

**Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
October 31, 2015**

A special meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., at the township building. In attendance were Roger Patterson, Lew Staub, and Emery Fiely, Supervisors, and Christine Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer.

Call to Order

Roger Patterson called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

Ron Stewart questioned the reasoning behind grading Black Road and part of Shreve Road on October 8, 2015, when it had recently been oiled. He said the road was in better shape before they graded it and now the intersection of the two roads is a muddy mess. He said a lot of what is being done to the roads makes no sense and the road reports presented at the monthly meetings are very vague. Ron Stewart also said that the amount of money the township is paying for road maintenance is “mind boggling” and that someone needs to be held accountable. He said that the public perception is not good and needs changed. Emery Fiely responded by saying that he would like to see more details in the road reports presented at the meetings and suggested that Ron Stewart ride along with the road crew sometime to get a better feel for how they operate. Roger Patterson suggested visiting neighboring townships because he feels the roads in Cherrytree Township are in good shape, in comparison. Someone mentioned the poor condition of South Perry Street and Roger Patterson and Lew Staub both said that Stone Springhouse Road is in worse shape and needs paved before South Perry Street. This launched a discussion on the reasoning behind paving some of the remote roads in the township. Jim Waugh questioned the money being spent to pave Hamilton Corners Road, Old Petroleum Center Road, and Stone Springhouse Road, because they are remotely located and many people in the township never even drive on them. He suggested either using tar and chip or taking them back to gravel.

Ron Stewart also asked the Supervisors who should be called if a tree falls down on the roadway. He was told to call either the township, if it is during regular work hours, or 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 office will dispatch the VFD to take care of it.

Don Deliman mentioned that there is no longer a franchise fee on his Armstrong bill, since the Supervisors recently voted to pass an ordinance eliminating it. Previously, the township received approximately \$1,500.00 per quarter from the franchise fees paid by cable customers.

New Business

Prepare 2016 Budget

Chrissie Kurelowech presented spreadsheets outlining the income and expenses for 2014 and 2015. The Board of Supervisors spent a great deal of time going through the spreadsheets, account by account, and budgeting an amount for each account for 2016. Discussion was held about replacing the floor in the township building and purchasing a new backhoe. Chrissie Kurelowech will get an estimate on the cost of a new floor and Lew Staub will get an estimate to fix the older backhoe, as opposed to replacing it with a new one. They will report on these items at a later meeting.

Administrative Action

Adopt Proposed 2016 Budget

On a motion made by Roger Patterson, seconded by Emery Fiely, and carried, the Supervisors voted to adopt the proposed 2016 budget. Anticipated income for 2016 is \$662,289.00 and anticipated expenditures total \$629,952.00. Unless unforeseen expenses are discovered and amendments are necessary, the 2016 budget will be adopted at the regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the proposed 2016 budget is available for inspection in the township office.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer