

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 22, 2023 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Chairman 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: Chairman Jason Troutman, Vice Chairman James Fitterling and Supervisor Charles Zimmerman. Solicitor Liz Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant and Secretary Jennifer Wassell-Bonser.

**HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Keith Gilmore addressed the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Georgia Miller, property owner at 363 Greenway Drive. Mr. Gilmore reviewed details related to property infringement and harassment that has been taking place by her neighbors for the past several years. Details regarding property surveying were reviewed in addition to survey pins being removed by her neighbors as well as a recent incident involving blacktop being placed onto Mrs. Miller's property. Township Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant stated that he has spoken with Mrs. Miller relative to the issues and noted his office does not have jurisdiction to enforce a property line dispute since as it is a civil matter and nothing to do with Township zoning or building ordinances. The Township Solicitor also confirmed that it is a private civil trespass matter and that Mrs. Miller may wish to consider filing a civil trespass suit with the Court of Common Pleas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Jason Troutman announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on Monday, August 14, 2023 from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. regarding litigation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the July 25, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Charles Zimmerman. Upon roll call, 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, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.**

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

None at this time.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Vice Chairman James Fitterling reviewed the Road Department Report which included mowing, picking up the two trucks, in addition to addressing various maintenance issues, as well as milling and performing general road work through-out the Township.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT - RYAN RHODE**

Discuss Trolley Road/Irish Creek Intersection - It was noted that the Township Engineer is in the process of working on a similar issue in another township to that of the Trolley Road/Irish Creek intersection. Ryan Rhode provided plans for that project for the Board's further review and suggested conducting a site visit of that project prior to considering moving forward as the project estimate is approximately \$310,000.00.

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Discuss MS4 Application and Updated PRP – The Township Engineer announced the public hearing regarding the MS4 Application and PRP Plan. Ryan provided a brief explanation of the Updated Pollutant Reduction Plan and why it is required by DEP. Ryan reviewed details of the scope of the project which is a required component of the Township's pending Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. It was noted that the Township is currently in the process of preparing the required permit materials, including the PRP, to DEP for review. It was noted that excavation costs are estimated at approximately \$300,000.00 worth of improvements. There were no public questions, comments, or concerns received during the public review and comment period.

2023 Street Work – Ryan Rhode confirmed that the 2023 Street Work has been completed but there are a few driveway transition issues that are in the process of being reviewed between the Township Roadmaster and Contractor. Ryan stated that New Enterprise has submitted their invoice for the 2023 Roadwork Project and a Change Order has been prepared to adjust the overall contract to reflect the item quantities which decreased the contract value by \$10,302.82. It was noted that the final full payment of the current contract value totals \$320,477.23. It was recommended that any action on the payment be held until the driveway transitions are resolved.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Township Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer, Jeff Fiant noted that seven residential permits, including a pole barn, solar, and deck permit, issued in July at a total construction value of \$178,122.00. There were also seven building inspections performed and two property maintenance issues.

Jeff noted that the hearing relative to the dog death issue has been re-scheduled for some time in September.

Jeff also provided an update relative to various issues in the Township including confirmation that the sign was not changed at 402 Plum Road. Jeff also confirmed that his Office is in the process of following up with the property owner and tenants regarding the signage and burning issues. Jeff also confirmed that a Notice of Violation has also been issued. Christopher Stamm noted thanked Jeff Fiant and noted that the burning has been calm over the past month.

Jeff also noted per a recent site visit to the abandoned property at 13 Plum Road as follow-up to a recently received Complaint Form, that the bushes have been cut and the door has been secured.

**SEO REPORT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Troutman noted that a vacancy remains for anyone who may be interested in serving on the Authority Board.

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It was noted that the Township Engineer would review the Municipal Land Use Letter for Kingsgate WWTP

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser  
Township Secretary