

February 21st, 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on February 21st 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) Dave Bell (Planning commission) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board) William Kattner(Deputy Chief).

A motion to approve the minutes from January 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.

Net payroll 1/24-2/21/22	17,575.25	Federal tax deposit	1,916.20
PSATS UC	222.81	PA UC	44.05
Berkheimer	868.61	PA Withholding	421.34
Nationwide 457B	120.00	Federal tax deposit	1,505.60
Federal tax deposit	1,380.52	PA Withholding	345.13
Federal tax deposit	1,403.46	Lowe's	68.27
Wex Bank	1,778.23	Capital One	572.03
Borough of Minersville	1,328.81	Capital Blue Cross	10,599.02
Comcast	333.67	Copycat Business System	503.00
County Waste	14,045.36	David Schultz (diamond blades)	118.72
Branch Township tax Collector	696.70	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Hadesty's	223.55	Highmark Blue Shield	48.21
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Kens Tire	1,539.06
Laudemans Pest Control	46.00	Minersville Auto Parts	733.55
PPL	404.40	PA One Call	.50
PSATS (Website)	240.00	Republican Herald	52.02
Robert E Reedys	1,015.66	SCMA	78.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	73.10	United Concordia	476.68
Verizon	433.36	Victor E Muncy	275.60

LIQUID FUELS

PPL	3,223.24	Pottsville Materials	223.74
American Rock Salt Company	4,607.63	No Sweat Service	150.00

POLICE EXPENSES

Wex Bank	758.64	Comcast	96.24
Capital One	305.25	Verizon	120.03

Account Balances

General Fund	74,326.92	PA Invest	66,221.40
ARPA	91,184.41		
Liquid Fuels	9,221.56	PA Invest	9,962.29

INCOME

Berkheimer	60.50	Gail Bedford	3,489.75
Megan Skripko (building permit)	26.70	Reilly Township	482.42
Reilly Township	2,730.26	Interest	5.72
Berkheimer	1,865.19	Berkheimer	1,919.98
Schuylkill County	249.64	District Justice Court	342.89
Schuylkill County	2.86	Schuylkill County	1,911.35
Berkheimer	423.61	Berkheimer	3,232.78
Comcast	5,103.00	Robert Houser	400.00
Kevin Geary(dumpster permit)	25.00	Kevin Geary (Building permit)	18.50
Berkheimer	2,090.29	Berkheimer	5,542.85

Berkheimer	624.74	Berkheimer	2,901.16
Nathan Murry (zoning permit)	75.00		

Public Participation

David Strausser asked if the Township is doing a road project this year. Supervisor Schultz said the Township has not decided at this point.

Brian Huntzinger asked if the Township has heard anything about Bio Solids. Supervisor Houser explained that nothing has come into the Township office. Solicitor DiNicola explained that the rumors that had been in the Township about Bio Solid was found to be false. He also explained the permit that DEP has on file for Bio Solids that is being spread in Reilly Township is about the way the are processing the product.

Solicitor DiNicola also reported that he had put a hold on all letters to the Commissioner's office due to the unfounded Bio Solids increase in Reilly Township.

Agenda

The appointment of the Zoning Hearing Board: A motion to table the appointment was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. The Supervisors are going to do phone interviews with the interested residents.

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

The Road Master report was then read into the record by Supervisor Schultz. Township workers have been salting and plowing roads due to icy conditions. The workers have been doing cold patch for potholes throughout the Township. The Road Master also had Bridge inspections and review on repairs needed for Silverton Bridge and Brickey street bridge.

The Road Master also expressed his concerns about the safety on the Ondo property. He also asked John Andruchek how many times was the property owner cited? He also explained that a motion was made last year for the owner to be cited monthly.

The Road Master also reports that the tow behind air compressor was taken in for repairs and it could not be fixed. The Township will have to look into getting a new one. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried. A complete record of this report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitor DiNicola gave his report during public participation. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

Adjournment 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary /Treasurer

