

CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2024

The regular monthly of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 27, 2024 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, Solicitor Elizabeth Magovern, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Jeff Fiant, Township Engineer, Ryan Rhoads, and Constable Kevin Noecker. Member Melissa Krishock was absent.

A motion was made by Jason Troutman to approve the hiring of Deborah P. Scull as the new Township Secretary/Treasurer at the starting wage of \$24.00 with a 90 day reevaluation. The motion was seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call the motion passed.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS—none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY James Fitterling to approve the July 23, 2024 and August 1, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Seconded by Jason Troutman. Upon roll call motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Jason Troutman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the payment of bills for August, 2024. Upon roll call motion passed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT—NONE

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Vice-Chairman, James Fitterling noted that the Road Department has been working on mowing, brush cutting paving, pipes, equipment maintenance and completion of rolling on Tiny Rd.

A motion was made by James Fitterling, and seconded by Jason Troutman to purchase a F-600 truck body from E M Kutz in the amount of \$60,235. Upon roll call the motion passed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Kraft Municipal Group

An informal presentation was made by Blue-Wave Solar, Boston Mass. and its representatives to the possibility of bringing Agri-Solar to the Township on the property of Lee Schlappich, Main Street. It was explained that the solar panels would be on the land with room for the animals/sheep to graze underneath the panels. Attorney Magovern explained that a special exception and an agricultural preservation variance would be needed to proceed. At this point it is not a use by right in R-1. The BOS informed Blue-Wave that we are not interested in changing our ordinance at this time. The BOS instructed that Blue-Wave go back to the Planning Commission if they wanted to proceed. The BOS gave no opinion.

The paving project started by New Enterprise on 8/27/2024.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT- Kraft Municipal group

Jeff Fiant reported to the BOS that Kraft Municipal Group dealt with 2 property maintenance issues, issued 10 building permits, with a total permit value of \$94,857.74, 4 Certificate of Occupancy, 7 Building inspections, and 4 Zoning/Ordinance enforcement issues. A Zoning Hearing took place on September 3, 2024 for a property on Tower Road.

Seo Report – JB Environmental Services

Inspect a building sewer repair and verified a prior testing. A motion was made by Jason Troutman to approve the SEO report and seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Audit is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Allen Shollenberger representing the Knepp property and discussed the property sub-division plan for the 15.9 acre property. A waiver of the Saldo process will be submitted to the Board at a later date. This was presented to the BOS strictly for informational purposes. The Planning Commission is viewing another property for the Knepp's and this was reverted back to the PC.

POSSIBLE FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Vacating Jungle Rd – tabled
- B. Removal of fuel tanks, gas/ diesel pumps tabled
- C. Sewer pumping waivers for 1 person residence/1000 gallon tank -denied

MISCELLANEOUS

Heather Hanna introduced herself to the public in attendance. She is running for PA State Representative for the District #5.

HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL- OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS

There were continuing comments made regarding the solar project by Jen Watkins, Heather Hanna, Connie Troutman.

ADJOURNMENT – The motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Jason Troutman to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Upon roll call motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah P. Scull
Township Secretary`