

# CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 28, 2022 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Supervisor Jason Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence. The following were present: Jason Troutman, Charles Zimmerman, James Fitterling. Solicitor Liz Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, and Secretaries Cheryl Haus and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser. Zoning and Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant was absent from the meeting.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Ryan Rhode explained the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding to be executed between the Township and the Berks County Conservation District in response to an inquiry made by Mr. Tim Lehner who requested to view a copy. This item was tabled until the July Board of Supervisors Meeting pending its final preparation.

The Township Solicitor confirmed that she is not associated with the Berks County Conservation District in response to an inquiry also made by Mr. Lehner.

Mr. Lehner also addressed the Board relative to easing on the Beagle Club matter.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the minutes from May 24, 2022. Seconded by Jason Troutman. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman 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 - Liz Magovern**

The execution of the Berks County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding was tabled at this time.

**A motion was made by James Fetterling and seconded by Jason Troutman to adopt Resolution No. 11-2022, Amending Solicitation Permit Fees Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-169. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

The Township Solicitor provided an explanation of on-going issues at the Beagle Club and reviewed details of recent site visit to the property due to a berm of dirt that was placed on the roadway. The Township Solicitor requested the Board's authorization to send a violation letter to the property owner and to authorize Kraft Codes Services to issue a citation to the property owner if the berm is not removed.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to ratify sending a violation letter to the Beagle Club's Attorney regarding violation of Section 2326 of The Second Class Township Code. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

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**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling authorizing Kraft Codes Services to issue a citation if the berm is not removed. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Department has been cleaning out culverts, pipes, maintaining equipment, cutting back trees and mowing.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to amend a previous motion increasing the hourly pay rate increase for Andrew Werley from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hour. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling approving the purchase of an X-Mark Zero-Turn Lawn tractor in the amount of \$5,800.00. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to ratify hiring part-time Road Crew Member, Jamie Swoyer, starting June 27, 2022 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour on an as-needed basis. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE**

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report and informed the Board that the 2022 street work pre-meeting for Irish Creek Road is scheduled to be held on July 12, 2022.

#### **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Engineer Ryan Rhode reviewed the Zoning Officer's report in the absence of Zoning Officer, Jeff Fiant, and provided the Board with an update that his office has heard from two of the four property owners that were recently sent Notices of Violation relative to driveway stormwater run-off violations as discussed at previous meetings.

**A motion was made by James Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling authorizing Kraft Codes Services to issue citations for driveways to those property owners who have not yet responded to Kraft in accordance with the Notice of Violations letters previously sent. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

The Township Engineer updated the Board regarding the Data Road property, stating that vehicles remain at the property. Ryan Rhode also provided an update regarding the roaming chickens and guinea hens at the Irish Creek Road intersection.

#### **SEO REPORT**

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

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### NEW BUSINESS

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to adopt Resolution No. 09-2022, Approving the Disposition of Records. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, provided the Amended Emergency Operations Plan for the Board's approval and confirmed the Plan will be up-to-date upon the completion of two remaining forms.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to adopt Resolution No. 10-2022, Approving the Township's Amended Emergency Operations Plan. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

The Board announced that the property located by the Township garage has recently been surveyed and stated they would like to begin discussion regarding potential plans for constructing a soccer field on the property. Jason Troutman stated that no one was available from the Soccer Association to attend the meeting and that the Board would like feedback from the residents. The Board answered several questions in response to inquiries made by the audience members: Kevin Zimmerman, Ryan Mock, Rod Sutliff, Larry Miller, Carl Dietrich, Kevin Noecker and Missy Kopicz.

### MISCELLANEOUS - None

### HEARING OF VISITORS - GENERAL

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling allowing an announcement to be placed on the Township's website relative to the Hometown Heroes Banner Program as requested by Mr. Glenn Balthaser of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America, Centerport. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Tim Lehner addressed the Board, stating that he drove by the area previously mentioned where a dirt berm was placed at the Beagle Club property and raised concerns of tree overhang in the area.

The Township Engineer confirmed that there is not a project for construction in the area of the Trolley Road intersection in response to an inquiry by Kevin Zimmerman.

A brief executive session was held after the meeting for litigation. No action needed.

### 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 7:38 P.M. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser  
Township Secretary