MARCH 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Branch Township Supervisors was held on Monday. March15, 2021, 6:00 P.M. at the Branch Township Memorial Building, Llewellyn, PA. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, masks were worn and social distancing was practiced. Attending were Laine Gehres, Robert Houser, David M. Schulz, Supervisors, Sue Ellen Holley, Secretary/Treasurer, Gino DiNicola, Solicitor and Dave Bell of the Planning Commission. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February meeting 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 as read was made by David Schultz, seconded by Robert Houser, all Supervisors in favor.

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Net Payroll (02/16 thru 03/15/21) 16947.97 Federal Tax Deposit 1705.92

United Concordia 436.56 Highmark Blue Shield 42.80

SCMA 75.15 PA Dept. of Revenue 353.90

Monarch Precast 1395.00 Capital One 183.25

PA UC 104.97 Comcast 245.46

Capital Blue 9943.21 Wex Bank 1506.81

BK Fasteners 19.97 County Waste 13348.36

H A Thomson 500.00 Joyce Beach 196.06

Minersville Auto 305.94 Nerdy IT 54.00

P P L Electric Utilities 205.13 Plasterer Equipment 376.27

Republican Herald 438.01 Robert E. Reedy & Sons 774.25

Sch. Co. Treasurer 408.80 SWIF 880.00

Verizon Wireless 491.95 Government Forms 149.87

David M Schultz 73.56 John Andruchek 100.28

Laine Gehres 73.56 Robert Houser 73.56

Comcast 246.33 Highmark Blue Shield 42.80

Capital One 250.24 Leon Disarro 56.00

Sch. Co. Law Library 5.00 United Concordia 436.56

Slifko 495.00 Branch-Reilly Police 474.43

Gino DiNicola 180.00

LIQUID FUEL DISBURSEMENTS:

P P L Electric Utilities 3039.54 American Rock Salt 3409.91

Sands Ford 1530.48 Stork Plows 375.00

No Sweat Service Group 1536.58 Pottsville Materials 996.16

BRANCH-REILLY POLICE DEPARTMENT DISBURSEMENTS:

Wex Bank 632.82 Comcast (Feb & March) 189.88

Staples 132.96 Lehigh Valley Health Network 140.00

Nerdy IT 97.50 Capital One 21.61

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Berkheimer 4596.85 Berkheimer 537.46

Berkheimer 2795.97 Comcast 5011.49

District Justice Court 547.15 Kamryn Brennan 219.50

SCMA 520.50 Stephanie Moyer 42.50

Christopher Schank 1754.50 Berkheimer 6678.06

Berkheimer 5876.42 Berkheimer 582.17

U. S. Treasury 2.09 Berkheimer 7064.64

Berkheimer 1288.38 Reilly Township 2833.70

Brad Kurtz 25.00 Berkheimer 821.37

Highway Safety Network 261.00 Schuylkill County 32.22

Sch. Co. Treasurer 595.55 Berkheimer 296.67

Schuylkill County 2788.59 Edward Siminitus 1000.00

Robert Houser 400.00 Alfred Smith 8.50

Joe Schoffstall 104.50 Curtis Lee Woodford 300.00

Berkheimer 1701.74 Kevin Zimmerman 10000.00

District Justice Court 199.77

BRANCH-REILLY POLICE DEPARTMET RECEIPTS:

Reilly Township Supervisors 607.38 Branch Township Supervisors 474.43

PERMITS:

Kamryn Brennan 219.50 Stephanie Moyer 42.50

Christopher Schank 1754.50 Alfred Smith 8.50

Curtis Woodford 300.00

Brad Kurtz (Dumpster) 25.00

VARIANCE:

Edward Siminitus 1000.00

David Strausser had a question concerning plans for Memorial Day. At this point, no decision has been made

Mr. Dave Hitzle complimented Township workers on the good job they did plowing, salting and keeping the roads open after the recent storms.

Mr. Brian Huntzinger had questions concerning the Township’s bio-solid ordinance. Gino DiNicola said there are no applications to spread bio-solids pending. He will check for state regulations and look into the Township’s stand-alone ordinance.

Mr. Al A. Smith is in a dispute with his neighbor, Mr. Prokop, concerning a right-of-way to the rear of Mr. Smith’s property. The police have been called several times and Mr. Smith does not want the situation to escalate further. The “right-of-way” in question is unimproved and not maintained by the Township. Gino DiNicola said the Township does not generally intervene in civil disputes; however, he did agree to talk to Attorney Pellish to see if the parties involved can’t resolve this matter.

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

Gino DiNicola reported the adopted Floodplain Ordinance has been uploaded to FEMA and filed with the County.

With regard to recycling, a meeting is scheduled with Jonas Kreitzer for options available to the Township. Chairman Gehres said the Township will not reopen the contract with County Waste that is now in place.

Dave Schultz, Road Master, reported Township workers have been plowing, salting, and patching Township roads. The Township has received the first installment of $10,000.00 in proceeds from the timbering taking place. A motion to accept this report was made by Robert Houser, seconded by Laine Gehres, all Supervisors in favor.

The Police Report for February was read into the record. A motion to accept this report was made by Robert Houser, seconded by David Schultz, all Supervisor in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Ellen Holley, Secretary/Treasurer