

January 24th, 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on January 24th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz, Joseph Carvajal, (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley(Secretary/Treasurer)David Bell(Panning Commission)Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board) John Andruchek(BCO)Desiree Smith, Theresa Brensinger (Auditors)William Kattner (Deputy Chief).

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the Reorganization minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz , seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

General Fund

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| Net Payroll 12/21-1/21/22 | 24,203.86 | Federal Tax Deposit | 1,530.88 |
| Federal Tax Deposit | 67.40 | Federal Tax Deposit | 1,522.20 |
| Nationwide 457B | 180.00 | PA Withholding | 562.84 |
| Federal Tax Deposit | 1,457.52 | Federal Tax Deposit | 1,276.82 |
| PA Withholding | 351.80 | PA Withholding | 316.36 |
| Federal Tax Deposit | 1,621.46 | Lowe's | 122.16 |
| Wex Bank | 1,054.64 | Capital One | 71.60 |
| BTMA | 1,340.00 | Capital Blue Cross | 10,599.02 |
| Comcast | 352.25 | County Waste | 14,434.56 |
| Gino DiNicola | 180.00 | Joseph Carvajal | 20.00 |
| Kens Tire | 1,205.00 | Minersville Auto | 193.50 |
| No Sweat Service Group | 400.00 | PPL | 274.10 |
| Plasterer Equipment | 1,142.72 | Republican Herald | 241.93 |
| Robert E Reedy | 1,139.62 | SCMA | 75.15 |
| United Concordia | 476.68 | Verizon | 433.36 |
| YCG | 520.00 | Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz | 675.00 |
| Hadesty's | 322.33 | Highmark Blue Shield | 60.57 |
| Pa Dept of Revenue | 40.32 | Eastern Press | 159.93 |
| Republican Herald | 61.58 | | |

LIQUID FUELS

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| Pottsville Materials | 1,393.31 | PPL | 3,277.97 |
| American Rock Salt Company | 1,551.43 | | |

POLICE EXPENSES

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| Wex Bank | 581.97 | YCG | 520.00 |
| Verizon | 120.03 | Comcast | 95.52 |

ACCOUNT BALANCES

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| General Fund | 101,353.73 | PA Invest | 66,220.84 |
| ARPA | 91,172.79 | | |
| Liquid Fuels | 17,425.77 | PA Invest | 9,962.21 |

Income

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| Berkheimer | 1,928.15 | PSATS UC | 308.50 |
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| Highway Safety Network | 225.75 | Berkheimer | 44.50 |
| Christopher Misstishin (building permit) | 980.00 | Christopher Misstishin (zoning permit) | 50.00 |
| Christopher Misstishin (certificate of occupancy) | 75.00 | Berkheimer | 4,020.00 |
| Berkheimer | 597.96 | Interest | 7.00 |
| Coal Region Enterprises (building permit) | 19.50 | Schuylkill County | 20.83 |
| Berkheimer | 143.87 | Schuylkill County Treasurer | 245.57 |
| Berkheimer | 85.03 | Foster Township | 167.33 |
| Cass Township | 167.33 | Schuylkill County | 1,029.00 |
| District Court | 400.62 | EMC | 642.72 |
| Marissa Underwood (building permit) | 12.10 | Christopher Misstishin (state fee) | 4.50 |
| Direct Energy | 2.36 | Gail Bedford | 7,705.50 |
| Gail Bedford | 660.00 | Gail Bedford | 14,477.33 |
| Gail Bedford | 517.00 | Garret Phillips Rhoads (dumpster permit) | 25.00 |
| Garret Phillips Rhoads (building permit) | 44.50 | Berkheimer | 3,354.57 |
| Berkheimer | 939.78 | Robert Houser | 400.00 |
| Tom McClusky (dumpster permit) | 25.00 | Berkheimer | 735.29 |

Public Participation

Lawrence Fessler asked the Supervisors if they plan on raising Sanitation this year. Supervisors Schultz and Houser both responded. The Township is under contract for a couple years yet.

Lawrence Fessler also brought up his concerns about Bio Solids. Numerous residents were present expressing their concerns over the Bio Solids that are currently being spread in Reilly Township.

Supervisor Shultz explained that there is currently none being spread in the township and no application has been filed at the Township office. Solicitor DiNicola also stated that there have been no filings with the Township. The residents questioned if they could spread it without the Township knowing. Solicitor DiNicola explained the township has an ordinance that would require an application to be filed at the Township office and would also require a zoning application.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schultz to authorize Solicitor DiNicola to contact Reilly Townships solicitor and to send a letter to The State Representative & County Commissioners Office to oppose the spreading of Bio Solids in Branch Township, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, All Supervisors in favor.

Agenda

A motion to set recycling hours was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. The hours that were approved are Wednesday 7am-3pm & Saturday 8am-12pm.

The Building Code Official Report was then read into the record by John Andruchek. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete record of this report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitors Report: DiNicola reported that he has been corresponding with the Sue Ellen Holley about ARPA Funds Final Rule that had been sent from PSATS. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

The Road Masters report was then read into the record by Supervisor Schultz. Township workers have been doing repairs on the F-350 Dump Truck, removing and cutting up a tree that fell on Silverton Rd, cleaning up brush and branches on Church Rd, Cherry Lane, Black Diamond Rd, and Gumboot Rd. Workers have been salting and plowing

all Township Roads. Supervisor Schultz also announced that the compost site will be closed for Winter. A complete report of this will be kept on file at the Township Office. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

The Police report was then read into the record by Officer Kattner. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete record of this report will be kept on record at the Township office.

The announcement was then made: After looking into if Supervisor Carvajal can keep his position on the Zoning Hearing Board the result is that he will have to step down. The following residents present were interested in the volunteer position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Jimmy Pothering, Desiree Smith, Brandon Witmer and Brian Huntzinger.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/Treasurer