

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 25, 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, Engineer Ryan Rhode and Secretary Jennifer Wassell-Bonser. Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant was absent from the meeting.

**HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Jason Troutman announced that the county-wide burn ban has been lifted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2023 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 payment of bills. 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 replacing signs, cleaning pipes, various maintenance items and general repairs.

It was noted that one bid was received for the 2023 Sealcoat Road Project.

**Jason Troutman made a motion awarding the 2023 Sealcoat Road Project to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions for a bid submitted in the amount of \$39,637.50; Charles Zimmerman seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Engineer Ryan Rhode informed the Board of Supervisors that four bids have been received for the 2023 Paving Project as previously advertised. It was noted that New Enterprise Stone was the lowest bid in the amount of \$330,780.05 and Allan Myers with the highest bid in the amount of \$353,579.60. Ryan confirmed the lowest bid is consistent with the Engineering Estimate of approximately \$344,000.00.

**Jason Troutman made a motion awarding the 2023 Paving Project to New Enterprise in the amount of \$330,780.05; James Fitterling seconded the motion. All in favor.**

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE**

Engineer Ryan Rhode suggested that the Trolley Road/Irish Creek intersection be tabled at this time. It was noted that the Engineer will provide further updates relative to the issue upon further research and estimated \$15,000.00 in survey costs.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

None at this time.

**SEO REPORT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of Supervisors noted that a vacancy remains for anyone who may be interested in serving on the Authority Board.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL**

Plum Road property owner, Christopher Stamm, introduced himself and his family's history living in the township. Mr. Stamm explained his purpose of attending the meeting as follow-up to several on-going instances recently reported to the Township related to plastics being burned by a business being conducted from a neighboring rental property. Mr. Stamm cited occasions when the burning has become so excessive and causing disruption to his family's routine and quality of living. Mr. Stamm provided examples of needing to stay at a hotel in addition to an emergency room visit due to the toxicity from the burning being conducted close to his home. Mr. Stamm stated that he has reached out to DEP in addition to the Township. Mr. Stamm also provided details related to firearms being shot on the property in addition to the burning and noted concerns for his family's safety.

Fire Company Member Kevin Miller, also provided details of the burning due to the fire department being called to the scene on more than one occasion. Neighbor, David Mull, also confirmed the shooting incidents and noted a specific occurrence when a bullet ricocheted off one of his buildings and that they hide when shooting.

Township Engineer Ryan Rhode confirmed that the Township Zoning/Codes Enforcement is aware of the situation, and that an information site visit has been conducted and a violation visit will be conducted next if the problems persist. Ryan also noted that certain issues may not fall under the Township's jurisdiction but that they will continue monitoring the situation. Ryan also clarified that the process takes time and to also reach out to the PA State Police in order to build a case.

The Board of Supervisors, Fire Company, and Township Engineer encouraged Mr. Stamm to continue to contact them if the problem continues and also suggested continuing to take photographs and/or video at the time of any burning in addition to making the PA State Police aware of the situation.

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VIST Bank representatives, Emily Myers and Jennifer Woodland, were in attendance at the meeting to inform the Board of Supervisors that they have reviewed the Township's accounts and noted the potential for a rate increase and availability for opening additional accounts.

Jennifer Woodland also introduced the Board of Supervisors, as well as the audience in attendance, about the purpose of the Restoring Hope Foundation. Jennifer announced that an award is scheduled to be presented to a Centre Township property owner on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for home renovation work. Jennifer also announced that the renovations are scheduled to begin the second week of September and both skilled and non-skilled volunteers are welcome to help with the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, James Fitterling made a motion, seconded by Charles Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser, Township Secretary