

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



Anthony Amendolea, Treasurer
Kayla Mosey, Secretary
Michael Gallagher, Solicitor
David Heath, Engineer
John Nath, BCO/ Zoning Officer

Center Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Philip Wulff 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 Wulff, present were Vice Chairman Robert Sloan; Supervisors Edward Latuska, Donald Pringle, via telephone, and Alan Smallwood; Township Solicitor Michael Gallagher; Township Engineer David Heath; and Secretary Kayla Mosey.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

MINUTES:

1. Agenda Setting Meeting – February 12, 2024: *Latuska motioned approving the minutes of the Agenda Setting Meeting held on Monday, February 12, 2024. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*
2. Regular Meeting – February 14, 2024: *Latuska motioned approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. February 2024: *Latuska motioned approving the February 2024 Treasurer's Report. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*
2. Warrant List 24-02-04: *Latuska motioned approving Warrant List 24-02-04. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.*
3. Warrant List 24-03-05: *Latuska motioned approving Warrant List 24-03-05. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*

ZONING REPORT: February 2024: Construction costs were \$319,843 fees collected were \$755.75. Year to date fees collected were \$1,010.12.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Riskosky LLR No. 2024-02-023, Final, Expires 05/28/2024: *Wulff motioned to approve the Riskosky LLR No. 2024-02-02. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*

2. Kern Minor SD No. 2024-02-03, Final, Expires 05/28/2024: ***Wulff motioned to approve the Kern Minor Subdivision No. 2024-02-04. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***
3. Sager Minor SD No. 2024-02-04, Final, Expires 05/25/2024: ***Wulff motioned to approve the Sager Minor Subdivision No. 2024-02-04. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***
4. Baxter MHP Land Development No. 2023-10-12, Final, Expires 03/22/2024: ***Wulff motioned to accept a 30 day extension for the Baxter MHP Land Development No. 2023-10-12. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gauselmann vs. Center Township: ***Wulff motioned to approve the settlement through the insurance company in the amount of \$150,000. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.*** At this time Township Solicitor, Gallagher, made general comments regarding the settlement with Mr. Gauselmann but specifics were not given due to the agreement not being signed by both parties at that time. Supervisor Latuska noted he wanted to make comments regarding the case and was cautioned by the Solicitor twice to hold comments until the agreement was signed. Supervisor Latuska made the following comment: "For the record, neither myself nor Mr. Smallwood voted to terminate Mr. Gauselmann, because we felt that it was wrong, unwarranted and without cause. The actions taken by Center Township placed undue stress and aggravation on Mr. Gauselmann and his family for the past three years. This is a disgrace and embarrassment for Center Township." Bradine Kaltenbaugh asked why Mr. Gauselmann was let go. The Township Solicitor referred her to review the minutes of previous meetings, and he would not comment on details of the settlement.
2. Sewage Request – 696 Oneida Valley Rd: Ms. Shannon Kurimski is asking the board to waive the fee for a bond needed to install a temporary storage tank. ***Smallwood motioned to approve waiving the fee for the bond. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 298 W Brewster Rd Lien: Resident Mr. Francis Sloan II attended the Agenda Setting Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 to ask about having the lien on the property waived or reduced. ***Latuska motioned to deny the request to waive or reduce the lien. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***
2. Road Foreman Position: ***Latuska motioned to accept Bryan Blakeley's letter of resignation from Road Foreman down to a regular Road Crew employee effective 03/29/2024. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Authorize Ad for 2024 Paving Project: ***Wulff motioned to authorize an ad for Paving be place in the Butler Eagle. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***
2. Authorize Ad for Seal Coat: ***Wulff motioned to authorize an ad for Seal Coat to be placed in the Butler Eagle contingent on getting a new estimate from Corey Schaffer and it being within budget. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***
3. Authorize Purchase of Dump Truck: Road Foreman, Bryan Blakeley received quotes for a dump truck. ***Latuska motioned authorizing purchase a 2025 T480 dump truck from***

Kenworth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$136,700.00 (CoStars Contract 025-E22-431). Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.

- 4. Dump Truck Body: Bryan Blakeley, Road Foreman, received quotes for a stainless-steel body and plow. ***Latuska motioned, contingent on upgrading stainless gauge to 7, authorizing purchase of a stainless steel body and plow from A&H Equipment in the amount of \$78,974.00 (CoStars Contract 025-E22-458. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***
- 5. Crack Sealing: ***Smallwood motion awarding bid to Russell Standard for crack sealing in the of \$12,599.00. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***
- 6. Guiderail Replacement: ***Smallwood motioned to table for additional quotes. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***
- 7. Milling Head: ***Smallwood motioned authorizing purchase of twenty-four (24) inch mill head from Bobcat in the amount of \$22,320.72 and repair the current mill head in the amount of \$3,826.98. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.***
- 8. Salt Box: ***Smallwood motioned to table the purchase of a salt box until more quotes could be gathered. Sloan seconded. Motion carried.***

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

- 1. Brown Road (T-412) Stabilization: ***Wulff motioned to authorize Gateway to contact Wiest to do the paving for Brown Rd. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***
- 2. Water and Sewer Grant: ***Wulff motioned to give Gateway authorization to move forward with the Water and Sewer grant. Smallwood seconded. Motion carried.***

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- 1. BASA/PA American Sale: To be discussed in executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned to an executive session at 8:05pm to discuss litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:19pm with no action taken.

Wulff made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Latuska seconded. Motion carried.

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