain at \$10,000.00. This means that Cherrytree Township will be required to pay 0.80% of each employee's first \$10,000.00 of wages paid during the year.

Administrative Action

Fuel Bids – Approximately 7,000 Gallons – Vote to Advertise

On a motion made by Emery Fiely, seconded by Jim Waugh, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to put approximately 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel out for bid. Bids will be accepted until 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018 and will be opened and reviewed at the regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

VFD

Don Deliman reported that there were 17 calls since the last meeting. Of the 17 calls, 1 was a building fire, 10 were EMS, 1 was a motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 was a public matter, 3 were public service, and 1 was dispatched and cancelled.

The VFD held its 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Timber Lake Lodge. Proclamations from the Pennsylvania State Senate and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives were presented to the VFD at the celebration.

The VFD received \$7,295.79 in Foreign Fire money, which is about \$1,000.00 less than last year. Fund drive letters have been sent out.

Don Deliman also reported that a company recently cleaned the carpeting in the township building.

The turkey shoots have started and, during the first 2 weeks, there were only 6 shoots. Hopefully, things improve and the VFD sees a better turnout.

Don Deliman said he recently talked to Venango County Public Safety Director Tim Dunkle and there is still no consensus among the fire chiefs as to whether or not the sirens should be tested monthly. Don Deliman said he will bring it up again.

The VFD will apply for \$13,500.00 in state grant money to purchase 2 new SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). The VFD could actually use 9 new SCBAs because the current SCBAs are 12 years old.

EMA Office

There was no report.

Road

Lew Staub, Roadmaster, reported that Sharon Paving finished paving Cherrytree Road. The road crew put the bermer on the 2009 International and bermed the new blacktop. They cut 8 trees off the roads and checked the roads once. Shingledecker's Welding repaired Drake Well Road. The road crew graded the bad spots on 8 roads and ditched a spot on Turkey Farm Road. They also mowed the yard twice, stacked salt in the shed, and stacked gravel. Additionally, they moved the paver out of the way and ordered antiskid. The road crew also put a new fuel filter on the 2009 International and fixed the fuel lines on 2 chain saws.

Lew Staub reported that he recently talked to property owners near the intersection of Fairview Road and Cherrytree Road about directing water from Fairview Road onto their properties as part of a proposed Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume Roads project. The property owners will not agree to allow the township to direct the water onto their properties. The Supervisors asked Lew Staub to look at some other potential projects that have been discussed in the past, like the culvert on Shreve Road and the hill on Stone Springhouse Road. The deadline to submit an application for 2019 projects is October 19, 2018. Lew Staub said he would contact Lance Bowes, from the Dirt, Gravel, and Low-Volume Roads Program, to see which potential projects would be eligible for funding.

Old Business

There was no "Old Business".

New Business

2019 Budget Meeting

The Supervisors decided to schedule a special meeting (budget) for Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. The date and time for the special meeting were changed, later in the meeting (see "Public Comment" near end of minutes), to Friday, October 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the township building and its purpose is to prepare the 2019 budget and to address any other business that comes before the Board of Supervisors

Sharon Paving Contact Information – Vehicle Damage on Cherrytree Road

Chrissie Kurelowech told those in attendance that the township's PennDOT Municipal Services Representative has advised motorists that, if their vehicles were damaged during Labor Day Weekend, when Sharon Paving cut Cherrytree Road and did not put signs or cones up, to contact Sharon Paving directly because the company is responsible for damage. The phone number for Sharon Paving is (724) 962-7811 and the address is 100 Canal Street, Sharpsville, PA 16150.

Public Comment

Jamey Miller asked the Supervisors why they scheduled a special meeting for 4:00 p.m., but regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. Dave Zdarko said that late evenings do not work for him and the Supervisors could not find a Saturday that worked for everyone. After some discussion, the Supervisors decided to change the date and time of the special meeting (prepare 2019 budget – see "New Business") to Friday, October 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Ally McClintock asked the Supervisors where they are in the process to hire a new road worker. Emery Fiely said they advertised and received resumes and that he would like to hold interviews that week. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Dave Zdanko, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to go into executive session.

Executive Session

The Supervisors left the meeting room at 7:00 p.m. and went into the office where they discussed people who applied for the road worker position and selected candidates to interview. They came out of executive session at 7:18 p.m. Emery Fiely told those in attendance that three candidates were selected for interviews and that the Supervisors would like to schedule the interviews during the current week.

Public Comment

Charlene Armstrong asked the Supervisors who owns the Titusville Airport and if taxes are paid to Cherrytree Township for structures at the airport that are located in Cherrytree Township. Chrissie Kurelowech said she thought the City of Titusville owned the property. Cherrytree Township receives taxes for structures that are at the airport and are located in Cherrytree Township.

Adjournments

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer