

# CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 23, 2022 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Supervisor 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, Charles Zimmerman, James Fitterling. Solicitor Liz Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant, and Secretary Jennifer Wassell-Bonser.

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

None at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the minutes from July 26, 2022. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS/SOLICITORS REPORT – Liz Magovern**

None at this time.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Department has been cleaning out catch basins and pipes, maintaining equipment, cutting back and removing trees, in addition to mowing.

Solicitor Liz Magovern confirmed with the Board that the administrative duties have been completed for medical insurance enrollment in anticipation of the new Roadcrew Member, Michael Huggett's, upcoming 90-day probation period ending August 31, 2022.

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

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report. Ryan stated the 2022 Roadwork has been completed by the H&K Group as previously authorized with all items satisfactorily completed in accordance of the contract. Ryan requested an amendment be made to the agenda reflecting a change order adjusting the overall contract for the 2022 Roadwork for Irish Creek Road. Ryan confirmed the change order reduced the value of the contract for the work by \$325.42 and the payment amount would go from \$180,329.34 to \$180,003.92.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to amend the agenda to reflect payment for 2022 Street Project for Irish Creek Road Work and authorize the change order reducing the value of the contract for the work by \$325.42. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.**

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**A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman approving the payment in the amount of \$180,003.92 for the 2022 Street Project for Irish Creek Road Work. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.**

### **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Zoning/Codes Official Jeff Fiant provided his monthly report which included issuance of one Notice of Violation. Jeff reported the high grass property maintenance issues have been addressed and the roaming chickens and guinea hens at the Irish Creek Road intersection have been removed.

Jeff also reported a number of zoning calls were received during the month, including an inquiry if connecting a tiny house to the main home on a property to be used as an Airbnb is allowed. Zoning/Codes Official Jeff Fiant confirmed that is not permitted, nor does it fit into any Pennsylvania Building Codes. Jeff concluded that 13 permits were issued, valued at \$519,081.92 and 17 building inspections were completed.

### **SEO REPORT**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Township Secretary provided the Board with details relative to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board's notification of receipt of two applications for agricultural conservation easement purchases within the Township. It was noted that one parcel located on Garfield Road consists of 30.5 acres and another located on Rake Road/Indian Lane consists of 33.9 acres. It was noted that the County will be recommending both parcels to the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board for approval of the easement sale.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS - GENERAL**

Chairman Jason Troutman stated there are no updates relative to the proposed soccer fields and discussions will continue at future meetings as more information becomes available. The Board directed the Solicitor to research the acquisition records of the parcel for details of land uses.

### **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 7:13 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser  
Township Secretary