

North Centre Township Supervisors Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023

The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on May 8, 2023 at the Township Building with Supervisors Ronald LeVan Jr, Steve Hess Sr, and Krunal Thakore present. Guests included Tom Clymer, Richard Davenport, Harry C. Hartzel Jr, Chuck Knorr, Carl Fedako, Lenard Treat, and Juan C. Lopez, Sr. 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 April meeting and the Road Inspection Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, General Fund checks #6309 to 6339, and the electronic payments from April 10, 2023 to May 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hess and passed 3/0.

Chairman Announcements

Supervisor LeVan pointed out that the Rules for Public Comment were now posted around the room and that the new sign-in sheet was used for this meeting.

Supervisor LeVan also announced that there will be a Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the NCT Building for the Briar Creek and North Centre Township Supervisors to work on the implementation of our Comprehensive Plan. In that meeting they will be talking about plans for developing Briar Creek Lake.

The office will be closed for Primary Election Day on May 16, 2023 and on Memorial Day May 29, 2023. The last announcement made was that the North Centre Township Newsletter will be going out this month.

Recognition of Guests

During the Recognition of Guests, Chuck Knorr gave an update on the 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Three Dog Vino Winery on June 10, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Mr. Knorr stated that the Catawissa Military Band has been canceled, but patriotic and period-correct music will be pre-recorded and played. The price of the meal is \$15.00 per person and includes a hamburger, hot dog, corn on the cob, side dishes, and a drink. The dessert is being sponsored by the Shelhamer Family. The sound system is being supplied by Cobra Sound. The Historical Society is still working on the program. They are also ordering 50 signs to be placed around the Township to advertise the event. They have requested a photographer attend from the newspaper and are preparing a video loop of the faces of North Centre Township.

At this point, Supervisor LeVan asked if a timeline of the history of North Centre Township could be included in the program from when the township was part of Northumberland County to now. Mr. Knorr and Juan Lopez, another member of the Historical Society, thought that they

could work something out and put it in the program. Supervisor Thakore suggested that the Historical Society contact the newspaper to highlight the township in one of the neighborhood columns like Front Street Beat. It was decided that the event would not be advertised in the newspaper because of the cost and because it was felt that the 50 signs around the township would be a better way to reach our residents.

Before ending his presentation, Mr. Knorr wanted everyone to know they were invited to the event. Supervisor Hess said the Lime Ridge Fire Company was planning to be there. Then Mr. Knorr turned to Officer Noss and invited the police officers.

Another resident, Mr. Lenard Treat, stopped by the meeting to introduce himself. He stated that he has lived in North Centre Township for 35 years over by the Seesholtz Farm but is now building a house right across from Natural Park. He said he is willing to volunteer there if help is needed. The Supervisors introduced him to Tom Clymer, the head of the Park Committee so they could make plans.

Police Report

Officer Jarrod Noss presented the Briar Creek Township Police Department Report. He stated that there were 52 calls from North Centre Township, 41 incidents investigated, 1 magistrate hearing attended, 2 traffic accidents investigated, 7 traffic citations issued, 6 traffic warnings issued, and 2 criminal arrests (both were DUI charges).

Zoning Report

Jackie Hart gave the Zoning and Property Maintenance Report. She issued 6 permits this month and is working on a number of property maintenance complaints.

The Short Term Rental Ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission along with the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code for review. Ms. Hart and Rebecca Knorr were charged with getting those documents out to the Planning Commission Members and organizing a meeting in June.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee—With one of the members recuperating from an operation the committee has not yet completed the handrail for the Old Ebenezer Cemetery. Supervisor LeVan told the committee members present that our solicitor, Tony McDonald was working on the 501 (c) 13 application. Also, the members of the committee have been invited to attend a Hidlay Cemetery Committee meeting to learn about its operation.

Park Committee—Tom Clymer stated that the new sign is not very visible from the road so he plans to raise it higher. He also said that he was contacted by Megan Allen to request to stay overnight in the park May 29-30 with a scout group. They will be planting junipers in the park as a project. He was advised to post the park as reserved for the group.

Historical Society—Given earlier by Mr. Knorr.

Volunteer Committee—Next meeting is set for May 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Township Building.

Roadmaster Report

Supervisor Hess presented his Roadmaster Report. In his report, he listed these jobs that were worked on this month:

- Pipe replacement in 5 townships
- Removal of cinder spreaders and put in storage
- Snow plows put into summer storage
- Sign work
- Worked on trucks and equipment
- Cleaned up yards from winter
- Cleaned pipes, inlet boxes, and ditches
- Put mower on the tractor and serviced
- Cleaned up fallen trees
- Creek bank stabilization on Thomas Drive

May's time will be spent berming roads, patching roads, cleaning ditches, and prepping roads for paving and seal coating.

Sewage Report

There was no Sewage Report.

Planning Commission

There was no Planning Commission Report

Old Business

During Old Business, a guest asked for an update on the new building. Supervisor LeVan explained that the township needs a facility that will accommodate the COVID standards, in case we are faced with another pandemic. Among other benefits, the new building would allow more room for spacing people apart and a better air filtration system.

New Business

The Supervisors acknowledged that an insurance certificate was requested from Three Dog Vino Winery for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. That will be sent from PIRMA.

Supervisor Hess made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Thakore to support the closing of Hilday Church Road by Three Dog Vino Winery on September 16, 2023 for the "Back the Blue" Event as long as provisions are made for emergency vehicles to get through. The motion passed 3/0.

Correspondence

The Correspondence List was reviewed.

Long Term Open Items List

The Long Term Open Items List was reviewed and the Secretary was instructed to post the Ag Security open enrollment on the bulletin board and website from June 1-30, 2023.

Meeting Follow-Up Items

The meeting Follow-up Items were reviewed and set for action.

Executive Session

At this time Supervisor LeVan called for an Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters. The meeting was called back to order at about 8:35 PM.

Adjourn

Supervisor Hess made a motion for the meeting to 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