

Board of Supervisors:
Robert Sloan, Chairman
Philip Wulff, Vice Chairman
Edward Latuska, Supervisor
Donald Pringle, Supervisor
Alan Smallwood, Supervisor



Anthony Amendolea, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Gallagher, Solicitor
David Heath, Engineer
John Nath, Building Code Official
Randall Brown, Zoning Officer

Center Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Robert Sloan called the Regular Meeting, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Unionville Volunteer Fire Company Firehall, 102 Mahood Road, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to Chairman Sloan, present were Vice Chairman Philip Wulff and Supervisors Edward Latuska, Donald Pringle and Alan Smallwood; and Township Solicitor Michael Gallagher and Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea. Township Engineer David Heath was absent.

Meeting adjourned to an executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. Meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m. with no action taken.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

A. Mr. Nathan Wulff, Assistant Fire Chief: Mr. Wulff presented the report for February 2022.

Type of Calls	Number of Calls
Motor vehicle accidents	3
Automatic fire alarms	4
Service calls	13
Structure fires	5
Medicals	7
Brush fires	0
Dive calls	0
Vehicle fires	0
Standby	0
Water Rescue	5
Total	37

1. Quick Response Service is running Emergency Medical Service calls. The rescue unit is in the process of certification.
2. Firefighter I course is currently being held. Four individuals are attending.

MINUTES:

- A. Stormwater Management Chapter 14 Revisions Hearing - February 7, 2022: ***Latuska motioned approving the minutes of the Stormwater Management Chapter 14 Revisions Hearing held on Monday, February 7, 2022. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.***
- B. Agenda Setting Meeting - February 7, 2022: ***Latuska motioned approving the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2022. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***

- C. Regular Meeting - February 9, 2022: *Latuska motioned approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. February 2022: *Smallwood motioned approving the February 2022 Treasurer's Report. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.*
- B. Warrant List 22-02-04: *Sloan motioned approving the Warrant List 22-02-04. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.*
- C. Warrant List 22-03-05: *Sloan motioned approving the Warrant List 22-03-05. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*

ZONING REPORT: February 2022: Construction costs were \$2,804,460.00 fees collected were \$2,611.25. Year to date fees collected were \$3,433.85.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENTS: None

Latuska motioned to amend the agenda to add "Request for Financial Assistance" due to administrative error. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Request for Financial Assistance:
1. Unionville Volunteer Fire Company's Request for Assistance: Nathan Wulff presented a financial statement.
 - a. Sloan stated he is not opposed to the expansion. The Township authorized to release \$150,000.00 from the Fire Protection Fund in October 2021. If costs in oil were not increasing, he would be inclined to provide funds. He feels that the funds need to be used for possible increases in asphalt and ~~fuel~~ *fuel. The (corrected 04/13/2022)* American Rescue Plan funds should be reserved. Unionville Volunteer Fire Company could request the \$150,000.00 from the Fire Protection Fund.
 - b. Smallwood stated the Township is behind on roads and bridges that require maintenance and replacement. The price for fuel and asphalt is increasing. The funds need to be held. He would be against if the Township donated to Unionville Volunteer Fire Company. He asked if grants were applied for debt reduction and gas wells.
 - c. Latuska stated \$150,000.00 was provided to Unionville Volunteer Fire Company in October 2021 from the Fire Protection Fund. Why should the Township provide funds from the American Rescue Plan Fund?
 - d. Pringle stated the Township will have approximately \$700,000.00 in the Fire Protection Fund and the American Rescue Plan Fund combined. The Township is responsible for protection of the public. Unionville Volunteer Fire Company raised two-thirds of the \$250,000.00. Demographics are changing to an older population. He suggests donating \$50,000.00 from the Fire Protection Fund and \$100,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Fund.

- e. Wulff stated the \$150,000.00 received in October 2021 was designated from the Fire Protection Fund. The American Rescue Plan funds were designated to assist with loss revenue. He stated Unionville Volunteer Fire Company lost \$150,000.00 in fund raising.
2. Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department's Request for Assistance:
- a. Sloan stated he is amazed that Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department was able raise funds and planning for the purchase of a new truck. The Township's contribution of twenty (20) percent of the Foreign Fire Tax will continue at this time. Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department received ~~funds from Oakland~~ funds from Oakland (corrected 04/13/2022) Township and Marcellus Shale. Funds should not be taken from the Fire Protection Fund. Due to the world affairs, the Township should reserve our funds.
 - b. Smallwood agrees with Sloan. Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department feels the Township is not obligated to donate.
 - c. Latuska at this time agrees with Sloan. With the increase in expenses, the Township may not be able to take care of roads. Keep eye on spending.
 - d. Wulff stated Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department is doing great. Any funds need to stay in the Township.
 - e. Pringle stated by nature he is willing to donate. Oneida Valley Volunteer Fire Department is in Oakland Township. In the future may be willing to donate.
- B. COVID-19 Policy: The Board of Supervisors created a policy providing five (5) COVID-19 days for individuals who show symptoms prior to using accrued sick, personal or vacation days. In addition, an individual without symptoms may continue working or use accrued sick, personal or vacation days. ***Latuska motioned adopting the "COVID-19" Policy. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Authorize Ad for Stand Alone Ordinances: ***Sloan motioned authorizing placement of an ad in the Butler Eagle edition for Sunday, April 3, 2022. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***
- B. Release Consultant Fee: Township Secretary/Treasurer Amendolea request authorization to release the following consultant fee:

