

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

8:00 A.M.

FALL ROAD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

HELD AT: Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Phil Panzarella, Trustee Chair

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Paykoff.

ROLL CALL: Panzarella, Bullard, D'Amico

ATTENDANCE: Road Superintendent Brodi Irwin and Eldon Johnston representing Delaware County Engineer's Office and Chris Paykoff

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Panzarella stated that a significant amount of road work had been done in the township and that Irwin checked on all the work to make sure it was progressing nicely. Irwin indicated that paint striping still needed to be done on 3 B's & K and Piatt Road and there was some chip sealing to be completed on Roesland but that he was happy with all other work that had been completed. The asphalt work was done very well and the edges are straight and we received quality work for our money.

Johnston indicated that there was one day of work left to be completed. He also stated that last Tuesday there was misinformation published regarding the reflectivity signs and that when they get the correct information they will put it in their newsletter.

Bullard indicated that water stands on the road in front of Berkshire Middle School. Irwin said his plan was to do repairs in thirds to keep the cost down. The area in front of the school would have a full depth repair done next year, to raise the elevation so our road would be higher than the schools and this should make the water disappear.

D'Amico asked if the school board was going to be involved. Panzarella stated that Andy Kerr said he would have the contractor take care of it but that the water covers the whole road and winter is coming and we have to worry about ice. Irwin said the approach was put in two years ago and that if a patch job is done the water could cause more problems.

Panzarella said the driveway was not finished till this year and another trustee from another township reported the problem and we have a responsibility to fix it. And until someone comes and tells him that it's safe, he won't be comfortable with it. Irwin said that he would not continue on with the meeting if his opinion is not considered. Panzarella said it was a stone driveway and that a patch job could move the problem around and that someone should be there to oversee the job. Irwin said trustees could ask the road department questions and they would have the answers and things can get resolved outside of meetings without arguments. He stated that this was Berkshires side of the road and they don't do culverts so we should deal with the school.

Panzarella said we signed a roads agreement with Berkshire pertaining to road work and we have 3 B's & K from Cheshire to Plumb Road so it's our problem. He asked D'Amico as the roads trustee it call the school and get them involved. He indicated that the light at 3 B's & K that was installed by Berkshire had been moved and trees had been cut back.

D'Amico asked Irwin how the crack sealing was going and Irwin said it had not been completed as the contractor has been busy but they would get to it by the second week of October. He stated that they were doing spring and fall crack sealing but the spring sealing did not get done. He indicated that next year we may want to get other quotes so we can get it done on time. Panzarella thought that we did get two quotes this year and D'Amico said the company had been recommended to us. Irwin said they have done a good job for us in the past but not so good this year.

SHERMAN ROAD –

Johnston asked if Sherman Lakes was holding up and Irwin said yes. Bullard said that next year there will be major in depth repairs done to both sides at corner of Africa Road and Sherman Road. Irwin said there were various spots, 2500 to 3000 feet on both sides that needed repaired before a surface coat could be installed. A pipe was recently installed and it's keeping water away from the bridge. In the area

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of 5898 Sherman Road Irwin pointed out an area in the road that had an impression from a large pipe and said we may want to get a Request for Engineering Assistance to fix it. Johnston said they rely on townships to inform them of problems with culverts and that we should ask for a watershed & culvert inspection.

Irwin stated that nothing was on the agenda to do on Sherman Road this year but we may need to do cold mix. He stated that Sherman Road was the worst road in the township but it did not have a lot of traffic. The area from 6250 Sherman Road to Africa Road needs in depth repair but from 6250 east to 3 B's & K is in good shape because there are ditches.

S. 3 B's & K ROAD (TR 35) -

Irwin indicated that the flashing light was now in the proper location and had the proper base that was cast aluminum and would crush in case of an accident and is a safe unit.

The area in front of Berkshire Middle School was looked at and everyone determined that the approach had been there for 2 years and when the new driveway was put in the elevation was higher than our road so an in depth repair was needed and D'Amico needed to discuss with Andy Kerr what would be done. Bullard stated that the signs for the school were placed correctly per the law.

