

September 19th 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors regular monthly meet was held on Monday September 19th, 2022, at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was David Schultz Sr., Robert Houser, Joseph Carvajal (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary/Treasurer) David Bell (Planning Commission) William Kattner(Deputy Chief).

A Motion to approve the August Minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

The current months 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 8/16-9/19/22	26,164.17	PA Withholding	356.53
Federal Tax Deposit	1,391.46	Federal Tax Deposit	87.34
Federal Tax Deposit	1,488.88	Federal Tax Deposit	1,782.56
PA Withholding	402.80	Nationwide 457B	120.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,530.76	Federal Tax Deposit	1,527.24
PA Withholding	612.89	Comcast	185.21
David Schultz Sr. (Diamond blades)	163.24	Highmark Blue Shield	36.26
Lowes	252.14	Guers Topsoil	255.00
Joseph Carvajal (staples)	430.85	Capital One	852.42
Wex Bank	1,386.50	Brior Environmental	800.00
Capital Blue Cross	10,599.02	Comcast	96.14
GFL	13,748.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Governmental Forms & Supplies	135.34	Hadesty's	36.48
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Ken's Tire	18.50
Law Enforcement Systems	109.00	Mike Franko Plumbing & Heating	824.00
Miller Distributing	47.33	PPL	359.23
Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Trust	200.00	Pfieffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	2,700.00
Pottsville Materials	10,314.69	Robert E. Reedy's	692.53
SCMA	78.00	Schuylkill County	325.00
Schuylkill County Township Officials	75.00	State Workers Insurance Fund	1,143.00
Verizon	385.35	Law Enforcement Systems	21.00
Trail Towing	146.32		

Liquid Fuels

Fehr Supply	32.40	Pottsville Materials	5,176.12
PPL	3,357.94	Sands Ford	1,250.55

Police Expenses

Wex Bank	662.22	Verizon	120.03
Trail Towing	146.32	Comcast	95.74

Income

Berkheimer	1,012.26	Berkheimer	2,374.52
Berkheimer	842.50	Berkheimer	3,480.60
Berkheimer	5,699.91	Berkheimer	7,824.74
Berkheimer	526.04	Berkheimer	6,974.89
Berkheimer	5,029.58	Berkheimer	910.01
Brad Kurtz (dumpster permit)	25.00	Commonwealth Of PA	400.00
Commonwealth Of PA	851.98	County of Schuylkill	702.12
County of Schuylkill	1,602.30	Delinquent Sanitation	26,419.00
Douglas Taglieri (dumpster permit)	25.00	Fall Cleanup	650.00
Gail Bedford	1,379.00	Gail Bedford	1,989.00

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Gail Bedford	30,864.00	Gail Bedford	1,161.00
Highway Safety Network	193.50	Highway Safety Network	258.00
Jackie Curran	800.00	Jackie Curran	800.00
Joseph Bosak (Building Permit)	44.50	Michael Seibert (Building Permit)	9.30
Reilly Township	2,730.26	Reilly Township	480.84
Trinity Solar (Building Permit)	71.65		

Account Balances

General Fund	130,788.49	PA Invest	186,651.87
ARP	172,602.83		
Liquid Fuels	18,917.69	PA Invest	32,717.38

Public Participation

Lawrence Fessler wanted to know if our Police Department was part of Minersville due to the ATV ordinance they recently passed. Both Supervisor Carvajal and Officer Kattner responded with no we are not connected with Minersville. Supervisor Carvajal also stated he met with Minersville to let them aware that Branch Township does not support this ordinance. Solicitor DiNicola stated that as far as he knows Minersville has not requested access into Branch Township.

Agenda

A motion to approve work on the 2016 truck bed was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

A motion to approve a 200.00 donation to Phoenix Park Community Fire Co. for use of the Tanker Truck was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, 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 Houser, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Schultz then stated that John needs to do something about a Trailer issue on the Bassininsky property due to ongoing neighbor complaints. Supervisor Carvajal has concerns over a trailer down in Goose Heaven. Both Supervisors would like John to do something with these issues.

Supervisor Schultz then explained the complaints he has been getting about the truck traffic on Laudeman Lane since RIE has opened. Solicitor DiNicola will contact RIE to let them aware of the issue.

Supervisor Schultz then explained an issue with illegal dumping down at the compost site. He believes someone has messed with the camera after dumping illegally.

Solicitor DiNicola then reported that sanitation collection is continuing to be a success but suggests the Board follow through with liens. He also spoke to RIE about the fire hydrant on their property. They will continue service for the hydrant and allow the Township access to it. The Solicitor has also been working on the ongoing issue with the MOU. He has not heard back from anyone on this matter. He then advised the Board to start the Police contract negotiations sooner rather than later. A Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

The Road Master then reported that Township workers have been repairing roads throughout the Township including the following – Snyder St., Blackwood St., Washington ST. and Spring St. in New Minersville. The workers have been cleaning storm drains throughout the Township, cutting back brush and grass cutting. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Supervisor Schultz then requested Solicitor DiNicola look into the following issues. The ongoing walking trail issue with the connected neighbor. Supervisor Schultz made a motion. Supervisor Carvajal seconded; the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz then request Solicitor DiNicola to look into a road issue on Spring St. The resident is taking up more of the road all the time and this is difficult for winter maintenance (plowing & salting). A motion was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal to authorize Solicitor DiNicola to look into this issue. 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 then made a motion for the Township to participate in Highway Safety, Supervisor Schultz seconded; the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz then announced the new time clock at the Township build. All Branch Township employees are to start using.

Meeting adjourned 6:33

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer