

Center Township Board of Supervisors
December 10, 2024 Minutes

A business meeting of the Center Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Office in Rogersville. Present were Harry D. Gillispie, Chairman, Daniel R. Stoneking, Vice Chairman, Paul Cook, Supervisor, Dennis Makel, Solicitor and N. Dawn Horr, Secretary. Anthony and Lynn Brunetto, Barbara Thomas, Dave Brendel and Corporal Barnhart were visitors present.

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting as read. Dan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Anthony Brunetto explained that a recently installed light on the end of the neighbor's horse barn is shining directly into their home. They asked the neighbor to turn the light off and she complied at first but no longer will do so. Mr. Brunetto has also asked that they place a shield to deflect the light or to move the light but the requests have been denied. Mr. Brunetto asked the board if there are any regulations to help his situation. Solicitor Makel explained that we have no ordinances or regulations regarding light pollution or trespass. He suggested that the supervisors visit the neighbor and ask them to shield or move the light. Paul agreed to visit the neighbor. Dennis suggested that if the visit does not work to file a private nuisance complaint with the local district magistrate and hopefully he will convince the neighbor to comply.

Barbara Thomas addressed the board regarding the street light assessment for the Rogersville Christian Church. She feels that as a tax-exempt property, the church should not have to pay the assessment. Solicitor Makel explained that the assessment is a fee to help cover the expense for a service and is not a tax. Mrs. Thomas read several codes defending her position but Solicitor Makel further explained that it is the board's right to charge the assessment to tax-exempt properties. Mrs. Thomas asked the board to pay the assessment for the church and also requested that if the township would not pay the assessment, to have the street lights removed. Harry explained that the lights would not be removed for safety reasons and that the church is still responsible for the annual assessment.

Corporal Barnhart was present representing the Waynesburg State Police barracks. He asked if the board had any needs or concerns that the state police could assist with. The board commented that their speed control is working very well and thanked the corporal for everything they do for our community.

The monthly code enforcement report had not changed from last month.

Harry stated that the township has been awarded the LSA grant in the amount of \$850,000.00 to assist with the sewer line expansion project and a DCNR grant in the amount of \$100,000 to help with the construction of a new concession stand.

Paul made a motion to ratify the adoption of Resolution No. 4-2024 that was needed for the submission of an LSA grant application prior to the deadline of November 30, 2024. Dan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

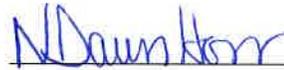
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Dan made a motion to reallocate the ARP funds that were originally specified for the sewer plant expansion, but will now be used to reimburse the Capital Reserve Fund for engineering costs. As the project will not be under contract by December 31, 2024 as required by the ARP regulations, the funds were transferred from the Sewer Fund Money Market Account to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$113,728.02 to reimburse for sewer expansion design. Paul seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to schedule the organizational meeting on January 6th for 5:00 p.m. The regular business meeting will follow immediately after. Dan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan and the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.


Secretary-Treasurer