

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 28, 2023 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, James Fitterling, and Charles Zimmerman. Solicitor Matt Fessler, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant, Engineer Ryan Rhode and Secretary Jennifer Wassell-Bonser.

**HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Troutman announced that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 regarding personnel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the Minutes from the January 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling 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, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.**

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

None at this time.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Charles Zimmerman reviewed the Road Department Report which included salting roads due to the light snow recently as well as various road work which included tree trimming through-out the Township in addition to equipment maintenance issues.

**Jason Troutman made a motion to ratify approval for the Roadmaster to attend Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance of Dirt and Gravel Roads training for his 5-yearre-certification which expires June, 2023. Motion seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.**

**ENGINEER’S REPORT – RYAN RHODE**

It was confirmed that the developer for the Pear Road Properties Preliminary Plan has submitted a 90-day time extension request.

**Charles Zimmerman made a motion authorizing and accepting the 90-day time extension request to May 24, 2023 for Pear Road Properties Preliminary Plan; James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.**

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Township Engineer, Ryan Rhode, reviewed details related to the scope of work for 2023 paving work. Ryan provided revised estimates for proposed work to be conducted as previously reviewed with the Township Roadmaster. Estimates include \$183,434.75 for Irish Creek Road; \$109,245.00 for River Road; and \$65,728.00 for Gin Mill Road for an estimated total in the amount of \$366,657.75 for the 2023 Street Paving Projects.

**A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling granting authorization to complete the 2023 Scope of Street Work Projects including tar and chip and paving. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Ryan also provided details related to receipt of a quote in the amount of \$6,500.00 from J. Phillips Excavating for excavation work, traffic control, and materials for culvert work to be conducted on Irish Creek Road. Ryan explained the work will be done in conjunction with the Township Roadcrew.

**Jason Troutman made a motion accepting J. Phillips proposal for the Irish Creek Road excavation culvert work at a cost of \$6,500.00; Charles Zimmerman seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Ryan also informed the Board that a site visit was conducted at the intersection of Trolley Road/Irish Creek. Ryan noted that he recommends that the area be surveyed in order to move forward. It was noted that the Board of Supervisors would review the scope of the project further.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Zoning/Codes Official Jeff Fiant informed the Board that progress is being made relative to the driveway issues at the Time Forgotten Acres property on Plum Creek Road. Jeff also noted that a Notice of Violation was issued and that a citation is being in the process of being issued as follow-up to a recent incident involving the death of a dog due to neighboring dogs that became loose on Irish Creek Road.

Zoning/Codes Official Jeff Fiant provided his monthly report which included completion of twenty-eight building inspections, issuance of two permits, one property maintenance issue, six zoning enforcement issues, three compliance issues, and thirteen Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

**SEO REPORT**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Troutman noted that there has been nothing new from the Soccer Association relative to the tract of previously discussed land. It was noted that a notice will be advertised for a drawing to be held at the March Board Meeting for anyone interested in leasing the tract of land at \$100.00/acre for farming.

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The Board of Supervisors regretfully accepted the recent resignation of Chris Teproovich from the Municipal Authority Board and noted the vacancy for anyone who may be interested in serving on the Authority Board.

**Jason Troutman made a motion accepting the resignation of Chris Teproovich from the Municipal Authority Board; James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**James Fitterling made a motion approving updates to the Municipal Authority Mid Penn Bank Accounts signature cards to reflect the removal of Chris Teproovich and the addition of Kelly Troutman as a signor; Charles Zimmerman seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

**Charles Zimmerman made a motion appointing Will Smith to the Land Protection Council to fill a current vacancy on the Council; James Fitterling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

The Board of Supervisors held a discussion regarding compensation for the Public Works employees in the event of an after-hours PA One Call. Chairman Troutman explained details related to a recent after-hours emergency call that was received which should be compensated.

**Charles Zimmerman made a motion authorizing one hour of overtime to be paid to any Public Works employee for any after-hours emergency PA One Calls received; James Fitterling seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL**

Stephanie Shriber, Board President of the Schuylkill Valley Community Library, thanked the Board of Supervisors for the recent increased funding. Stephanie also noted various new offerings and events being hosted by the Library.

John Kupetz, resident of Railroad Road, addressed the Board as follow-up to recent and past issues related to truck nuisances in the vicinity of Appeeling Fruit. John reviewed incidents involving noise, over-night parking, idling, and roadway blockages occurring at Appeeling Fruit. Codes Enforcement Officer, Jeff Fiant confirmed that he has spoken with representatives at Appeeling Fruit regarding his concerns and will follow-up on the status of how the problems are being addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Charles Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by James Fitterling, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser  
Township Secretary