

July 18th 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on Monday July 18th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz Sr., Joseph Carvajal (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (solicitor), John Andruchek (Building Code Official) Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary / Treasurer) David Bell (Planning Commission).

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

The current months bills for approval 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 6/21-7/18	19,532.82	Federal Tax Deposit	87.42
Federal Tax Deposit	2,330.36	Nationwide 457B	150.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,460.74	Pa Withholding	634.69
Federal Tax Deposit	1,572.88	Berkheimer (Quarterly)	880.93
Berkheimer (Quarterly)	116.00	David Schultz (Diamond Blade Reimbursement)	174.90
John Andruchek (postage reimbursement)	20.40	Shawn Shoener	300.00
Capital One	586.12	Wex Bank	1,682.02
Lowes	368.61	Blythe Township Municipal	1,340.00
Capital Blue Cross	4,643.70	Comcast	283.44
GFL (County Waste)	13,948.36	Hadesty's	33.60
Kramers Power Equipment	880.84	Minersville Auto	132.29
PPL	223.09	PA One Call	.50
Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	975.00	Robert E. Reedy's	443.00
SCMA	78.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	63.80
Suburban Propane	174.24	Trail Towing	82.66
United Concordia	377.57	Verizon	385.83
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Highmark Blue Shield	36.26
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	PSATS UC Trust (Quarterly)	1,295.94

LIQUID FUELS

Pottsville Materials	5,328.42	Zimmey's Tractor Repair	299.25
PPL (street lighting)	3,357.68		

POLICE EXPENSES

Comcast	94.52	Trail Towing	82.66
Minersville Auto Parts	24.72	Staples	6.98
Verizon	120.09	Capital One	389.74
Wex Bank	651.23		

Account Balances

General Fund	60,330.55	PA Invest	186,276.25
ARPA	91,528.55		
Liquid Fuels	40,398.59	PA Invest	32,649.54

Income

Berkheimer	865.39	Berkheimer	916.31
Berkheimer	18.15	Berkheimer	2,284.12
Berkheimer	3,069.06	Berkheimer	833.21
Berkheimer	2,734.98	Berkheimer	455.78

Berkheimer	185.17	Berkheimer	1,445.79
Berkheimer	513.10	County of Schuylkill	1,992.51
County Of Schuylkill	4,872.77	Deborah Mcgovern (building permit)	17.30
District Justice Court	5.76	Educational Data System	45.85
Gail Bedford	270.00	Gail Bedford	10,470.75
Gail Bedford	3,389.25	Gail Bedford	473.00
Gail Bedford	1,672.00	Gail Bedford	260.00
Gary Rhoads (building permit)	131.70	Hess Auctioneers LLC	1,540.00
Joanne Bingaman (zoning permit)	75.00	Michelle Alvarez (dumpster permit)	25.00
Steve Alvarez (building permit)	9.00	T-Mobile (building permit)	144.50
Trinity Solar (building permit)	160.02	Reilly Township	2,730.26
Reilly Township	603.54		

Public Participation

David Strausser thanked the Supervisors for cutting the grass in his area.

Agenda

Memorandum of Understanding- The Supervisors still have question on this matter and have tabled it for further review by the Solicitor.

The delinquent sanitation report was then read. Solicitor DiNicola gave the board options on how the Township could recover these monies. The options included sending a letter from the Township or sending the report to collections. The Supervisors discussed sending a letter from the Township. Sue Ellen questioned where the delinquent money should be paid to. Supervisor Schultz made a motion to send letters to the delinquent residents, with a 30-day deadline and money to be paid directly to the Township. Supervisor Houser seconded; the motion carried.

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

Solicitor DiNicola then reported that he was contacted by a resident over a private property and drainage issue. A motion to give the Solicitor authorization to continue contact with the property owner on this matter was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

He also reports he was contacted by Reilly Township Solicitor to discuss on going police issues. Police contract and hiring issues. The Solicitor request authorization to continue contact with the Reilly Township Solicitor. Supervisor Carvajal asked for this to be tabled.

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

The Road Masters report -Township workers have been repairing roads throughout the Township. Including the following roads: Pine Hill (A Street and B Street), Black Diamond Road. The workers have also been trimming trees throughout the Township in the following areas (Liberty Street, Sunset Street, Willow Street, Main Street in Phoenix Park, Shoeber Street, Silverton Road, and Brickey Road. Ditch cleaning has been done by West Creek Park area and walking Trail. Phoenix Park Community Fire Company assisted in helping unblock pipes in this area. The Roadmaster also mentioned the Career Link program that has provided students summer work with the Township. This program has been helpful to the Township. The program pays their wages. A complete report 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 Supervisor Carvajal. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Adjourned 6:35

Respectfully Submitted by
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary / Treasurer