

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 26, 2024 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Chairman Jason Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Member Melissa Krishock, Solicitor Liz Magovern, Engineer Ryan Rhode and Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant, Kevin Noecker and Secretary Cheryl Haus.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Fitterling to approve the February 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jason Troutman. Upon roll call, Troutman and Fitterling voted yes. Krishock abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the payment of bills. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Krishock voted yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS/SOLICITORS REPORT – Liz Magovern

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to authorize Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern & Lutz to prepare the Ordinance for the Comcast Franchise Agreement and advertise for the April meeting, with the rewording on Page 5, 3.2.3 Restoration of public ways to say, to restore roads to prior or better condition. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Krishock voted yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Vice Chairman James Fitterling noted that the Road Department has been cleaning up from winter, preparing for mowing, trimming trees, etc.

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Melissa Krishock not to renew the PennDOT mowing contract. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Krishock and Troutman voted yes.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to purchase an Exmark Lazer Z lawnmower with a 60” deck in the amount of \$10,178.00 under the CoSTARS pricing. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling and Krishock voted yes.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – GLENN KRAFT

A letter was received from Omega Builders to request release of the maintenance bond for Irish Creek Hills. Mr. Rhode and the Roadmaster will walk the road and give a punch list to the developer.

The MS4 permit has been received. The Township will now be required to implement Pollution Reduction Projects, possibly using ARPA funds.

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The 2024 Street Work Project of Tiny Road, Pear Road and section of Railroad Road has been tabled. Due to soft spots on the roads, the Engineer will send letters to the Sewer and Water Authorities to camera their lines in the area to make sure there isn't a larger problem before the work is done. Cost is approximately \$135,670.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Jeff Fiant noted that two building permits were issued in the month of March with a total construction value of \$33,149.77. There were also nineteen building inspections performed and eight zoning ordinance enforcement issues on Eagleview, Garfield, Plum, Railroad, River and Shannaleigh.

SEO REPORT

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Melissa Krishock to accept the SEO report from JB Environmental Services with work on Sleepy Hollow and Tilden Roads. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Krishock and Troutman voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Jason Troutman to file the ARPA report by April 30, 2024 approving the list of projects using the funds as EMS, Fire Company, CTMA sewer, replace F-550 truck, addition to road crew building, road projects and MS4. Upon roll call, Fitterling, Troutman and Krishock voted yes.

W. G. Koch and Associates were in contact to give a quote for the 2023 township audit and the 2022 & 2023 CTMA audits. Attorney Magovern suggested Tracy Etchberger of Long Barrell.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Melissa Krishock to advertise and change the date of the April meeting to April 30, 2024 due to the building being used for Election Day. Upon roll Fitterling, Krishock and Troutman voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proposed Resolutions were received from PSATS. The Board had no comments.

HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL

Wade Houck asked about the equipment sitting beside the building. These items will be listed on Municibid for sale.

Heather Hanna, candidate for the PA 5th Legislative District introduced herself to the Board and provided information for her platform. She provided a card for the CTLP committee as she is very interested in Ag Preservation. She also provided an e-mail for an EMS grant. The secretary will contact Central Berks EMS since a few municipalities are involved.

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Kevin Noecker asked the status of the discussion on the Trolley Road / Irish Creek Road intersection restructure. The project had been sidelined due to funding, however, is not closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Melissa Krishock made a motion, seconded by James Fitterling, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Upon roll call, Troutman, Fitterling, and Krishock voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus
Township Secretary