**CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**February 7, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   1. The Centre Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday February 7, 2023

Chairman Colin Reynolds moved to call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Also present

were Supervisor Ricky Burkholder Jr., Secretary Diana McPherson, and Vice Chairman

Jason Kelly

1. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & MOMENT OF SILENCE** 
   1. Pledged allegiance to the flag and held a moment of silence
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT**
   1. **Upon a Reynolds/Kelly motion the board unanimously voted to approve the January 3, 2023 Re-Org and Regular meeting minutes**
   2. **Upon a Reynolds/Kelly motion the board unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented to the board for review**
3. **VISITORS**
   1. A list of all participants is on file at the township office
   2. Mr. Comp asked about a letter he said we got from PennDOT for the quarry, Chairman Reynolds corrected him, the letter was from Hawbaker requesting a speed limit change to 35 mph and the board did not agree to the request
4. **ROAD REPORT**
   1. Laurel Grove Road – Update
      1. No new updates, waiting for weather to change for Kittner to get started
   2. Hope Road Project – Update
      1. Currently out for bids, no bids received yet, deadline to receive bids is March 3, 2023 and they are to be opened at the Supervisors meeting on March 7, 2023
   3. Stolen sign, post and base (Hickory Ridge Rd)
      1. Hickory Ridge road speed limit sign was stolen a couple days after it was put up, it was a brand-new sign, post and breakaway, Incident #PA 2023-116256
5. **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**
   1. CT-2022-3 D&J Pallet, Land Development
      1. There are 4 items outstanding, permit is on hold
      2. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to table plan CT-2022-3, D&J Pallet, until the below 4 items are completed**
         1. **Financial security for Storm water improvements**
         2. **Provide approved HOP from PennDOT**
         3. **Provide approved NPDES Permit**
         4. **Sign and record O&M agreement**
   2. CT-2022-4 Roedts Subdivision, Laurel Grove Rd.
      1. This plan was previously approved, plan was signed by the board at this meeting
   3. CT-2022-5 Shermans Valley Solar, Land Development
      1. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to table the plans CT-2022-5 (Shermans Valley Solar) for Planning’s review**
   4. CT-2022-6 Fleisher/Miller Subdivision, Fenicle Lane
      1. This plan was previously approved, plan was signed by the board at this meeting
   5. CT-2022-7 Paul Solar, Land Development
      1. New Bloomfield Borough had issues with zoning. The panels that extended onto Borough property were eliminated from the current plan, access will be through the right-of-way that is common to the Township’s property and to Paul property
      2. The Frequently asked questions, there is a protocol for slopes, if it is steeper than 10% you need trenches approx. 12” wide
      3. There is a transformer pad to be installed, location not known until PPL does site visit
      4. The board asked the solar company about Glint/Glare. They said these newer panels have a non-reflective coating and will not have that issue. Township requested to have a panel brought to the township building so the board and residents can look at how they react in the sun light
      5. Burgett said the PennDOT HOP will be completed by Monday/Tuesday, there is brush needed to be cut back before PennDOT will give their approval
      6. Financial security was approved by engineers
      7. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to conditionally approve CT-2022-7 (Paul Solar) with the following**
         1. **Conditions**
            1. **Financial security**
            2. **Highway Occupancy permit**
            3. **Operation/Maintenance agreement**
            4. **All fees paid**
         2. **Waivers (7):**
            1. **402.3.C- Parent tract outline (1972)**
            2. **402.3- wells/septic within 100 feet**
            3. **402.7- steep slope report**
            4. **402.8- important Natural habitat report**
            5. **402.3.E.3- Utilities/easements within 200 feet**
            6. **402.3.E.2- buildings within 200 feet**
            7. **303.1- preliminary plan**
      8. **Upon a Reynolds/Kelly motion the board unanimously moved to sign the PennDOT HOP letter of acknowledgement for Paul solar (CT-2022-7)**
   6. CT-2023-1 Basnet Solar, Land Development
      1. No action was taken
      2. **Upon a Reynolds/Kelly motion the board unanimously moved to table CT-2023-1 Basnet Solar**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. 322 Pine Grove Road Septic issue- update
      1. Lenny is working with owner to get permits for a holding tank to be put in
   2. Soule Road- Hidden Driveway sign- update
      1. Working with LTAP to get sign
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Annual Salt Contract (due by March 15, 2023)
      1. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to receive 80 tons of salt through Costars**
   2. Review Backhoe bids
      1. The board reviewed backhoe bids for CAT, John Deere, JCB, and Case
      2. Brief discussion on how each one operated along with the pricing of each
      3. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to purchase the 2022 590 SN Case backhoe on a 5 year lease with bucket to bucket coverage including accessory for tilt rotator for the price of $129,000**
   3. Executive Session held 1/27/2023 (2:00pm – 2:45pm) for Personnel matter
   4. Executive Session held 1/30/2023 (2:00pm - 2:15pm) for Personnel matter
      1. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously ratified the executive sessions held on 1/27/2023 and 1/30/2023 for personnel reasons**
   5. Permits to be Ratified
      1. CT-1-23, Sausman, 30 x 40 Pole building, Hope Road
      2. CT-2-23, CT-3-23 & CT-4-23, Stoltzfus, 3 New driveway permits on Hickory Ridge
      3. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to ratify the signing of building permits CT-1-23, CT-2-23, CT-3-23, and CT-4-23**
   6. Agenda AMENDED at Meeting to discuss Ground Mount Solar Ordinance
      1. Matt Eck from FSA brought solar ordinances from other townships that were recently implemented for the board to review and discuss for consideration for when the township implements an ordinance for Ground Mount Solar
      2. The Solicitor (Linus Fenicle) recommended implementing a standalone ordinance
8. **BILLS**
   1. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously approved to pay the bills as presented to board for review**
9. **ADJOURN**
   1. **Upon a Reynolds/Burkholder motion the board unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Diana McPherson**

**Secretary/Treasurer**