SUMMERWOOD SUBDIVISION -

Panzarella stated that Ed Ruan, Jerry Ungesheck worked with the homeowners and did everything that they said they would do and everyone he had talked to was happy with the work that was performed. He said the edges were made to keep water off the road and they did a nice job.

ROESLAND -

Panzarella stated that Roesland was chip and sealed recently but the T at the west end of the road was not done but that it is township property and the township is responsible for getting it done. Irwin indicated that the contractor made the wrong assumption and it would get done. He also stated that he would like to see an asphalt surface be put on it next year.

PLUMB ROAD HEADING WEST -

Panzarella stated that we received a complaint about speeding on S B's & K and that we would be submitting a Request for Engineering Assistance for a speed study. Irwin said that Plumb Road at 3 B's & K is in three townships, Orange, Berlin and Berkshire and that the south portion of the road needs full in depth repair but our half was okay.

HARBOR POINT -

Irwin indicated that the roads in the development were good but there were issues with trees. The limbs hit plow trucks and damaged a mirror that was plastic and probably brittle from the cold last winter. For the first time this year Irwin said he received complaints from residents that said they could not see the stop sign at the corner of Harbor Point and Bayside Ridge due to the trees. Bullard said we have talked about removing the lower limbs in the past but we need to talk to the Homeowner's Association.

SHADOW CREEK -

Irwin said we had to do an emergency repair to the catch basin this week as the heat made the roadway shrink. The catch basin on the right was heaved a little bit but not a problem yet and he would watch it. Johnston said it had 1 inch expansion joints on both ends into the pavement. Irwin also pointed out that the roads were last paved by him 14 years ago with a mix that was sandy sealant that kept it waterproofed and it was still in good shape.

MARINA -

Irwin pointed out that there were trees blocking view of the stop sign at Parkshore and East Bay Roads. Bullard asked if placing another stop sign would help but Irwin said people did not want them in their yards.

HOLLENBACK -

Irwin stated Hollenback recently had a full in depth repair done to it with a leveling course of finish asphalt. It just needed the paint stripping done and he was happy with the job. The new school signs are up, they used to be in yellow and are now in lime green. A year ago Glenn Excavating fixed the ditch which allows 5 acres of field

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to drain properly. Panzarella stated that he has had complaints about water at Hollenback & Piatt Roads. Irwin said Del-Co was working on putting water lines in but they were not finished yet and once finished it may solve the problem. Panzarella asked D'Amico to address the board at the next meeting with Del-Co's progress.

SHANAHAN ROAD -

Irwin stated that Shanahan had been paved 2 years ago and with all the school traffic it was holding up nicely. And that Shelly Co was the company that we used and we are now using Shelly & Sands. Panzarella said the county engineer helped us with the details and they looked at what we had done and agreed.

CONNOR LANE -

Johnston asked if there was a ditch petition in progress. Bullard said there was for the area from Connor Lane behind the cemetery to Peachblow where the road was relocated. Irwin said that when it rains the water is gone within a few hours and that the road was going to be crack and sealed this year. It needs a surface coat to keep property values up and then next year we should apply 1 ½ inches of asphalt or hot mix.

PEACHBLOW ROAD -

Bullard stated that a shopping center is slated to in at the northeast corner of Peachblow and Route 23. Johnston said that Jerry Ungescheck has a good road evaluation process and has it on a good schedule of what they need. Panzarella said that Ungescheck impressed the homeowners as he pre-briefed them on the process and kept the inconvenience to a minimum.

PIATT ROAD -

Irwin said a resident called about Piatt Road, "We chip and sealed it this year and asked for an OPWC grant but was denied as there is not enough funding available. We reapplied for next year and plan to redo it in 2012." Bullard said we would not know if we receive the grant until March or April of 2012. Panzarella said we need to have a backup plan in case we don't get the grant and asked D'Amico to start thinking about it and get a ball park figure of what it would cost. Bullard said the application listed \$186,000. Irwin said that it would not need a full depth repair it just needed a top surface leveling and finishing.

