

CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 28, 2021 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Chairman Jason Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence. The following were present: Jason Troutman, James Fitterling, and Charles Zimmerman, Attorney Elizabeth Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant and Secretary Cheryl Haus. The meeting was open to the public.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Jeremy Smith of the Schuylkill Valley Soccer Association discussed the needs of a home field for the Schuylkill Valley Youth Soccer Association. Soccer has a spring league (8 weeks) and a fall league (12 weeks) with approximately 250 youth ranging in age from 3 years old to youths in 6th grade. The association will meet with a Supervisor at the site of the 12.1 acres owned by Centre Township.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to rescind the motion made at the last meeting to advertise the 12.1 acres for rental of raising crops. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the minutes from August 24, 2021. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Troutman Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to approve the change order in the amount of \$4,083.64 and Payment # 1 and final payment in the amount of \$115,333.31 for the Valley Road project, to H & K Group. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS / SOLICITORS REPORT – Elizabeth Magovern –

Timothy Lehner asked why the old solicitation ordinance was being revised, did the township really need one and who enforced the ordinance.

The current solicitation ordinance is too involved, includes background checks, etc. The new ordinance is meant to be simpler. The Zoning Officer enforces the ordinance. A draft has been prepared by the attorney's office and will be reviewed by the Zoning Officer.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department has been patching, mowing various roads, signs, crack sealing, and taking care of downed trees.

Employee Edgar Hussman will be retiring November 9, 2021.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman to advertise for resumes for a road crew worker, seconded by James Fitterling, to have information received by November 1, 2021. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report.

A request was made of the Engineer to get an approximate cost for the Y on Trolley Road to be converted into a T due to safety concerns. Mr. Rhode estimated the cost to be approximately \$56,000 to \$65,000. The Supervisors told Mr. Rhode to visit the site and move to get a more solid figure.

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to release the Letter of Credit for the Jay Nolt Poultry Operation in the amount of \$75,365.00. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Zimmerman and Troutman voted yes.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to authorize Kraft Engineering to submit the MS4 PRP plan to PADEP for review. Upon roll call Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Fiant

Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant gave the August report.

Property management issues were addressed, along with meeting with property owners, as per the report, 14 inspections were done, 8 C & O's were issued for new homes, pools, detached garages, 8 new permits totaling \$364,369 were issued.

SEO REPORT –

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

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the 2022 MMO for the Centre Township Pension plan in the amount of \$4,625.00. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, Fitterling and Troutman voted yes.

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to approve the 2022 MMO for the Centre Township Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$0. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Zimmerman and Troutman voted yes.

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A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve Resolution 16, 2021 for the 5 year Winter Municipal Agreement with PennDOT. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

The meeting was recessed at 7:32 p.m. for an executive session regarding litigation.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL

Mike Debkowski of Butter Lane discussed malicious defacing of his and neighboring properties by Charles Paris of the Pocono Beagle Club with vegetation killer. Neighbors contested the Clean & Green assessment with the county assessment office due to the incorrect information on the Clean & Green Valuation Application. Rental units were taken out of the Clean & Green assessment. The property was put into Ag Reserve which allows public use of the land. The assessment office was again called and will revisit the property. Neighbors wanted the Township to know that they may be losing significant revenue due to the use of the property.

Timothy Lehner asked about road work to be done on Trolley Road. The Engineer was authorized to meet with professionals, put together a plan and come back to the next meeting with costs, etc.

Timothy Lehner asked about another property being subject to the requirements of the rubbish ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, James Fitterling made a motion and Jason Troutman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus
Township Secretary