

Center Township
Board of Supervisors
June 11, 2019
Minutes

A business meeting of the Center Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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, Chris Furman, Solicitor and N. Dawn Horr, Secretary. Visitors were Kurt and Michele Katchmark, James Wendell, Larry Mitchell, Matthew Schlick, Francis Jacobs, James Butler, Jennifer and Scott Doane and Dave Brendel.

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

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

Dave Brendel stated that the bridge project on Scott Run Road is at a stand still and is still closed.

Jennifer Doane recently requested that the speed limit be reduced and brake retarder signs be placed near her home on West Roy Furman Hwy. She and her husband explained that it is difficult to exit their driveway and dangerous to perform maintenance on their property near the roadway. The board obtained documents from Franklin Twp. where residents in the same area had made a similar request. Copies of the documents will be provided to Mrs. Doane at her request. It is believed that although the Doane residence is in Center Township, the roadway in front of their home is in Franklin Township. Harry suggested that they obtain the numbers from the segment markers near their home to be used in the request to PennDOT for a study to be done for the reduced speed limit and brake retarder signs.

Matt Schlick presented the board with a sample of water from his hot water tank that was cloudy with sediment. He stated that the problem began about 10 months ago. The Southwestern PA Water Authority was contacted and the water was tested. He was told that the water was safe for consumption. There is no sediment in his well or spring water, only the public water. Since the problem began he has had to replace his pressure regulator and hot water tank. Mr. Jacobs stated that he is having the same problem and has also had to replace a regulator.

Harry stated that Mr. Bissett had a similar problem several months ago and the DEP tested his water. He stated that he would contact the DEP and make them aware of the problem. Solicitor Furman suggested having the water tested by an independent tester and would forward the contact information for a company outside of Greene County.

Mr. Wendell stated that well traffic has been traveling on Butternut Hollow Road. The guard at the end of the road hasn't been present at times and that's when the traffic comes in. Harry stated that he would make a phone call.

Mr. Butler asked if the supervisors had an update for the opening of the bridge on Oak Forest Road. They stated that it was supposed to open on June 14th but they haven't received a more definite time.

Butch stated that the concession trailer was delivered.

Jordan Cooke was recently hired as a part time laborer to mow and maintain the township property and park. Paul made a motion to hire Jordan and set his wages at \$12.00 per hour with no benefits at this time. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The township was recently informed that glass would no longer be accepted at the recycling facility. It has become more expensive to recycle than to dispose of.

No reports have been given on the mosquito testing to date. The county is also collecting wood ticks to test for lime disease.

Solicitor Furman suggested that the board request a written report from our engineer regarding the defective decking screws on the pedestrian bridge. He stated that the maintenance bond will expire in November and documentation should be made. The engineer is still working with the contractor to have the screws on the boards replaced.

Butch stated that he recently met with a representative from Windstream to resolve the issues of lines in our roadway right of ways. There are still areas on Hopewell Ridge Road and Woods Road to be repaired. With the help of our solicitor and the PUC, Windstream has made several repairs and agrees to keep working the correct the lines.

The Dirt and Gravel Roads grant project on Barton Hollow Road has begun. It is anticipated to take about one month to complete.

Butch and Harry stated that they are working on slips, mowing the road banks and cutting ditches in preparation for oiling and chipping. Harry stated that after the Oak Forest bridge opens and the traffic is rerouted off of the township roads, Hoy Hill and Stewart Run Roads will be prepared for oiling and chipping.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul. Harry seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Secretary