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 October 11, 2023 6:30 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert Sloan called the Regular Meeting, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:30 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 Phil Wulff; Supervisors Edward Latuska, Donald Pringle, and Supervisor Alan Smallwood; Township Solicitor Michael Gallagher; and Administrative Assistant Kayla Mosey. Township Engineer David Heath was absent.

#### **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:**

- A. Donna Croft 5153 McCandless Rd: Ms. Croft would like an update on the Brown Rd project as nobody has been working there for the last couple of weeks.
- B. Julie Czifra 5172 Brown Rd: Ms. Czifra would like for there to be an ordinance set up or some kind of restriction on Jake Braking on Rt 8. She states that it is extremely loud and that Rt 8 is lined with residential neighborhoods.
- C. Mr. Nathan Wulff, Assistant Fire Chief: Mr. Wulff presented the report for September 2023

Type of Calls	Number of Calls
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
Automatic fire alarms	12
Service calls	9
Structure fires	3
Medicals	26
Brush fires	0
Water Rescue	0
Vehicle fires	0
Total	60

The Fire Commissioner Grant deadline is coming up and they are finalizing that application. The department can get up to \$20,000 based on certification. They are currently certified to the highest degree. It will be used to refurbish the brush truck that is a 1996 as well as updating the audio/visual equipment in the meeting room.

# **MINUTES:**

- A. Agenda Setting Meeting September 11, 2023: Latuska motioned to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting held on September 11, 2023 with a correction in Public to be Heard, item C, Line 2. It should read "They house" not "They home." Pringle seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Regular Meeting September 13, 2023: Latuska motioned to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2023. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

# TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. September 2023: Sloan motioned to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's Report. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Warrant List 23-09-18: Sloan motioned to approve Warrant List 23-09-18. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Warrant List 23-10-19: Sloan motioned to approve Warrant List 23-10-19. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

**ZONING REPORT:** September 2023: Construction costs were \$225,000.00 and fees collected were \$694.88. Fees collected year to date \$7,804.63.

# **SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENTS:**

- A. Deluga Minor Subdivision No. 2023-05-03, Reapproval: Sloan motioned to reapprove the Deluga Minor Subdivision No. 2023-05-03. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Whitmire Minor Subdivision No. 2023-07-09, Final, Expires 10/24/2023: Sloan motioned to approve the Whitmire Minor Subdivision No. 2023-07-09. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Dillon Property: No action needed.
- B. Kindles: Sloan motioned to approve the purchase of five (5) additional Kindle Scribes, six (6) cases for the devices, and to set up an Amazon account. Pringle seconded.

  Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Clearview Lock Solid Storage Conditional Use Request: Sloan motioned to approve the Ad for the Conditional Use Hearing for Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00pm. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.
- B. ArcGis Renewal: Sloan motioned to approve the ArcGis Renewal. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Release of Fire Monies: Sloan motioned to release the fire monies to Unionville in the amount of \$47,240.11 and Onieda Valley in the amount of \$6,441.83 as determined last year. Pringle seconded. Latuska and Smallwood voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

- Latuska commented that he believed that reducing Oneida Valley's portion last year was wrong and continues to believe this is wrong.
- D. Center Township Food Bank Donation: Latuska motioned to approve the donation of \$3,500 to Family Life Ministries for the Center Township Food Bank. Pringle seconded. Sloan abstained. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- E. Butler Area Public Library Donation: Sloan motioned to approve the donation of \$1,500 to the Butler Area Public Library. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.
- F. Authorize Ad for Onieda Valley 2024 Calendar: Sloan motioned to approve the Ad for the Onieda Valley 2024 Calendar. Pringle seconded. Motion carried. Smallwood abstained. Motion carried 4 to 0.

# **PUBLIC WORKS: None**

# **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

- A. Brown Rd Stabilization:
  - a. Pay Invoice #1: Sloan motioned to pay the first invoice for Brown Rd. in the amount of \$48,960.00. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Change Order #1: Sloan motioned to approve the change order. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Duffy Highlands Phase III Performance Bond: Sloan motioned to approve the developer's agreement subject to being approved by the solicitor. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

# **SOLICIOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Center Township vs Walters: Executive session.
- B. BASA/PA American Sale: The administrative law judge made a recommendation that the sale be disapproved, and the application denied. *Pringle motions to ratify the exceptions that the township filed to align with the administrative law judge to deny the sale. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- A. Wulff: Unionville had run out of gear racks due to the number of members. The township has gear racks that are not being used, he requests to attain obtain (corrected on 11/8/2023) those. Sloan motioned to donate the gear racks to the fire department. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Iscrupe: On Evans Rd they are unable to turn around there now due to a new pipe. He wants to seek an even trade off with Butler involving Evans and Teakwood when it comes to plowing snow this year.
- C. Wulff: Would like to see an increase in the fire tax money for next year from \$110,000 to \$125,000 due to an increase in costs.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned to an executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss possible litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m. with no action

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taken.

# Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

Kayla R. Mosey Administrative Assistant	Robert M. Sloan Chairman	
Phillip B. Wulff Vice Chairman	Edward G. Latuska Supervisor	
Donald E. Pringle Supervisor	Alan H. Smallwood Supervisor	