

October 17th 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on October 17th 6:00pm 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) Joanne Bingaman (zoning hearing board) William Kattner (police).

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

General Fund

Net Payroll 9/20-10/17/22	19,345.50	Federal Tax deposit	1,914.54
Federal tax Deposit	87.34	Federal Tax Deposit	1,519.50
Nationwide 457B	150.00	PA Withholding	385.18
Federal Tax Deposit	1,507.78	PSATS	628.38
PA UC	46.91	Federal Tax Deposit	1,483.92
Berkheimer	116.00	Berkheimer	830.96
Capital One	444.58	Capital Blue Cross	7,621.36
Phoenix Park Community Fire Co.	200.00	United Concordia	377.57
Brian Smith	120.00	John Wank	130.00
Blythe Township	1,357.71	Branch Township Fire Relief	9,314.29
Comcast	409.56	GFL	13,748.36
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Governmental Forms & Supplies	156.27
Hadesty's	31.21	Highmark Blue Shield	36.26
In- Synch Systems	410.000	John Andruchek	5.00
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Kramer's Power Equipment	76.71
Minersville Auto Parts	69.01	PPL	428.15
PA One Call	3.55	Patriot Worker	85.00
Pottsville Materials	883.06	Robert E Reedy's	129.59
SCMA	78.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	53.88
Trail Towing	865.79	Untited Concordia	377.57
Verizon	385.01	Wex Bank	763.07

Liquid Fuels

Miller Municipal Supply	36.70	Pottsville Materials	3,478.73
PPL	3,478.73	Reading Precast	2,355.00
Sands Ford	303.84		

Police Expenses

In-Synch Systems	410.00	Wex Bank	517.17
Patriot Worker	85.00	Trail Towing	291.60
Trail Towing	574.19	Verizon	120.03
Comcast	94.97	Hadesty's	31.21

Income

Berkheimer	1,062.89	Berkheimer	1,142.05
Berkheimer	980.26	Berkheimer	3,123.37
Berkheimer	1,507.13	Berkheimer	1,459.89
Commonwealth Of PA	9,314.29	Commonwealth Of PA	495.16
Connie Bush (dumpster)	25.00	Schuylkill County	947.36
Schuylkill County	1,685.60	Delinquent Sanitation	4,324.50

District Justice Court	355.77	Gail Bedford	500.00
Gail Bedford	200.00	Gail Bedford	12,668.50
Gail Bedford	527.60	Highway Safety Network	483.75
John Barnetsky (dumpster)	25.00	Rafael Velez (permit)	83.50
Reiley Township	2,730.26	Reiley Township	577.66
Trinity Solar	427.70		

Account Balances

General Fund	81,664.29	PA Invest	186,986.49
ARP	172,653.30		
Liquid Fuels	9,386.09	PA Invest	32,776.03

Public Participation

Bob Laughlin expressed his concerns over the culverts on both side of the road entering Dowdentown road from 209. He stated he has called PennDOT a couple times over this issue. For safety reasons he said they should have grates on them. Supervisor Schultz had called about the issue himself a couple of times. Solicitor DiNicola suggest a letter from the Township to PennDot. Bob Also had complaints about PPL poles that need repair throughout the Township. A motion to approve Solicitor DiNicola in assisting with letter from the Township to be sent to PennDOT was made Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

The new owners from RIE (Dizenzo Coal), Travis & Kim Rothermel came to introduce themselves and also if the Township has any issues to reach out to them. Supervisor Houser had a complaint from a resident about trucks idling in the early morning hours. Travis stated he is already addressing this issue. Both RIE and Gino both explained that the Township will have access to the fire hydrant that is on the property. RIE will continue to keep the lines of communication open with the Township. Travis also offered the township culverts and drop boxes at no cost. A Thank you and Welcome was then exchanged.

Agenda

Church Roof- Supervisor Houser explained how the Branch Township Community Cemetery Church roof needs repair. A motion to approve repairs to be done by John Wank was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Arro Consulting for Blight issues- Supervisor Schultz explained how Cass Township has had good results and hopes this helps with the current issues the Township currently has. After a lengthy discussion, Solicitor DiNicola would agree to use our appointed engineers. A motion to approve contacting Arro for the issues was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Delinquent Sanitation- A report 35,843.50 has been recovered as of 10/17/22. Solicitor DiNicola said to have Sue Ellen continue her efforts.

The Building Code Official Report was then read into the record by John Andruchek. 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.

Solicitor DiNicola reported that he has been investigating the Spring St issue. He can see that there in an encroaching issue happening. He will have to see who or if any permits were given. Part of the issue is the boundary line for Minersville Bourgh and Branch Township. Part of that property is in Branch while the other part is Minersville. John Andruchek commented that he believes Branch Township did not issue any permits for the property. Solicitor DiNicola explained that this issue will take a joint effort with Minersville. A Motion to approve Gino to reach out to Minersville 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.

The Road Master reported that the Township workers have been repairing roads- Washington St, Spring St, Third Ave. Cutting and trimming brush- Phoenix Park Rd, Ramtown Rd, Silverton Rd, West Pine St, Llewellyn playground, walking trail, compost site, Township Building, Shooting Range. He also reported work being done in the Township office windows and new shelving in the back closet. 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.

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.

Old Business

Walking Trail- Solicitor DiNicola is still investigating this issue.

David Bell then asked what is happening with Sun Set Street. Solicitor DiNicola explained the Township has filed an appeal. David Bell questioned if the Township still maintains the road. Supervisor Schultz stated that it is still a Township Road so we still maintain it.

Bob Laughlin asked when Trick or Treat will be and explained the Fire Police will be available to the Township.

Meeting Adjourned 6:36pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer