FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Branch Township Supervisors was held on Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M. at the Branch Township Memorial Building, Llewellyn, PA. Due to the coronavirus pandemic masks were required and social distancing was practiced. Attending were Laine Gehres, Robert Houser, David M. Schultz, Supervisors, Sue Ellen Holley, Secretary/Treasurer, and David Bell of the Planning Commission. Absent was Gino DiNicola, Solicitor.

The minutes of the meeting of Monday, January 18, 2021 were available for inspection. A motion to approve the minutes was made by David Schultz, seconded by Robert Houser, All Supervisors in favor.

The bills were then read. A motion to approve the bills was made by David Schultz, seconded by Robert Houser, All Supervisors in favor.

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Federal Tax Deposit 1174.60 P Dept. of Revenue 310.26

PA Dept. of Revenue 282.23 Pottsville Materials 3983.39

U. S. Treasury 1314.50 Federal Tax Deposit 1245.50

PA Dept. of Revenue 324.66 Berkheimer (HAB) 715.08

Berkheimer (LST) 95.00 PA UC Fund 42.84

Federal Tax Deposit 1210.70 PSATS Group Trust Fund 592.99

Wex Bank 1194.98 Capital One 304.09

Scott Millwork 29.81 Highmark Blue Shield 42.80

P P L Electric Utilities 192.62 County Waste 40045.08

Lowes 346.42 Laine Gehres 73.57

Robert Houser 73.57 David M. Schultz 73.57

John Andruchek 100.27 Gail Bedford 364.44

Gail Bedford 336.58 Gail Bedford 29.18

Brior Environmental 340.00 Borough of Minersville 1328.81

Capital Blue Cross 9943.21 PSATS 943.00

Republican Herald 292.34 Verizon 491.95

PA One Call 15.64 Copycat Business Systems 437.00

Hadestys 70.87 Steel & Metal Service Center 46.90

Robert E. Reedy & Sons 789.00 Eastern Press 152.00

NEPA 275.00 Minersville Auto Parts 168.95

Trail Towing 56.14 Pfeifer, Brown, DiNicola 450.00

SWIF 1162.00 Gino DiNicola 180.00

Branch-Reilly Police Department 1015.77 Kramer’s Power Equipment 20.65

LIQUID FUELS DISBURSEMENTS:

Storks Plows 295.00 P P L Electric Utilities 3039.53

No Sweat Service Group 1683.01

BRANCH-REILLY POLICE DEPARTMENT DISBURSEMENTS:

Wex Bank 1014.76 Hadestys 19.28

YCG Inc. 997.50

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Berkheimer 1382.61 Dr. C. Shank 340.00

Gail Bedford 8010.50 Gail Bedford 660.00

District Justice Court 473.31 Reilly Twp. Supervisors 5667.40

Highway Safety Network 126.00 SCh. Co. Clerk of Courts 184.20

Berkheimer 1924.43 Berkheimer 4160.86

Berkheimer 550.88 Berkheimer 2872.29

Berkheimer 1036.08 Berkheimer 628.57

Holy Family Parish 20.00 Gail Bedford 8732.12

Berkheimer 994.63 Sch. Co. Treasurer 467.86

Berkheimer 2096.10 Realty Transfer Tax 1903.65

District Court 64.58 Berkheimer 848.65

Robert Houser 400.00

LIQUID FUELS RECEIPTS:

Transfer from PA Invest 10000.00

BRANCH-REILLY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS:

Branch Township Supervisors 1015.77 Reilly Township Supervisors 1015.77

BUILDING PERMIT DUMPSTER PERMIT

Dr. Christopher Shank (Sewage) 350.00 Holy Family 20.00

David Srausser commented the Township did a very good job plowing and keeping the roads open.

Branch Township along with other municipalities in Schuylkill County are having to come up with other means of disposing of its recyclables. Schuylkill County no longer provides that service and has picked up its dumpster. Laine Gehres explained it is up to each individual municipality to work on the disposal of recyclables with the company they use to dispose of their solid waste. For Branch Township that would by County Waste. Chairman Gehres will request County Waste to provide the Township with various options available and the cost of each option.

Mr. Brady Levonis of Sunday Drive would like to erect a storage facility on his property. He will need to submit a request to the Planning Commission through John Andruchek, Branch Township Building Code Official. The property is currently zoned “residential”.

Mr. Tom Witmer questioned the outdated Township website. Sue Ellen Holley will be working full time. Her hours will be 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Setting up the new website will be one of the things she will focus on.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-1 was made by David M. Schultz, seconded by Robert Houser, all Supervisors in favor. Resolution 2021-1 authorizes Branch Township to recognize the Phoenix Park Community Fire Company and the Good Intent Hose Co. No 1 and to officially accord each of them the status of volunteer fire company.

The Building Code Official’s report was read into the record by Joyce Beach. A motion to approve the report was made by Robert Houser, seconded by David Schultz, all Supervisors in favor.

David Schultz, Road Master, reported township workers have been plowing and salting after the recent snow storms. Various repairs were made to the trucks and plows including the pick-up truck which had a twisted lift cylinder and frame. New cutting edges were installed on (2) plows. Work was also done on the 410-C backhoe. Dave met with a bridge inspector regarding the Silverton Road bridge. Several recommendations were made. The signs need to be replaced, welding should be done on the metal deck and concrete pads should be poured at the entrances on both sides of the bridge. The stream banks should be stoned. This report was approved on a motion by Robert Houser, seconded by Laine Gehres, motion carried.

The Police Reports for December and January were read into the record. On a motion by Laine Gehres to approve this repoart, seconded by David Schultz, motion carried.

Chairman Gehres adjourned the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Ellen Holley, Secretary/Treasurer