Development	Type	Approval	Instrument Number	Amount
Clark	Minor Subdivision	11/10/2021	202111190032465	\$515.25

Sloan motioned, based on Secretary/Treasurer Amendolea's recommendation, releasing the consultant fee for the Clark minor subdivision in the amount of \$515.25. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

- C. Center Township Newsletter: No action at this time.
- D. Cell Phone Policy: Latuska presented a "Cell Phone" policy for the Board of Supervisors to review. ***Pringle motioned adopting the "Cell Phone" Policy. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***

PUBLIC WORKS:

- A. Dash Cameras: Smallwood recommends leasing the Clarity Solo Dash camera from EROADS with GPS, tracking and driver behavior at \$34.00 per month per vehicle. *Smallwood motioned to lease the EROADS dash camera at \$34.00 per month per unit. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*
- B. Authorize Ad for Aggregate: Public Works Foreman Blakeley requests authorization to advertise for following aggregate:

Amount	Type
1,500 tons	#2A modified
500 tons	#2B Gravel
500 tons	#3 Limestone
100 tons	#4 Rip Rap
50 tons	#5 Rip Rap

Sloan motioned authorizing placement of ad in the Butler Eagle editions for Sunday, March 27, 2022 and Thursday, March 31, 2022. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

- C. 2022 Paving Program: The Board is considering seal coating the proposed roads instead of paving due to unexpected costs. Public Works Foreman Blakeley received a the following quote from Russell Standard:

Product	Quantity	Price per Unit	Total
Fog Seal SY - IN-PLACE	53,677	\$1.05	\$56,360.85
FiberMat SY - IN-PLACE	53,677	\$5.50	\$295,223.50
Chip Seal - SY - IN - PLACE DOUBLE CHIP	53,677	\$3.75	\$201,288.75

- D. 2022 Line Painting: The Board wants to advertise the 2022 Line Painting Contract at the same time as the 2022 Paving Program.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- A. Dakota Drive (T-924) Stormwater: Mr. Thomas Benjamin restated actions that have taken place over the past nine (9) months. Section 2 of the interim agreement states the three (3) parties to determine solution. He presented pictures of the area. Water is being redirected within seven (7) feet of his house. Mr. Benjamin questions the status. Although the Township removed several balls, the pipe is still clogged.
 1. Sloan stated Zoning Officer Brown contacted Butler Area Sewer Authority to use their equipment to try to clean out the pipe. If Butler Area Sewer Authority is able to clean out the pipe, the problem will be solved. The Board agrees to replace the pipe up to twenty-four (24) inch to the end wall. If Butler Area Sewer Authority is unable to clear the pipe, the Township will replace with rip rap per Township Engineer Heath's recommendation.
 2. Pringle stated once the pipe is cleared the property owners will be responsible for the system.
 3. Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Perry Constantino agree to permit the interim agreement remain in effect for Butler Area Sewer Authority.

SOLICIOR'S REPORT: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Parking on Right-of-Way: Latuska asked Township Solicitor Gallagher to Assist Zoning Officer Brown to draft an ordinance to prevent parking on Township right-of-way.
1. Wulff stated he was against an ordinance which was not enforceable. He saw no problem with parking.
 2. Smallwood asked how would Township enforce ordinance.
 3. Sloan stated current ordinance is not enforceable.
- Wulff motioned not to pursue any further no parking in the right-of-way. Motion died due to a lack of a second.*** Latuska asked Wulff to discuss after the meeting.
- B. Center Township School Signals: Pringle asked if PennDot was contacted about the signals that were at Oakland Township school. Wulff stated he looked at the Center Township Elementary School signals. He stated that he may be able to refurbish for approximately \$500.00 per signal.
- C. Boy Scouts Troop 30: Smallwood stated the Boy Scouts Troop 30 will collect litter on Saturday, May 14, 2022 and Sunday, May 15, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meetings adjourned to an executive session at 8:21 to discuss litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m. with no action taken

Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

Anthony A. Amendolea
Township Secretary/Treasurer

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Chairman

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