

North Centre Township Supervisors Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023

The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2023 at the Township Building with Supervisor Ron LeVan Jr, Steve Hess Sr, and Krunal Thakore present. Guests included Richard Davenport, Carl Fedako, Joe Martin, Debra Podlinsek, Harry Hartzel Jr, Chuck Knorr, and Tom Clymer. 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 Hess made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 2023 meeting, the Treasurer’s Report, the payment of checks #6244 to 6281, and the electronic payments from February 13, 2023 to March 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

Chairman Announcements

Supervisor LeVan announced that the Township Office would be closed for the Easter Holiday from April 5-7, 2023. He also announced that an Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting.

Recognition of Guests

The Recognition of Guests began with Chuck Knorr reporting on the progress of the plans for the North Centre Township’s 100th Anniversary. The celebration will be held at the 3 Dog Vino Pavilion on June 10, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Plans include a historical presentation from the Historical Society, speeches from township and county dignitaries, a catered meal, and music provided by the Catawissa Military Band. The meal will include corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs, and several sides. The Historical Society also is planning to award a scholarship during the festivities and hold a flag contest. In tallying up the cost of the celebration this event will cost about \$2000.00. They have already been budgeted \$1500.00.

Supervisor LeVan made a motion to give the Historical Society the \$2000.00 (an additional \$500.00) requested so the budget could be met. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

Deb Podlinsek was the next visitor to be recognized. She mentioned that there is a pole on Thomas Drive that is leaning. Supervisor Hess explained that our road crew does not work on poles and her complaint would need to be taken to the owner of the pole—PPL or telephone company.

Joe Martin was also recognized. He reported on the work he has been doing in Natural Park, removing trees and rebuilding bridges. He would like to see if he could get a sponsor to help defray the costs of the materials, perhaps one of the local lumberyards, and the board was

agreeable to that suggestion. He also asked for permission to burn the scrap lumber at the park. Supervisor LeVan explained the process to follow for burning.

There were no other comments at this time.

Police Report

The Police Report was to be given by Officer Jarrod Noss but he was called out of the meeting for an emergency. Supervisor LeVan read the report for North Centre Township this month. There were 48 total calls answered, 31 incidents investigated, 1 magistrate hearing attended, 3 traffic citations issued, 7 traffic warnings issued, and 1 criminal arrest.

Zoning Report

The Zoning Report was presented by Jackie Hart. Eleven permits were issued this month, 7 of them were issued to Brookside Village, and the remaining 4 to township residents. She also gave the Supervisors an account of the property maintenance issues she has been dealing with.

The issue of Short Term Rentals was tabled until next month.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee—Carl Fedako reported the Cemetery Committee is still trying to work on the Old Ebenezer Cemetery, but the weather has not been conducive to working outside this winter. The committee has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings at the Township Building.

Supervisor LeVan suggested that the committee start to investigate the legal steps to transforming the committee into a 501(c)3. This would be a necessary step for the township to accept the Hidlay Cemetery. Carl Fedako and Tom Clymer, members of the committee, asked some questions about how to get started on the process and were encouraged to begin looking into it.

Park Committee—Tom Clymer reported that the aluminum was finished on the framework of the sign. The bridge used by the lawnmowing service has been repaired and the power is supposed to be checked on March 25, 2023.

Historical Society—The Historical Society's next meeting will be on April 4, 2023.

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

Roadmaster Report

Supervisor Hess presented his Road Master Report. During the month of February, these jobs were prioritized:

- Worked on and serviced trucks and equipment
- Cleaned up downed trees
- Worked in the park

- Filled potholes in dirt roads
- Plowed and cindered roads during inclement weather
- Cut brush
- Worked on summer bids and road planning

The month of March will be spent keeping roads clear of winter weather, cutting brush, clearing ditches, and replacing pipes on Nursery Road and with the NCCC COG.

Sewage Report

There was no Sewage Report.

Planning Commission

There was no Planning Commission Report.

Old Business

Supervisor Hess made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbia County Conservation District. It was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

At this time Joe Martin asked for a brief update on the proposed township building. Supervisor LeVan explained that plans for the modular building are in the works. The building will be set on the property on Slowick Road behind the present Township Building.

New Business

Supervisor LeVan stated that the Board of Supervisors is looking for loans and grants to help pay for the new building. The USDA Rural Development Grant is one avenue that may be looked into, but right now they are trying to exhaust other resources. Therefore, the USDA Rural Development Grant was tabled for this month.

The resolution consideration that would permit and regulate public comment at public meetings was also tabled until next month.

The ordinance consideration for the recovery of costs for emergency services performed within the township was then considered. Supervisor Hess made the motion that the ordinance be advertised and the public hearing be set for April 10, 2023 at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor LeVan and passed 3/0.

Correspondence

The Correspondence List was reviewed.

Long Term Open Items List

The Long Term Open Items were updated.

Meeting Follow-Up Items

The Meeting Follow-Up Items were updated.

At this time the Supervisors temporarily left the meeting to conduct the Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. At 9:15pm the Supervisors returned to the meeting.

Adjourn

Supervisor Hess made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Supervisor Thakore. The motion passed 3/0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Knorr
Secretary/Treasurer
North Centre Township