OLDEFIELD ESTATES -

Irwin stated that we had an emergency repair to the catch basin done this week. And that he does a monthly road grading and never saw the problem before so the problem got bad really quick. There are also more trees obstructing signs and kids walk to school in this development. He also stated that a resident with an autistic child asked if we could place signs that said Special Needs Children, so we did that for them and they were happy. We also put some in another development. Irwin said that they have used about 90 man hours for sign replacement and have about half the signs done. They will be working on more difficult installations soon.

DALE FORD ROAD -

Irwin indicated that ditch cleaning and culvert replacement still needed to be done. The residents complain that the road floods when it rains. A catch basin was installed 7 years ago and the homeowners would like a ditch petition. A resident with a deep ditch qualified for an enclosure so Glenn Excavating replaced the pipe to a larger size. They checked with the county engineer and they said it was okay. Jones put stone in and the township had dirt from the cemetery so they used it. The resident was seeding it under guidance from the township. At 1460 Dale Ford Rd the ditch needs cleaned out as the pipe is not large enough, the soil is uneven and it goes up hill so it hinders water flow and water sits there all the time. Brodi said the 5 year plan was to do \$25,000 to \$30,000 in ditch repairs, chip and seal and asphalt but we couldn't do it this year due to the work load in 2011. One ditch cleaning project on Baker Road had not been done from last year's list.

ROLOSON ROAD -

Irwin said a culvert pipe project was supposed to be done three weeks ago. A 10 inch field tile will be replaced and more stone added so this should help with the flooding.

Irwin stated that homeowners on Heverloo have complained when they do mow the edges of the road and tell us that we don't have right-of-way so we quit mowing but now there's a problem and tree branches scrap our vehicles so we need to maintain

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it. But asked how do we work with the homeowners? He stated that it was chip and sealed last year and they have kept the large trucks off of it when they plowed.

BAKER ROAD –

Johnston stated that near 2940 Baker Road there is a ditch project as the trees are in the way and homeowners want us to remove the trees. Glenn Excavating could repair the ditch and not touch the trees. He also indicated that there were 2 or 3 good size cracks about 10 feet long in the road that we should watch. Irwin said he thought about investing in a tar kettle that has a propane tank and burner and is a walk behind and does a 2 x 2 foot square that we could use to fix cracks ourselves. He stated that the materials do not go bad if we don't use it that often.

TANKTOWN –

Irwin said that they have been plowing this road ever since he has worked for the township but he doesn't think that we are getting mileage for it so he wanted to know if it was a township road. The closest road to it that we own is Dale Ford Road. Johnston indicated that it had a county stop sign. Bullard said the area used to be a town many years ago that was called Tanktown. Panzarella said this was something that zoning should look into.

Irwin stated that Big Run Road is a gravel road that we maintain but it has pot holes that we have left there to keep traffic off of it but a woman called and said that she purchased property there and was going to build and sell off lots so she asked us to maintain the road better. It is in working condition and he had asked the board if we could chip and seal it but the board did not feel we wanted to spend the money on it. In a couple years we may want to as the base is good for the type of work to be done on it.

RETURN TO TOWNSHIP

D'Amico said that he would get with the Homeowners Association for Harbor Point and the Marina to discuss the issue with trees and check into Heverloo and Tanktown. He said he was happy with the way the roads looked. Panzarella stated that we have done a significant amount of road work this year and that money was an issue as we get about \$131,000. For the roads each year and we use it up in two areas, salaries and materials so we have to be careful. Johnston indicated that salt and grit prices would remain the same this year.

**MOTION
11-09-01**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Bullard
Second: D'Amico
Vote: D'Amico yea, Bullard yea, and Panzarella yea,

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Panzarella at 10:39 A.M.

Philip P. Panzarella, Trustee

ATTEST:

Thomas A. D'Amico, Trustee

Claudia Smith,
Fiscal Officer

Ronald W. Bullard, Trustee