

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 26, 2021 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Chairman Jason Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence. The following were present: Jason Troutman and Charles Zimmerman, Attorney Elizabeth Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant and Secretary Cheryl Haus. Supervisor James Fitterling was absent. The meeting was open to the public.

**HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

Attorney Ronald Corkery presented to the Board pictures and information to build a storage building at 203 Shoey Road belonging to Chris Gehringer.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to approve a waiver request from land development to construct a storage building to cover lumber at 203 Shoey Road. All stormwater, building and code requirements need to be met. Upon roll call, Troutman and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Christie Brown, Director of the Schuylkill Valley Community Library spoke of activities, book sales and expansion of the library with a room for programs, meetings, etc., bathrooms and a new roof. Stephanie Schreiber and Kelly Ruth spoke of the counties support and the new formula they will be using to fund the libraries. Berks County municipalities are being asked to increase their donations to \$2.50 per person. Centre Township currently donates \$1.00 per person.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the minutes from September 28, 2021. Seconded by Jason Troutman. Upon roll call, Troutman and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by Jason Troutman to approve the bills for payment. Upon roll call, Troutman and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS / SOLICITORS REPORT – Elizabeth Magovern –**

**A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by Jason Troutman to authorize the solicitor to advertise the revised solicitation ordinance for enactment at the November meeting. Upon roll call, Zimmerman and Troutman voted yes.**

An ordinance for Knox boxes has been drafted by the Solicitor and is in the reviewing process.

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Department has been mowing, replacing signs, and taking care of downed trees.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT - RYAN RHODE**

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report.

Estimates requested on the "Y" on Trolley Road are being prepared as well as meeting with contractors at the site.

The David Good Poultry escrow release is being held up due to a NOT from the Conservation District.

A request from EPA for underground storage tank information is being completed by the Engineer.

There are two driveways on Tower Road that there has been runoff onto the township road and across the road onto a neighboring property. A catch basin may be the answer. The Engineer will meet with the owners.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT - Jeff Fiant**

Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant gave the September report.

Property maintenance on various properties was discussed along with letters on a few dog complaints. 3 building inspections, 1 Certificate of Occupancy and 8 permits with a value of \$359,989.00, were completed.

**SEO REPORT -**

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to accept the SEO report. Upon roll call, Zimmerman and Troutman voted yes.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2022 budget has been prepared and is open for inspection.

**The meeting was recessed at 7:35 for an executive session on litigation.**

**The meeting was reconvened at 7:50.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**HEARING OF VISITORS - GENERAL**

Alan Cork of the Centerport Borough Council asked if Centre Township could plow their 8/10 of a mile of roads for Centerport Borough. The Supervisors will discuss with the Road Master.

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Kelly Burdick of 680 Trolley Court asked if the owner will be paving Trolley Court this year. The Engineer discussed with her the requirements, however, he has not had contact from the owner since the beginning of summer. The Engineer will contact the owner to discuss the road. If he has no plans to repair the road, the township may be able to do some patching.

Tim Lehner asked about the solicitation ordinance. The Zoning Officer responded the same as last month that the current ordinance is complicated and cumbersome and the revised ordinance will be easier to enact and enforce.

A discussion was held between Anthony Cronrath of the Schuylkill Valley Youth Soccer Association and residents, Ryan Mock, Larry Miller and Carl Dietrich, who are opposed to the use of the approximately 12-15 acres owned by the township for soccer fields. Questions included financial backing, how many youth at the field, how many fields, lighting, tournaments and weekend games. Mr. Cronrath responded that "at this time" they do not play night games and are not looking at lights.

**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 8:13 P.M. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus  
Township Secretary