

North Centre Township Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023

The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2023 at the Township Building with Supervisor Ron LeVan Jr, Steve Hess Sr, and Krunal Thakore present. Guests included Tom Clymer, Harry L. Hartzel Jr, Richard Davenport, and Carl Fedako. The Briar Creek Police Department was represented by Officer Jarrod Noss and Jackie Hart and Rebecca Knorr represented the North Centre Township staff.

Payment of Bills and Treasurer’s Report

As the meeting opened, Supervisor Thakore made a motion to accept the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting and the Supervisors January 2023 meeting and the January Treasurer’s report. He also included the checks #6195 to #6244 and the electronic payments from January 3, 2023 to February 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hess and passed 3/0.

Chairman Announcements

Supervisor LeVan announced the auditors will report their findings at the Monday, March 13, 2023 meeting at 6:30pm. He also announced that the supervisors from Briar Creek and North Centre would be meeting on February 20, 2023 at the North Centre Township Building at 6:00pm to begin the work of implementing the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Recognition of Guests

The guests had no comments.

Police Report

Officer Jarrod Noss presented the police report. He stated that there were 44 calls from North Centre answered, 34 incidents investigated, 4 magistrate hearings attended, 2 traffic accidents investigated, 13 traffic citations issued, and 6 traffic warnings issued. There were no criminal charges this month in North Centre Township.

Zoning Report

Jackie Hart reported that she issued 3 permits this month and she has been working on property maintenance issues throughout the township.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee—Carl Fedako reported that the Cemetery Committee continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at the township building.

Park Committee—Tom Clymer reported that not much has been happening at the park with the weather so cold.

Historical Society—The Historical Society will begin meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Volunteer Committee—Next meeting set for May 18, 2023.

Roadmaster Report

Supervisor Hess listed the jobs the crew worked on this month—

- Serviced and cleaned the trucks
- Fixed spouting and drains for the Township Building
- Updated the 5 Year Road Plan
- Set up a schedule for spring and summer work
- Cleaned up fallen trees
- Picked up discarded tires from various roads
- Worked on jointly owned (COG) equipment
- Plowed and cindered slippery roads
- Cut back brush
- Cleaned out ditches and inlets

February's time will be spent on taking care of roads in inclement weather, cutting brush, filling pot holes, and berming roads as weather permits.

Sewage Report

None

Planning Commission

None

Old Business

Supervisor LeVan gave an update on the plans for the new building. He reported that the supervisors had a meeting with Drew Barton from Livic Civil, our township engineer, on February 1, 2023. After reviewing the plans from a similar project in Montour Township they confirmed that they are planning to purchase a modular building about 28' x 65' to place on the property at 31 Slowick Road. The building will have a full basement for storage and a full bathroom. They also want the building to house 3 offices, a kitchen, a bathroom, a large multipurpose/meeting room, an electric HVAC heat pump system, and a generator for emergency power. There was also discussion about the possibility of installing roof mounted solar panels. The supervisors are expecting Mr. Barton to complete the plans for the building in the next few weeks.

The issue of the Hidlay Cemetery was brought up in the meeting. Supervisor LeVan reported that some changes had to be made to the cemetery bi-laws before we could proceed.

New Business

The Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia County Conservation District was tabled until next month.

The USDA Rural Development Grant was discussed briefly, but tabled until next month.

Supervisor LeVan read aloud a suggested code of conduct to be followed during meetings, which once adopted would be posted on the meeting room wall. There was some discussion on the list, but the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Supervisor Hess lead the discussion on the Ordinance for the Recovery of Costs for Emergency Services. He stated that passing this ordinance would allow fire companies or emergency crews to recoup their consumable supplies or equipment lost during a response in our township. This ordinance will be reviewed next month.

Supervisor Hess announced that the EMA Training dates had been posted. The EMA Government training will be July 20, 2023, the siren activation drill will be run on August 17, 2023, and the practice EMA drill will be September 19, 2023.

Supervisor Hess brought another item to the attention of the other supervisors. He expressed his concern that the township was not contributing to the Act 537/MS4 Account at the end of each year. This account acts as a saving account for that time in the future when the township may need to put in a sewage system. In the event that that may happen, having some money saved would be very prudent. Secretary Rebecca Knorr was instructed to add this to the Long Term Open Items List so it will be revisited in December.

Correspondence

The Correspondence List for the month was reviewed.

Long Term Open Items List

Listed on the Long Term Open Items List for the month of February was the payment of \$150.00 dues to the Briar Creek Association for Watershed Solutions. Supervisor LeVan made a motion to pay the dues, seconded by Supervisor Thakore. The motion passed 3/0.

Also listed on the Long Term Open Items List was a reminder to revise and advertise the stone hauling bids. Supervisor Hess made a motion to revise the bids and advertise them this month. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

Another item that was brought up was the possibility of requiring a Zoning Permit necessary for demolition after a structure fire. Jackie Hart was instructed to explore this and report back.

Supervisor LeVan brought up the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code and provided a copy of it. He stated he has reviewed the code and found it very comprehensive and suggested that the other supervisors review it for possible action in the future.

Meeting Follow Up Items

The Meeting Follow Up Items were reviewed and set for action.

Adjourn

Supervisor Hess made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Thakore. The motion passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Knorr
Secretary/Treasurer
North Centre Township