

CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 23, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 23, 2021 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Chairman Jason Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant and Secretary Cheryl Haus. Engineer Ryan Rhode was absent. The meeting was open to the public.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Tim Lehner of 1730 Trolley Court asked a number of questions on the passing of the amended solicitation ordinance. A solicitation is not required for yard sales, farm sales of crops grown on the property, Boy/Girl Scouts, children under the age of 18, etc. The solicitation permit is for transient retailers, going door-to-door selling their goods, wares or merchandise.

Mr. Lehner asked about the budget and the ARP funds / Liquid Fuels funds. These funds are separate accounts and not included in the General Fund.

Resident Wade Houck of 1033 Tower Road had a concern of residents parking on his property adjacent to the township building on election day and suggested the Township Building was not adequate to hold the election. Supervisor Jason Troutman will discuss this with Berks County.

Resident Kevin Zimmerman of 72 Kocher Drive stated the way the election representatives had people line up in the hallway to wait for the machine was not Covid social distancing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the minutes from October 26, 2021. Seconded by Charles Zimmerman. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS / SOLICITORS REPORT – Elizabeth Magovern –

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to enact Ordinance # 169-2021 to amend the Solicitation ordinance. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department has been cleaning up, trimming trees, etc.

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A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to hire Dan Haas as a full-time road department employee at the starting salary of \$18.00 per hour. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to hire Edgar Hussmann as a part-time, as needed, road department employee. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Troutman and Zimmerman voted yes.

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and second by James Fitterling to purchase a snow plow from E.M.Kutz in the amount of \$14,484.00, and sell two old plows. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, Fitterling and Troutman voted yes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE

Code Officer Jeff Fiant gave the monthly Engineering report.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to accept the time extension from Pear Properties LLC to February 15, 2022. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling votes yes.

Two estimates were received for construction on Trolley Road, converting the Y to a T due to safety concerns. \$144,800 from H & K and \$150,000 from Construction Masters. The Board will discuss with the Road Foreman and Engineer what they want to do. The release of the Letter of Credit for David Good Poultry was tabled. The Tower Road driveway runoff onto Tower Road was tabled. BF Petroleum was contacted to do the inspection for the USTIF report.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Fiant

Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant gave the October report. Property maintenance issues were discussed at 724 Belleman's Church Road, 472 Data Road, 1513 Irish Creek Road, 34 Irish Run Road, 309 Main Street, 810 Main, 22 South Garfield, and 635 Sleepy Hollow Road for dogs running loose and 19 Park Road.

Mr. Fiant will call the owner of 13 Plum Creek Road regarding his abandoned house.

There were 14 building inspections competed, 1 Certificate of Occupancy sent, and 7 new permits with a value of \$40,236.07 issued.

SEO REPORT –

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

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the 2022 preliminary budget. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the 2022 meeting dates. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, Fitterling and Troutman voted yes.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to sign and participate with Berks County to print the 2022 real estate bills. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL

Tim Lehner asked about the Knox Box Ordinance that is being looked into. The fire company asked for the ordinance and are for the township buildings and large businesses. No residential properties or farms are included.

Kevin Zimmerman stated he would rather if the township would also install park equipment so that the whole township could use the 12 acre property, not just the soccer association. The Supervisors thanked Mr. Zimmerman and said the discussion is still in the early stages and more information would be presented as time goes on.

Mr. Zimmerman also asked if the township paved Trolley Court. The township did not pave Trolley Court, the developer paved the road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Charles Zimmerman made a motion and James Fitterling seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus
Township Secretary