

CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 22, 2021 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Vice Chairman James Fitterling called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence. The following were present: Chairman Jason Troutman, Vice Chairman James Fitterling, and Member Charles Zimmerman, Attorney Elizabeth Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode and Secretary Cheryl Haus. The meeting was open to the public.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Corporal Moran of the PA State Police was present to present the Centre Township activity report for the last year and to answer any questions the Board had. There were 822 incidents with 56 being criminal investigations. Other incidents being accidents, welfare checks, etc. The Zoning Officer and Engineer discussed with the Corporal, the riding of ATV's / minibikes on Centre Township roadways.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the minutes from May 25, 2021. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS / SOLICITORS REPORT – Elizabeth Magovern – Nothing to report

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department trimmed trees, patched roads, maintained vehicles and various other jobs as needed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report.

Their office contacted the Berks County Conservation District regarding the pending grant application for Beagle Road. The application was not approved. The application will be put back in for consideration in May 2022.

Mr. Rhode and Mr. Anderson have responded to the following complaints.

482 Data Road—complaint filed regarding placing fill without permits. The Engineer stated the owner is just improving the property. No permits required.

581 Data Road—complaint regarding sediment washing onto roadway. Kraft Engineering sent a letter in May, 2020 regarding this issue, without a response. Kraft will make one more contact before issuing a NOV.

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1774 Trolley Road—complaint regarding excessive water runoff onto homeowner driveway. The homeowner seemed happy with the road crew sweeping up stone and gravel.

There were three bidders for the 2021 Valley Road paving project.
H & K Group, New Enterprise and Construction Masters.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to award the Paving Project of Valley Road to the lowest bidder—H & K Group, in the amount of \$119,416.95 for base repair, paving and the alternate of patching a small section of Irish Creek Road. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Fiant

Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant gave the May/June report.

Property maintenance:

724 Belleman's Church Road-Code Services is waiting for the registrations showing the cars are licensed as antiques.

194 Bootleg Road—most cars have been removed.

34 Irish Run Road—A NOV has been sent regarding rubbish

14 building inspections were completed. 16 permits were issued. Mr. Fiant met with the owner of the Fairview Mobile Home Park regarding two newer homes that have been installed without footers. The homes will be moved and footers installed.

SEO REPORT –

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the SEO report for June. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, Fitterling and Troutman voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion as made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by Jason Troutman to unapprove the Long Annexation plan due to a request from their Engineer Larry Grybosky. The plan is to be revised and resubmitted. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, Troutman and Fitterling voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS-

A letter was received from Northern Berks EMS requesting a donation from the American Rescue Plan funds.

The application for the funds has been submitted.

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HEARING OF VISITORS

Timothy Lehner of 1730 Trolley Road said he has not received a clear answer from the township regarding his question of truck bodies / storage trailers being used for storage. Mr. Fiant told Mr. Lehner that truck bodies ARE NOT permitted as per the Rubbish Ordinance.

Mr. Lehner asked about C containers. Mr. Fiant advised Mr. Lehner that a zoning permit is required for a C container and would depend on the use. Not to store junk.

Mr. Lehner stated his zoning applications for relief have been rejected. The attorney told Mr. Lehner that his applications have asked for relief where relief is not needed and that he has not asked for relief from a junkyard. Mr. Lehner needs to admit that he has a junkyard and ask for a variance for relief for a junkyard from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Lehner asked if other complaints that he filed were going to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Charles Zimmerman made a motion and Jason Troutman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Troutman and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus
Township Secretary