

NORTH CENTRE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR MEETING
Agenda and Minutes for August 14th, 2023

The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on August 14th, 2023 at the Township Building.

Attendance

Supervisors	Present
Ronald E. LeVan Jr.	Yes
Steven D. Hess	Yes
Krunal Thakore	Yes
Secretary / Treasurer	
Mary Smith	Yes
Zoning Officer	
Jackie Hart	Yes
Police Officers	
Chief Tom Frace	Yes
Guests- Participants: Harry Hartzel Jr., Carl Fedako, Tom Clymer, Steven and Susan Bodnar, and Irene Makar	

Call Meeting to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor LeVan at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were completed by all participants.

Minutes from June 2023 and July 2023 Meetings

As the meeting opened Supervisor Hess made the motion to accept the minutes from the June and July meetings. Supervisor LeVan seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

Payment of Bills and Treasurer's report

Supervisor Thakore made the motion to accept the payment of checks #6412 - #6456, Check #1041, the Treasurer's report, and the electronic payments made from July 10th, 2023 – August 14th, 2023. Supervisor LeVan seconded the motion, it passed 3/0.

Chairman Announcements

Supervisor LeVan announced the Planning Commission Meeting will be held on August 17th at 7 pm, at the Township Building. The Joint Comprehensive Plan Meeting will be held on August 21st, 2023 at 6 pm, located at the Briar Creek Township Building. Labor Day September 4th the Township office will be closed. The Volunteer picnic will be held Sunday, September 10th at 3 pm, at the Township Building, also that the Supervisors will be holding an Executive Discussion regarding Hidlay Church Legals towards the end of the meeting.

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Recognition of Guests

Irene Makar requested that the Township help promote the Ezzyk-Makar Little Free Library, by posting on the Township website. Makar also expressed her concerns regarding dead trees that risk falling onto the roads. Supervisor Hess expressed his concerns as well, that we have been working on them and explained that the Township is only able to perform work on trees that are along Township roads, not state roads.

The meeting was suspended to conduct a hearing for the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance.

Guests presented questions and discussions were conducted about the proposed ordinance. At the conclusion of the discussion.

Supervisor Thakore made a motion, and Supervisor Hess seconded the motion, it passed 3/0 to adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. The hearing was closed at this time and returned to the regular meeting.

Police Report

Chief Tom Frace gave the Briar Creek Township Police report. He reported there were 41 total calls answered this month, 34 incidents investigated, 1 magistrate hearing attended, 4 traffic accidents investigated, and 11 traffic citations issued. Chief Frace reminded everyone that the annual “Back the Blue” event will be held at 3 Dogs Vino on September 16th, 2023. In reference to the PCCD grant, the police department was chosen for the 1st quarter “monitoring audit” in which the paperwork was submitted and their monitoring case has been closed with no problems noted. The department will be installing interview room cameras on August 24th, and their LPR and vehicle cameras will be installed shortly. The current Chief’s group is starting a crime group to specifically go over the criminal activity in the area. Chief Frace reported that the department does have some leads on recent break-ins in the area.

Zoning Report

The Zoning Report was given by Jackie Hart. She issued one permit this month and has an upcoming meeting with the Solicitor Tony McDonald regarding an ongoing issue. Supervisor LeVan motioned to appoint Jackie Hart from NEIC as the North Centre Township building code official, seconded by Supervisor Thakore, it passed 3/0.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee- Carl Fedako reported the railing at Old Ebenezer has been completed, and the stairs are still in progress.

Park Committee- None

Historical Society- None

Volunteer Committee- None

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Roadmaster Report

Supervisor Hess read the Roadmaster report. The following jobs were completed in July.

- Tar and Chip in Five Twps. And Benton Borough
- Clean up roads after storms
- Clean up downed trees
- Worked on trucks and equipment
- Sweep roads
- Haul shale and stone for Benon Twp.
- August time will be spent mowing, trimming trees, patching roads, and finish sweeping roads.

Sewage Report

None

Planning Commission

Supervisor LeVan reported an upcoming meeting Thursday, August 17th at 7 pm at the Township building

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

The Supervisors reviewed the RFP (request for proposal) presented at the Multimunicipal Joint Comprehensive Plan meeting with Briar Creek Township in preparation for the upcoming meeting. Supervisor LeVan explained to the public why North Centre Township is forming a Joint Comprehensive Plan with Briar Creek Township.

Correspondence

The Correspondence list was reviewed.

Long-Term Open Items List

The Long-term open list was reviewed.

Meeting Follow-Up Items

The items were set for action.

All public attendees were dismissed from the building so the Supervisors could have a 15 to 20-minute executive discussion regarding Hidlay Church.

Adjourn

Supervisor Hess motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Thakore. It passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Smith - Secretary/ Treasurer - North Centre Township