May 2021
The Supervisors monthly meeting was held on May 24th at 6:00 pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building, Llewellyn, PA.
Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Township followed all new CDC guidance. (Social distancing and masks for those not yet vaccinated.)
Attending were Laine Gehres, Robert Houser, David Schultz (Supervisors) Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary/ Treasurer) Gino Dinicola (Solicitor) David Bell (Planning Commission) and Desiree Smith (Auditor).
Minutes of the April meeting were available for inspection. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor David Schultz and seconded by Supervisor Robert Houser all Supervisors in favor.
The bills were then read. A motion to approve the bills was made by Supervisor David Schultz and seconded by Supervisor Robert Houser, all Supervisors were in favor.
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:
John Andruchek 5.00 PSATS (Website) 440.00
Berkheimer 55.84 Berkheimer 30.00
Capital Blue 10,604.09 Nationwide 457B 240.00
Federal Tax Deposit 2,604.28 Federal Tax Deposit 1,371.40
Federal Tax Deposit 1,398.20 Federal Tax Deposit 1,411.32
Federal Tax Deposit 1,261.82 PA Withholding 606.82
PA Withholding 341.26 PA Withholding 337.54
Wex Bank 435.14 Arrow Auto Glass 235.85
Good Intent Hose 5,000.00 PSATS UC 26.75
Borough Of Minersville 1,328.81 Branch/ Reilly Police 520.10
Capital Blue Cross 10,604.09 Capital One 765.32
Comcast 247.73 Copy Cat Business 41.75
County Waste 13,348.36 Guers Topsoil 1,696.52
H.A Thomson 17,457.00 Hadesty’s 32.93
Highmark Blue Shield 42.80 Kens’s Tire 280.00
Kramers Power Equipment 105.60 Lowes 74.16
Millers Municipal Supply 309.30 Minersville Auto Parts 159.52
Peifer’s Fire Protection 84.34 Plasterer Equipment 47.91
Pozza Trucking 260.00 PSATS 135.00
Quandel Concrete 1,162.00 Robert E. Reedy 622.70
Rosita M Decarlo 65.00 PSATS (Quarterly) 3,354.54
John Andruchek (postage) 21.00 David M Schultz 73.57
Laine Gehres 73.57 Robert Houser 73.57
John Andruchek 100.27 Gail Bedford 5,051.02
SCMA 75.15 Steel &Metal Services 25.77
United Concordia 476.68 Verizon 492.06
Gino Dinicola 180.00 PPL 204.83
LIQUID FUELS :
PPL (Street Lighting) 3,044.75

BRANCH REILLY POLICE DEPARTMENT DISBURESMENTS:
Wex Bank 672.10 Comcast 95.36
Verizon 120.03 Green’s Communication 350.40
Capital One 42.37

PERMITS:
Myriam Gonzalez (Building) 24.50 Raymond Sukeena (Zoning) 75.00
Ralph Studlack (Zoning) 35.00 Deanna Carey (Building) 8.50

DUMPSTER PERMITS:
Kevin Securda 25.00

Scout Master Tom Witmer asked the Supervisors for permission to put an aluminum can collection bin to support the Boy Scouts pack 600. A Motion was made by Supervisor Laine Gehres and seconded by Supervisor David Schultz all Supervisors in favor.

Resolution Midd Penn 2021-4 In Regard to Banking signatures, A motion was made by Supervisor Laine Gehres seconded by Supervisor David Schultz ,all Supervisors in favor.
Resolution 2021-3 Records Retention , A motion was made by Supervisor David Schultz seconded by Supervisor Laine Gehres, all Supervisors in favor.
An Announcement was made for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 31st at 8:00AM
With a special thank you to Carol Doyle, Joyce Beach, and Jimmy Spangler for helping make this year parade possible.
The Township website was then announced by Sue Ellen Holley (secretary /treasurer) branchtwp.com
The Township Recycling program was then announced and a motion was made by Supervisor David Schultz and seconded By Supervisor Robert Houser, all Supervisors in favor of waving any cost to the residents until 2022.
The Building Code official report was read into the record and a motion to approve was made by Supervisor David Schultz and seconded by Supervisor Robert Houser, All Supervisors in favor.

Gino Dinicola reported that Reading Outdoors would like to make use of their property and expand their business into the township with atv off road . Gino DiNicola suggests a special meeting for residents or defer to Zoning Hearing . Supervisor Laine Gehres explained that the Township has no applications on file for such and will make no motions at this time. In addition Gino DiNicola report that Mr.Jones has petitioned the court to reconsider his latest appeal.At this time he has no further information. A motion was made to accept the report by Supervisor David Schultz and seconded by Supervisor Robert Houser, all Supervisors in favor.
Supervisor David Schultz (Road Master) reported that Township workers have been working on the Willing Street project, finishing up getting the headwall put in. The workers have also been working on the Llewellyn playground, re-meshing, mulching, installing a new small child swing.
The workers have been cutting grass, trimming brush and getting ready for patching and sealing of Township roads. A motion was made by Supervisor Laine Gehres and seconded by Supervisor Robert Houser, all Supervisors in favor.

The Police Report was then read into the record and a motion to approve was made by Supervisor Laine Gehres and seconded by Supervisor David Schultz, all Supervisors in favor.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor David Schultz brought up a draft resolution about health coverage for Supervisors and part time Employees. Gino DiNicola set up a work session to discuss for Thursday June 3rd at 12:00pm.
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gehres at 6:50
 Respectfully summited by:
 Sue Ellen Holley
 Secretary/ Treasurer