

November 15th, 2021

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on November 15th at 6:00pm. At the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn, PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, Laine Gehres (Supervisors)Gino DiNicola (Solicitor)Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary/Treasurer) John Andruchek (Building Code Official) David Bell (Planning Commission) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Board) Desiree Smith (Auditor)William Kattner (Deputy Chief).

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed by a moment of silence for the loss of John (Jack Purcell). Who was a three term Supervisor 1996-2014.

The minutes from the October meeting were available for inspection. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Houser, Seconded by Supervisor Gehres. The motion carried.

The bills were then read into the record. A motion to approve the bills was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres. The motion carried.

General Fund Disbursements

Net payroll 10/19-11/15	18,397.05	PA Withholding	361.43
Federal Tax Deposit	67.42	Federal Tax Deposit	1,348.88
Berkheimer (quarterly)	1003.91	PA UC	49.50
PA Withholding	351.13	Federal Tax Deposit	1,375.48
Nationwide 457B	120.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,421.76
Wex Bank	695.75	Capital One	558.50
County Waste	14,033.26	Highmark Blue Shield	44.09
William Kattner(Highway Safety gas reimbursement	18.25	Bourgh of Minersville	1,328.81
Brior Environmental	800.00	Capital Blue Cross	10,599.02
County Waste	14,012.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
H.A. Thomson (bond renewal)	435.00	Hadesty's	187.86
Minersville Auto	89.23	Nerdy It	73.00
Newswagner Lawn Equipment	30.00	PPL	207.91
PA One Call	7.80	Pfeiffer Brown DiNicola &Frantz	5,475.00
Robert E Reedy's	110.83	SCMA	75.15
State Workers Insurance Fund	4,411.00	United Concordia	476.68
Verizon	485.82	Comcast	228.97
Laudeman Pest Control	46.00	Wex Bank	64.25

Liquid Fuels Disbursements

PPL	3,099.58	Steel & Metal Service Center	56.99
Pottsville Materials	3,739.23	Pottsville Materials	451.44

Police Disbursements

Comcast	96.41	Wex Bank	509.27
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Account Balances

General Fund	168,812.87	PA Invest General Fund	65,448.55
Liquid Fuels	33,408.03	PA Invest Liquid Fuels	9,962.04
ARPA	91,148.69		

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November Income:

Jackie Curran	30.00	Berkheimer	1,855.41
Highway Safety	18.25	Berkheimer	44.00
Robert Lauderman	800.00	Highway Safety	225.75
Berkheimer	3,438.10	Interest	17.82
Reilly Township	2,827.20	Berkheimer	1,641.77
Berkheimer	668.57	Schuylkill County	1,543.95
Elba Cid BalBuena (dumpster)	25.00	Robert Houser	400.00
Berkheimer	820.10	Rocky Bottom Sportsman Group	300.00
Berkheimer	240.57	Schuylkill County	1,974.78
Berkheimer	1,647.32	Berkheimer	1,055.85
District Court	401.68	Comcast	5,204.23
Gail Bedford	1,885.85	Gail Bedford	12,900.00
Berkheimer	4,213.47	Berkheimer	816.81
Berkheimer	3,369.98	Schuylkill County	29.40

Public Participation

Tom Witmer asked what was being done about his neighbor issue. John Andruchek responded that the neighbor has been notified with the issue.

Supervisor Gehres thanked Joe Pothering for helping install the recycling cameras.

Agenda Items

Recycling cost for 2022 will be 16.00. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the proposed budget for 2022 was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried.

The Building Code official report was then read into the record by John Andruchek. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on record at the township office.

Solicitor DiNicola reported the new ARPA find guidance that was sent out in the beginning of November. With guidance of taking all plans for the funds slow. He had no other developments to report. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried.

The Road Masters report was then read into the record by Supervisor Gehres. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried. A complete record of the Road Masters report will be kept on file at the township office.

The Police report was then read into the record by Deputy Chief Kattner. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Gehres, the motion carried. A complete record of the report will be kept on file at the township office.

Desiree Smith Questioned the swale that was put in out in Stines Mill. Was this due to the clear cutting that was done. John Andruchek and Supervisor Gehres explained that the Conservation District requested the repairs done.

Supervisor Gehres adjourned the meeting at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Ellen Holley

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