

**CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

**CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP HALL**

**5001 S. FRENCH ROAD, CEDAR, MI 49621**

*Draft Minutes*

**Quorum Present**

**PRESENT:** Ronald Schaub, Katrina Pleva, Daniel Hubbell, Joe Mosher

**ABSENT:** Elizabeth Chiles

**GUESTS:** 5 in person

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review agenda/Additions Approve Agenda

**ACTION:** Schaub moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Hubbell.  
Motion carried. (4, 0).

3. Public Comment

Allison Horton – She wrote a letter about the Williams and Bay issue. She appreciates the Township’s attention to quality-of-life issues. She is opposed to the septage being dumped on the Eitzen farm field.

4. Review/Extend Moratorium

**ACTION:** Hubbell moved that the Centerville Board of Trustees extend for two additional months the moratorium adopted in the Resolution 6.19.2024.01, applicable to all applications for site plan review, which shall end on August 31, 2024, unless the Centerville Township Board extends it by further resolution; supported by Schaub.

**DISCUSSION**

The extra time is needed to have the reviews.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	
Trina Pleva	YES
Joe Mosher	YES
Dan Hubbell	YES
Elizabeth Chiles	ABSENT
Ron Schaub	YES
Motion Carried. (4,0)	

5. Report from Chris Grobbel on Williams Pumping

Grobbel can provide dates with interactions with the owner and Williams and Bay, dates of 2 observations, and he has personally informed them to stop.

The owners and Williams and Bay believe that they can inject the septage on the property because of ‘right to farm.’

The letter to the Township was discussed. The Township also received comments of the public outcry about harmful waste and microplastics.

The Township's stance is for the owners and Williams and Bay to hold to the process and get a permit to inject waste on the Eitzen farm property..

Sequence of events (per Grobbel)

- 6-11-24 – there was a complaint. Grobbel went to the property and took photos of waste being injected into the soil.
- Grobbel called Williams and Bay and informed them that they had to stop injecting waste into the property and get a permit. Williams and Bay informed Grobbel that their manager was on vacation. Bob Eitzen (owner) was informed.
- It has been confirmed that injecting the property with waste is happening again.
- The property owner and Williams and Bay were informed to cease and desist. The Ordinance was mailed to them.
- 6-14-24 – The Township received a reply from their attorney that the activity is allowable under 'right to farm'.
- Neighbors are continuing to record when they see the property being injected with waste.

This is also going on at the Stachnik property.

This issue is in enforcement mode. Eitzen and Williams and Bay have been told that further injections will be fined \$500 per incident starting 6-11-24.

The first time injections were reported was 1-16-24.

At this point, all communication must go through the attorneys. We cannot contact them directly.

Their law firm has won a right to farm case in another township.

This is normal zoning enforcement. This is a zoning procedure. Septage land application is regulated by the State.

6. Adjourn Meeting

**ACTION:** Schaub moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28; supported by Hubbell. Motion carried. (4,0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kacin