

November 21st 2022

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held on November 21st 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial building. In attendance was David Schultz, Joseph Carvajal, Robert Houser (Supervisors). Gino DiNicola (solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley (secretary/treasurer), William Kattner (police).

A motion to approve the October 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 10/18-11/21/22	22,842.77	Federal Tax Deposit	1,532.00
Federal Tax Deposit	87.36	Federal Tax Deposit	87.36
PA Withholding	373.81	Federal Tax Deposit	1,444.92
PA Withholding	356.92	Federal Tax Deposit	1,374.30
Nationwide 457B	120.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,293.12
Federal Tax Deposit	1,502.32	PA Withholding	347.04
Capital Blue Cross	731.95	Comcast	94.97
Lowes	52.43	PPL	632.06
Linde Gas & Equipment	286.47	Capital One	406.55
Wex Bank	1,331.17	Mark's Service Center	176.00
Keystone Automotive	22.52	Arro Consulting	338.95
Borough Of Minersville	1,328.81	Brior Environmental	200.00
Center Street Hardware	22.00	Comcast	282.30
Dave Hammers Garage	189.95	GFL	13,748.36
H.A. Thomson	435.00	Hadesty's	384.43
Highmark Blue Shield	74.68	Ken's Tire	207.30
Laudeman's Pest Control	46.00	Mike Franko Plumbing & Heating	165.00
Minersville Auto Parts	121.15	No Sweat Service Group	2,707.10
PPL	22.39	Peifer's Fire Protection	383.79
Pfeiffer, Brown DiNicola& Frantz	1,125.00	Pottsville Materials	355.74
SCMA	78.00	State Workers Ins. Fund	4,498.00
Trail Towing	275.64	United Concordia	377.57
Verizon	385.01	Victor C Muncy	82.00
YCG	1,015.50	Kyle Osatchuck	275.00
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Gino DiNicola	180.00

Liquid Fuels

American Rock Salt	3,798.02	Pottsville Materials	2,640.04
PPL	3,357.94	Sands Ford	738.80

Police Expenses

YCG	1,015.50	Ken's Tire	177.53
Trail Towing	75.64	Comcast	98.06
Wex Bank	640.38	Verizon	120.03
Staples	59.13	Victor C Muncy	82.00
Hadesty's	21.21		

Account Balances

General Fund	72,020.00	PA Invest	187,355.55
ARP	172,719.29		
Liquid Fuels	8,851.56	PA Invest	22,840.72

Income

Berkheimer	509.38	Berkheimer	2,492.15
Berkheimer	1,282.19	Berkheimer	1,022.08
Berkheimer	586.64	Berkheimer	131.15
Berkheimer	1,359.21	Berkheimer	4,086.84
Berkheimer	528.18	Berkheimer	2,530.79
Berkheimer	3,104.53	Berkheimer	668.92
Berkheimer	8,622.96	Berkheimer	4,773.95
Berkheimer	47.00	Comcast	5,325.23
Commonwealth Of PA	368.59	Schuylkill County	3,584.07
Delinquent Sanitation	390.00	District Justice Court	42.50
Gail Bedford	7,518.58	Highway Safety Network	451.50
Reilly Township	4,050.16	Steve Platko	200.00
Steve Alvarez (Dumpster Permit)	25.00	Trinity Solar (Building Permit)	456.06

Public Participation-

Agenda

The 2023 Proposed Budget was available for inspection. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

A motion to approve resolution 2022-5 Tax Act 57 was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Executive session on 11/02/22 regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement- to be reflected in the minutes. Solicitor DiNicola requested an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting.

Standing Reports

The Building Code Official report was then read into the record by Supervisor Houser. With Confirmation from the Conservation District for work on Black Diamond RD. 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.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor DiNicola reported a letter being sent to Penn Dot about the culvert issue on Dowdentown Rd. He has also been working on Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Supervisor Houser asked if there was any new information on the Walking Trail. Solicitor DiNicola said not at this time. Supervisor Schultz then asked about the Spring Street issue. Solicitor DiNicola spoke to Minersville Code Officer and stated that Minersville will not move on this issue. Supervisor Schultz would like a letter to be sent stating that the Township will not be responsible for anything in the right of way. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Road Masters Report

The Township workers have been sealing roads, cold patch, tree removal of fallen down trees, equipment repairs due to salt, bridge repairs 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.

Police Report

The police report was then read into the record by Officer 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.

Executive session 6:20-6:41- Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion to authorize Supervisor Carvajal and Solicitor DiNicola to continue negotiations and set up meetings for such was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. Solicitor DiNicola the requested to obtain an engagement letter for Eric Brown of Sianna Law. Quotes for Arbitration. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz then requested permission to use Arro Consulting for a water grant to be used in Ramtown. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz also requested use of the ARP Funds to give our Volunteer Fire Companies (Phoenix Park Community Fire Co. & Good Intent Hose Co.# 1) a one time Donation of 1,500.00. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned : 6:45

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer