

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 25, 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: Supervisors Jason Troutman, Charles Zimmerman, and James Fitterling. Solicitor Liz Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant. Secretary Jennifer Wassell-Bonser was absent from the meeting.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Charles Zimmerman. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling 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, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS/SOLICITORS REPORT – Liz Magovern

The Township Solicitor stated that the Deeds of Dedication for Trolley Court and Trolley Road and Additional Right-of-Way are available for the Township's acceptance of the dedications of the roads. The Township Engineer stated there are three separate areas which include Trolley Court as well as additional right-of ways on the development side in two additional areas of Trolley Road. Ryan confirmed that the developer is aware that the deadline has passed for the Township to apply and add the road to the PA DOT Liquid Fuels Program and it cannot be placed in the Program until year. Ryan stated the developer is agreeable to covering the value and contribute \$1,070.36 to the Township to offset the loss of liquid fuels funds for 2023. Ryan also confirmed the project will now enter the 18-month maintenance period.

Jason Troutman made a motion accepting the Deed of Dedication for Trolley Court. James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

Jason Troutman made a motion accepting the Deed of Dedication and Additional Right-of-Way for Trolley Road. James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

Jason Troutman made a motion adopting Resolution 15-2022 – Accepting Trolley Court and Trolley Road Deeds of Dedication and Right-of-Way. James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

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The Township Solicitor reviewed details of the new requirement for all taxing districts that levy a property tax created by Act 57. Matt explained that Act 57 of 2022 amends the Local Tax Collection Law to allow taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for and receive a waiver of penalties and additional charges. Matt stated that each taxing district will be required to adopt an ordinance or resolution directing the Tax Collector to implement the new requirement.

James Fitterling made a motion authorizing the Township Solicitor's office to prepare the necessary Resolution for compliance with Act 57 of 2022 Local Tax Collection Law. Jason Troutman the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Charles Zimmerman reviewed the Road Department Report which included mowing, crack sealing, brush and tree cutting, in addition to shoulder clean-outs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - RYAN RHODE

The Township Engineer informed the Board that the developer of the Irish Creek Hills Subdivision has requested Escrow Release No. 5 from their Letter of Credit. Ryan verified that the Letter of Credit is in good standing and recommends the Board's authorization to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$63,364.83. Ryan confirmed the maintenance security value of \$22,825.64 would then be retained.

Jason Troutman made a motion authorizing Escrow Release No. 5 in the amount of \$63,364.83 from the Letter of Credit as requested by the developer of the Irish Creek Hills Subdivision. Charles Zimmerman seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Zoning/Codes Official Jeff Fiant provided his monthly report which included various issuance of zoning enforcements and property maintenance compliance issues, in addition to completion of nineteen building inspections, issuance of nine building permits with an improvement value of \$258,461.00, and four Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

SEO REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Berks County Treasurer's Office 2023 Tax Bill Preparation – Municipal Tax Sheet review was tabled to the November Board Meeting due to discrepancies.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

HEARING OF VISITORS - GENERAL

None at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, James Fitterling made a motion and Charles Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser
Township Secretary