

Center Township  
Board of Supervisors  
April 13, 2021  
Minutes

A business meeting of the Center Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office in Rogersville. Present were Edward A. "Butch" Deter, Chairman, Paul Cook, Vice Chairman, Harry Gillispie, Supervisor and N. Dawn Horr, Secretary. Visitors were Daniel and Jodie Stoneking, Bryan and Polly Johnston, Sean Knight, Kurt and Michele Katchmark, Sandi King, Jeff and Debbie Sands and Judy Rush.

Harry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March business meeting as read. Paul seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Residents of Rogersville were present to address concerns over activity at 120 Second Street. To date there have been two drug overdoses, a vehicle was burned in front of the home, there is trash building up and a vehicle blocking the grass alley behind the home. Syringes and small baggies have been found near the property. A large dog runs loose and defecates in the neighboring yards and the dog catcher has been called several times. The residents of the home are randomly burning material in the garage causing caustic fumes. There is activity at the home throughout the night. Recently the residents of the home became combative when a neighbor asked them to move their car so he could get out of his garage. There is concern about the well-being of a small child living in the home.

Harry stated that the state police and district attorney's office are well aware of the situation at this address. He stated that the township's code enforcement officer cited the residents for the vehicle and trash in the grass alley. Charges were filed with the magistrate's office on April 9<sup>th</sup> to bring them into compliance. He also stated that if the residents of the home become combative, charges of disorderly conduct can be filed with the state police. Additionally, if illegal activity is witnessed charges can be filed based on information received but one has to be willing to testify. Mrs. King stated that she left her garage door open just long enough to go to the post office and when she returned two full garbage bags had been placed in her garage. She didn't inspect them but put them with her trash. Harry encouraged the residents to contact the Board of Supervisors when anything like this occurs. Paul stressed that we are limited on what we could do but we care and are here to help. Harry also suggested calling the dog catcher every time the dog is seen running loose or calling the Humane Society if a dog is on a tether with no water for long periods of time. Harry personally informed one of the residents of the home about our Clean Up Week to help get the property cleaned up. Harry also suggested to those present that several years ago there was a Neighborhood Crime Watch group and perhaps it was time to re-organize.

The renovation of the public water station tentatively will begin next week. The station will be shut down for approximately two days during the renovation.

Paul made a motion to approve the Tim Horr to Adam Horr lot split. Seconded by Harry and motion carried unanimously.

Harry made a motion to approve the Nola Lightner to Jon Lightner lot split. Seconded by Paul and motion carried unanimously.

PennDOT has posted no passing signs from the community park entrance to the Dollar General entrance.

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Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2-2021 to accompany a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Harry explained that the Board of Supervisors are in the process of getting PennDOT approval for solar powered traffic control devices to be placed at either end of Rogersville to encourage drivers to slow down.

Fines were recently imposed on two companies found to have trucks on un-bonded roads. Northern A1 Environmental Services was fined for \$1,000 for being on Grinnage Run Road and KMI was fined \$2,000 for being on Pettit Road. Game cameras were placed on Barton Hollow Road by the township's engineer to prove overweight trucks are crossing a bridge with a 3-ton weight limit.

Clean up week is currently being held.

Judy Rush recently visited the park with her grandsons and complimented the Board on how nice the park is.

Harry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paul and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Secretary