

April 18th 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors meeting was held on Monday April 18th 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 (Planning Commission) Desiree Smith (Auditor) William Kattner (Police).

A motion to approve March 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

Net Payroll 3/22-4/18/22	17,402.30	Federal Tax Deposit	1,504.90
Federal Tax Deposit	87.34	Federal Tax Deposit	1,371.06
Nationwide 457B	150.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,415.10
PA Withholding	538.22	PSAT UC Trust	3,752.02
Federal Tax Deposit	1,279.84	Berkheimer	114.00
Berkheimer	748.44	Wex Bank	2,016.24
Berks County Chief Of Police	124.50	Blythe Township	1,340.00
Capital Blue Cross	10,599.02	Comcast	255.67
County Waste	14,089.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Hadesty's	146.03	Highmark Blue Shield	48.21
John Andruchek (postage)	22.14	Joseph Carvajal	20.00
Millers Distributing	42.84	Minersville Auto Parts	169.53
PPL	357.84	PA One Call	14.05
Phoenix Park Fire Co.	5,000.00	Robert E Reedy's	1,087.32
Sands Ford	3,436.62	SCMA	78.00
Schuylkill County Treasurer	185.28	Steel & Metal Service Center	17.50
Trail Towing	186.69	Verizon	529.28
United Concordia	476.68		

Liquid Fuels

PPL	3,223.25	Pottsville Materials	166.41
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Police Expenses

Verizon	120.07	Wex Bank	841.40
Comcast	94.56	Trail Towing	186.69
Berks County Chief Of Police	124.50	Minersville Auto	141.95

Account Balances

General Fund	81,655.78	PA Invest	66,223.11
ARPA	91,206.52		
Liquid Fuels	61,351.59	PA Invest	32,614.76

Income

Berkheimer	2,164.07	Berkheimer	1,377.83
Berkheimer	40.34	Berkheimer	4,039.06
Berkheimer	694.18	Berkheimer	2,238.98
Berkheimer	1,101.53	Berkheimer	351.33
Berkheimer	134.93	Bernard Walasavage (zoning)	35.00
Catherine Brilla (dumpster)	25.00	Catherine Brilla (Building permit)	24.50
County Of Schuylkill	1,470.50	David Schultz Sr. (dumpster)	25.00
David Schaeffer (zoning)	75.00	District Justice Court	462.69
Gail Bedford	17,498.49	Gail Bedford	35,555.61
Gail Bedford	3,327.50	Gail Bedford	26,865.00

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Highway Safety	343.50	Reilly Township	1,382.22
Reilly Township	2,730.26	Robert Houser	400.00
Schuylkill County	1,285.23		

Public Participation

David Strausser asked if would be possible for the Township to get a grant for cable/internet for Phoenix Park. He noticed in the paper two other townships were able to receive this type of grant. Supervisor Carvajal explained that those Townships worked two years on those grants, however it is something good to looking into. Supervisor Schultz agrees this would be a good thing.

Agenda

Michael Direnzo (not present) requested that the Township take over ownership of the fire hydrant that is located on his property. Solicitor DiNicola suggest something in writing. He suggests an access agreement on this matter due to the hydrant being behind the gate on the property. James Pothering also suggest the Fire Chief look into this. No motion was made on this.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schultz and seconded Supervisor Carvajal, for Solicitor DiNicola to contact Direnzo regarding an agreement.

Solicitor DiNicola advised the board to claim the ARPA funds under the Standard Allowance. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

The Solicitors report was given throughout the meeting.

The Road masters report was then read into the record by Supervisor Schultz. The Township workers have been patching potholes with cold patch until hot patch is made, cleaning up brush and cleaning out drains. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

Supervisor Carvajal reported that the police request to purchase two new taser batteries at the cost of 87.23 per battery. A motion to approve the request was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Supervisor Carvajal also mentioned the extra police officers that are listed on the mopec list that have not been appointed or approved at the Reorganization meeting. Supervisor Carvajal made a motion that only approved Police officers work shifts. All others would have to be appointed at a meeting; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz then made a motion for a letter to be sent to Gail Bedford requesting a delinquent sanitation report, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Desiree Smith and Supervisor Schultz has a discussion over potholes and road conditions.

Meeting Adjourned 6:38pm

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/Treasurer