

**NORTH CENTRE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR MEETING  
Agenda and Minutes for December 12th, 2023**

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The North Centre Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Township Building.

**Attendance**

<b>Supervisors</b>	<b>Present</b>
Ronald E. LeVan Jr.	Yes
Steven D. Hess	Yes
Krunal Thakore	Yes
<b>Secretary / Treasurer</b>	
Mary Smith	Yes
<b>Zoning Officer</b>	
Jackie Hart	Yes
<b>Police Officers</b>	
Harold Morris	Yes
Cole Schaffer	Yes
<b>Guests- Participants:</b> Carl Fedako, Harry L. Hartzell Jr., and Richard Davenport	

**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.

**Payment of Bills, Treasurer’s report, and Minutes from the November 2023 Meeting**

Supervisor Hess motioned to approve minutes for the November 2023 meeting, to accept the payment of checks #6587 - #6618, the Treasurer’s report, and the electronic payments made from November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Supervisor Thakore seconded the motion, it passed 3/0.

**Chairman Announcements**

Supervisor LeVan made an acknowledgement that the office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Recognition of Guests**

Sergeant Harold Morris introduced Officer Cole Schaffer, a new member of the Briar Creek Police Force.

**The meeting was suspended to conduct a hearing for the Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

Guests presented questions and discussions were conducted about the proposed ordinance. At the conclusion of the discussion Supervisor Hess made the motion to adopt Short Term Rental Ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Thakore it passed 3/0. Supervisor

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Hess made a motion to close the hearing and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Supervisor LeVan, it passed 3/0.

**Police Report**

Sergeant Morris reported there were 40 calls answered, 31 incidents investigated, 3 magistrate hearings attended, 5 traffic accidents investigated, 5 traffic citations issued, 8 traffic warnings issued, and 1 criminal arrest made.

**Zoning Report**

The Zoning Report was given by Jackie Hart. She issued two Zoning permits. There are ongoing code and property maintenance issues that the Zoning officer is handling. No action will be taken on the Campbell subdivision at this time due to numerous comments by the Columbia County Planning Commission on the project.

**Committee Reports**

*Cemetery Committee-* Carl Fedako reported they meet on Tuesdays at 9 am to discuss next years plans.

*Park Committee-* The roadcrew cleaned up two backhoe bucket loads of trash that were dumped at the park. It resembled bar/restaurant food and containers, a report was made with the Police. The police are requested to keep a closer eye on the park, and do periodic checks if passing by. A discussion occurred regarding adding trail cams to the property, and possibly a fence closing off the park during the winter months due to reoccurring destruction of property.

*Historical Society-* Christmas party held last week; meetings will be put on hold until April.

*Volunteer Committee-* Meeting was conducted to discuss how picnic went, overall, the picnic seemed to be a success. Will meet again in May.

**Roadmaster Report**

The following work activities were completed in November.

- Mowing
- Pressure washed, prepped, and painted mower
- Cut brush
- Setup Excell spreadsheet for roads
- Fixed doors in attic
- Sign work
- Worked on equipment
- Swept roads
- Fixed up the parking lot
- Winterized the small equipment and put in storage
- Cleaned up roads and trees after storms
- Cleaned broom, took off, and put away

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December time will be spent getting trucks and equipment ready for winter, ditch work, cleaning and rearranging the shop, and winter storm work. Maintenance on building doors is being completed.

**Sewage Report**

The sewage report was reviewed, no significant changes to the fee schedule noted.

**Planning Commission**

Last weeks hearing by the Zoning Hearing Board for the Verizon Cellular Tower was a large turnout. Supervisor LeVan expressed that prior to the hearing the cellular company had been granted utility status, so they are not a foreign company. The concern of noise from the generator was addressed at the hearing, the tower has a battery backup that would kick on during a power outage for 24 hours before the generator would. The Zoning Hearing Board requested screening be placed to help cancel noise, Verizon agreed.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed

**New Business**

- The Budgets for 2024 were reviewed. Supervisor Thakore motioned to adopt all 2024 Budgets, seconded by Supervisor Hess, it passed 3/0.
- An update on the Connect Humanity “Preparing Appalachian Communities for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity Act (DEA)” Grant was provided. With staffing changes and upcoming deadlines fast approaching the grant for Briar Creek Township has been terminated from Connect Humanity. The opportunity was given to North Centre Township to collaborate with DRIVE an economic development agency in Danville, PA. DRIVE has completed similar tasks in Columbia and Montour counties recently. The supervisors decided to arrange a meeting with Director from Connect Humanity, Samantha Schartman and DRIVE to discuss steps moving forward and expectations.
- Letters were signed to send to the Senators and Congressman in Washington requesting their opposition to any legislation that would end up adding heavier commercial trucks or longer configurations to our interstates and local roads.

**Correspondence**

The Correspondence list was reviewed.

**Long-Term Open Items List**

The Long-term open list was reviewed. A transfer of \$25,000 will be made to Act 537 from the general fund.

**Meeting Follow-Up Items**

The items were set for action.

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**Adjourn**

Supervisor Thakore motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor LeVan. It passed 3/0

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Smith NCT Secretary & Treasurer