

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 27, 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Jason Troutman announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has declared a statewide drought watch and that there is a recommendation for voluntary water conservation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the Minutes from the May 23, 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 payment of bills. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS/SOLICITORS REPORT – Liz Magovern

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Jason Troutman to ratify authorization for the Township Solicitor's Office to File a Notice to Intervene in the Land Use Appeal Filed by Tim Lehner. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to ratify authorization for the Township Solicitor's Office filing an Amended Contempt Petition against Tim Lehner for failure to allow the Township to come onto his property and inspect for clean-up of the property as per Judge Lillis's Order issued in 2020. Upon roll call, Troutman, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Charles Zimmerman reviewed the Road Department Report which included tree trimming, shoulder cleaning, milling and paving on Irish Creek and Drake Roads in addition to milling and paving in co-operation with Penn Township, as well as general maintenance items.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE

Township Engineer Ryan Rhode noted that he will provide an update relative to the Trolley Road/Irish Creek intersection at the July Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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Ryan Rhode noted that the Township's MS4 Application submission to DEP is in progress.

Engineer Rhode also noted that the Township Roadcrew is in the process of coordinating the commencement of the street work which was awarded to New Enterprise and is anticipated to begin after the July 4th Holiday.

Ryan informed the Board that his office has been in contact with the Crown Mill Property Management Team who noted they are exploring the installation of "No Parking" signage as follow-up to last month's discussion. It was noted that questions remain relative to enforcement and that the local emergency service providers would reach out to the Property Management Team for further discussion.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Township Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer, Jeff Fiant noted that four building permits and four zoning permits were issued in May at a total construction value of \$125,100.00. Jeff also provided an update relative to various issues in the Township including a recent site visit to an abandoned property in the vicinity of Garfield and Plum Roads as follow-up to a recently received Complaint Form. Jeff also noted that the hearing has been re-scheduled for the dog death incident that occurred on Irish Creek Road, explaining that the Judge had recused himself and the case is in process of being re-assigned. Jeff also informed the Board that he had recently received a telephone call regarding a 25-30-acre solar project proposal and would keep the Board updated.

SEO REPORT

Jason Troutman 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.

The Township Secretary provided the Board with quotes received for replacing the frame rails on the Township's 2004 Mack Dump Truck as follows: Bergey's Truck Center - \$40,021.31 and Route 61 Auto Body and Repair - \$18,000.00.

Jason Troutman made a motion authorizing the frame rails of the Township's 2004 Mack Truck be replaced as per Route 61 Auto Body and Repair's estimate in the amount of \$18,000.00 seconded by Charles Zimmerman. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

HEARING OF VISITORS - GENERAL

Mr. Christopher Stamm was in attendance at the meeting and confirmed open burning at the neighbor's property as previously discussed continues as noted in a video submitted to the Zoning Office which shows burning taking place next to the road in

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front of their driveway. Mr. Stamm thanked Jeff Fiant for addressing the issues and noted the burning is not as bad as before but that burning of plastics and rubber believed to be from their business continues. Mr. Stamm also reviewed details of recent encounters with his neighbors relative to drones being flown over their property, specifically noting them hovering directly over children's heads during their child's recent birthday party at which time they were swimming in the creek. Mr. Stamm stated that he approached the neighbor about the issue who denied flying drones. Mr. Stamm expressed his concerns for his family's safety and his uneasiness of their well-being, specifically when he is not home. Mr. Stamm thanked everyone for their time and noted that he wanted the issues noted on record.

The Township Solicitor and Zoning Enforcement Officer encouraged Mr. Stamm to notify the Pennsylvania State Police since there is no Township Ordinance to enforce the use of drones and to specifically get any wrong-doings on record with the State Police. Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant also noted that he will look into the burning issues previously noted as well.

ADJOURNMENT

It was noted that the Board of Supervisors would meet in Executive Session upon adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, James Fitterling made a motion, seconded by Charles Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser, Township Secretary