

North Centre Township Supervisors Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023

The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on April 10, 2023 at the Township Building with Supervisor Ron LeVan Jr, Steve Hess Sr, and Krunal Thakore present. Guests included Harry L. Hartzel Jr, Richard Davenport, Tom Clymer, Carl Fedako, and Joe Martin. 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 a motion to accept the minutes from the March 2023 meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the payment of checks #6281 to 6309, and electronic payments from March 13, 2023 to April 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

Chairman Announcements

Supervisor LeVan announced that the supervisors would be attending the PSATS Conference in Hershey on April 23-26, 2023.

Supervisor LeVan read the Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month Proclamation. When he had completed it he made the motion to adopt it. Supervisor Thakore seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Supervisor LeVan then opened the hearing for Ordinance #2023-02 for the recovery of costs for emergency services performed within the township. Supervisor Hess read the ordinance, then answered several questions about who would be charged if the insurance company didn't pay the charges. At the end of the discussion, Supervisor Hess made the motion to adopt the ordinance. His motion was seconded by Supervisor LeVan and passed 3/0. The hearing was then closed.

Recognition of Guests

Tom Clymer presented a letter to the supervisors concerning the new building project. In his letter, Mr. Clymer explained that a new building is a very expensive undertaking and he thought there should have been other options explored. Supervisor LeVan answered that the supervisors have been working on this project for about 1.5 years to build a building that would meet COVID standards. Then, Mr. Fedako asked, what about the grants that were supposed to help defray the costs of the building? Supervisor LeVan reported that the grants did not come through, but they were doing everything they could to keep costs down. One of those things was to borrow plans for the building from Montour Township, who just put in a very similar building. What if estimates come back way over estimate, will plans be altered? asked Mr. Martin. Supervisor LeVan assured everyone that the supervisors are trying to anticipate costs and repurpose the old building so that it will make the best use of our resources.

Joe Martin told the assembly that he has disassembled the old bridges in the park and burned the old lumber. There were no other comments from the guests.

Police Report

The Briar Creek Police Report was given by Officer Jarrod Noss. There were 32 calls answered from North Centre Township this month, 22 incidents investigated, 2 traffic accidents investigated, 4 traffic citations issued, 10 traffic warnings, and no criminal arrests this month. After giving his report, Officer Noss was asked about stray dogs in the area. After some discussion, he said since we have no dog warden, the best thing to do would be to call 911.

Zoning Report

Jackie Hart gave the Zoning Report. She issued 6 zoning permits this month and entered the property maintenance cases she is working on to bring into compliance.

At this time, Supervisor LeVan pointed out that the Short-Term Rental Information will be available at the PSATS Conference and we will not complete that until we have an opportunity to learn more about it.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee—Mr. Fedako said the committee has been working on the handrail for the Old Ebenezer Cemetery. Supervisor LeVan reminded the committee that they have a meeting with Tony McDonald on Thursday at 3:00pm about forming a 501(C)3.

Park Committee—Mr. Clymer said the new park sign is up and the bridge is being worked on.

Historical Society—Historical Society met last Tuesday and they thanked the Supervisors for their contribution of \$2000.00 toward the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Volunteer Committee—The Volunteer Committee's next meeting is May 18, 2023.

Roadmaster Report

Supervisor Hess gave the Roadmaster Report. Here is a list of the jobs worked on this month:

- Worked in Natural Park
- Service and repair trucks and equipment
- Plow and cinder roads
- Cutup down trees
- Cut brush and trim trees
- Spring road work planning
- Replacing pipes
- Bridge and culvert inspection training
- Ditch work

April's time will be spent replacing pipes on Nursery Road, helping other townships with pipework, berming, pothole patching, and getting roads ready for tar and chip and paving.

At this time, Supervisor LeVan called to set a date for the upcoming road inspection. Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 8:00 am was the date and time agreed on. The secretary was advised to advertise the meeting.

At this time Supervisor Hess made a motion to add the review and award of the Aggregate Hauling Bids to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thakore and passed 3/0.

The Aggregate Bid Tabulation chart was reviewed. Supervisor Hess made a motion to award the hauling from American Asphalt and Pikes Creek to Yost Trucking, the hauling from Cedar Rock Materials, Newport Aggregate, and Sokol Quarries, Inc to Sokol Trucking, and the hauling from Hanson Aggregates and Hunlock Sand and Gravel to CH Hauling. Those haulers will be notified by letter this week.

Sewage Report

None

Planning Commission

None

Old Business

Resolution #2023-07 a resolution to permit and regulate public comment at public meetings was brought before the assembly. Supervisor Hess made a motion that this resolution be adopted, seconded by Supervisor Thakore. The motion passed 3/0. Supervisor LeVan suggested that some signs be made for the meeting room and bulletin board to display the new rules.

New Business

About every 5 years Columbia County adopts a new Hazard Mitigation Plan and each township is responsible to adopt it to qualify for federal disaster funds explained Supervisor Hess. Resolution #2023-08 is that resolution. Supervisor Hess made the motion to adopt Resolution #2023-08 the Columbia County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supervisor Thakore seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Correspondence

The Correspondence List was reviewed.

Long Term Open Items List

The Long Term Open Items List was reviewed. Supervisor LeVan made the motion to donate \$1000.00 to the John S. Buck Memorial Food Bank this month. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hess and passed 3/0.

Meeting Follow-Up Items

Items were set for action.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Knorr
Secretary/Treasurer
North Centre Township