

May 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors meeting was held on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 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)Desiree Smith(Auditor).

A motion to approve April 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 4/19/22-5/16/22	21,433.99	PA Withholding	328.99
Federal Tax Deposit	1,380.62	Federal Tax Deposit	87.40
Federal Tax Deposit	2,784.12	PA UC	43.65
Nationwide 457B	120.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,473.60
PA Withholding	499.43	Federal Tax Deposit	1,408.50
Wex Bank	1,282.38	Capital One	694.54
Lowe's	26.40	Borough of Minersville	1,328.81
Brior Environmental	380.00	Capital Blue Cross	7,621.36
Comcast	93.84	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Good Intent Hose Co. #1	5,000.00	Hadesty's	120.55
Jones & Co	6,000.00	Joseph Carvajal	20.00
Kramer's Power Equipment	353.24	Laudeman's Pest Control	46.00
Minersville Auto Parts	48.68	PPL	334.31
PIRMA	16,559.00	Robert E Reedy's	1,086.08
SCMA	78.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	123.52
Trail Towing	84.23	United Concordia	377.57
Verizon	384.99	Comcast	183.71
Highmark Blue Shield	24.31		

**Liquid Fuels**

Lowe's	2,499.00	Pottsville Materials	377.62
PPL	3,222.99	Sands Ford	271.23
Pottsville Materials	243.10		

**Police Expenses**

Trail Towing	84.23	Wex Bank	650.06
Comcast	93.84	Minersville Auto	16.94
Staples	19.99	Verizon	120.03

**Account Balances**

General Fund	188,529.03	PA Invest	66,229.16
ARPA	91,217.39		
Liquid Fuels	54,738.67	PA Invest	32,604.35

**Income**

Berkheimer	1,922.18	Berkheimer	522.37
Berkheimer	522.37	Berkheimer	1,825.88
Berkheimer	595.19	Berkheimer	42.01
Berkheimer	2,918.68	Berkheimer	3,320.58
Berkheimer	993.33	Berkheimer	707.17

Berkheimer	965.52	Berkheimer	1,409.29
Catherine Brilla (dumpster)	25.00	Comcast	5,291.72
Schuylkill County	2,573.34	Schuylkill County	1,952.60
District Justice Court	492.76	Gail Bedford	20,626.59
Gail Bedford	83,022.07	Gail Bedford	45,267.50
Gail Bedford	379.50	Mark Colna (Building permit)	19.70
Reilly Township Supervisors	2,730.26	Reilly Township Supervisors	754.59
Robert Laudeman	380.00	Robert McDonald (occupancy permit)	75.00
Schuylkill County	9.54	Sheron McKay (building permit)	40.50

### **Public Participation**

David Strausser asked what time the Memorial Day Parade was to start. Supervisor Schultz answered with 8:00 A.M.

Barb Yeager had a complaint about her neighbor's wall that is falling onto her property and making her yard unsafe. She had notified the Township of this issue in March. A letter was sent to the resident about the complaint which she showed the board along with pictures of the collapsing wall. Barb wants to know the next step? Barb gave solicitor DiNicola her lawyers contact information. Barb wants to know why a citation was never sent? She has contacted the Building Code Official a couple times about this.

Solicitor DiNicola will contact the Building Code Official to aid in the next step.

Tom Witmer has been coming to the meetings complaining about the neighbors high grass and wants to know why nothing is being done. He wants to know what the next step after a letter is sent? Tom says there has to be something besides just a letter. Supervisor Carvajal will speak to John about this.

Brain Huntzinger wants to know what the township plans to do to be proactive about Biosolids? Solicitor DiNicola explained the only thing that came into the Township was a correction to the Blackwood permit. Supervisor Carvajal also explained that if a new Biosolid permit was to be applied for, the residents will see it in the paper and will have the opportunity for a public hearing, it would only take one resident to call DEP and request one. Solicitor DiNicola explained that at this point that there is no application so no action can be taken at this time.

### **Agenda**

A motion to approve the fall recycling for September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M.-3P.m. & September 10<sup>th</sup> 8A.M.-2 P.M. was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carval, the motion carried.

No Building Code Official report was given.

Solicitor DiNicola reported that he had contacted the Minersville Water Authority about the fire hydrant on the Drenzo property. The water authority would prefer for this hydrant not to be capped. Supervisor Schultz explained the gate issue remains. Supervisor Carvajal suggest contacting Dollar General to have the hydrant moved. A motion to have Solicitor DiNicola to contact Dollar General was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the Solicitors report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Road Masters report- Township workers have been cleaning up roads, cutting back brush, cutting grass, repairing the part of the road that caved in on Willing St. The Road Master also reported an appointment with Conservation District on Friday to discuss drain issues on Black Diamond Road. The Township plans on

applying for a grant for this project. The Road Master would also like to look into a weight limit of 10 ton on Church Road and Shober Street. A Complete report will be kept on file at the Township office. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. Solicitor Dinicola stated that the Township would have to reach out to the engineers about the weight limit.

Joe Aucker complained about drivers speeding on Church Road. Joe thinks the sign is to far away from residents. Supervisor Schultz will look into this.

The Police report was then read into the record by Supervisor Carvajal. A request to purchase two new shirts for Officer Sterner at the cost of approximately 65.00. The request was approved by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal. A motion to approve the police 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.

Shawn Schmitt questioned if the Township planned on extending the recycling hours. Supervisor Shultz explained, not at this time.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Sue Ellen Holley  
Secretary/ Treasurer