

January 16th, 2023

The Branch Township Supervisors monthly meeting was held at 6:00 pm on January 16th at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz (Supervisors)Gino DiNicola(Solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary/Treasurer) Joseph Wenner, William Kattner (Police) Desiree Smith (Auditor).

A motion to approve December 2022 Meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

A motion to approve January 3rd Reorganization minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the current months bills was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

General Fund

Net Payroll 12/20/22-1/16/23	30,099.66	Federal Tax Deposit	87.40
Federal Tax Deposit	1,371.40	Federal Tax Deposit	5,718.40
PA Withholding	829.37	Federal Tax Deposit	1,361.61
Nationwide 457B	150.00	Berkheimer	431.61
PA UC	53.99	PSATS UC	309.44
Federal Tax Deposit	1,482.26	Berkheimer	1,038.43
Capital One	425.80	Wex Bank	1,666.26
Mettam Brothers	246.99	Hadesty's	155.88
Recorder Of Deeds	86.75	Tax Claim	5.00
Tax Claim	76.00	Joyce Beach	500.00
Storks Plow	272.68	Lowes	570.26
Keystone Automotive	69.90	Arro Consulting	520.45
Capital Blue Cross	8,853.31	Comcast	95.71
GFL	13,748.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Hadesty's	202.91	Joseph Carvajal	20.00
Minersville Auto	97.46	PA One Call	1.00
Robert E Reedy's	1,220.90	Robert Houser	20.00
SCMA	78.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	189.40
United Concordia	417.69	Verizon	366.47
Brian Smith	585.00	Comcast	210.24
John Wank	585.00	Linde Gas & Equipment	29.98
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Liquid Fuels

Pottsville Materials	1,420.82	PPL	3,556.63
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Police Expenses

Verizon	120.03	Hadesty's	31.96
Comcast	95.71	Wex Bank	589.40

Income

Berkheimer	9,172.98	County OF Schuylkill	2,033.98
Delinquent Sanitation	2,768.00	Gail Bedford	20,204.43
Highway Safety Network	258.00	PSATS UC	638.60
Reilly Township	3,868.90	Schuylkill County Conservation	18,048.00
Trinity Solar	249.53		

Account Balances

General Fund	33,176.64	PA Invest	188,381.57
ARPA	154,890.18		
Liquid Fuels	986.51	PA Invest	17,505.34

Public Participation

Bob Laughlin (Dowdentown Rd)- Thanked the Supervisors for their efforts with the culvert issue. However, the fix that Penn DOT did is not working. He still has concerns for safety and flooding issues.

Bob also presented the Board with the active Fire Police List and explained that he has an event coming up and will update the list if any new members come from the event.

Agenda

Branch/ Reilly Police- Solicitor DiNicola explained the agreement is old. Due to the agreement being old (last updated 2002) he advised the Board to revise /update the agreement. Solicitor DiNicola advised the Board to make a motion to have Supervisor Carvajal meet with a Supervisor from Reilly Township. A Motion was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

CBA- Solicitor DiNicola explained the final draft was not ready and requested an extension till February. Officer Kattner stated he will be filing for arbitration. A motion to table CBA till February was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Auditor – A motion to approve Marlena Flynn was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Building Code Official Report- A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitors report- Solicitor DiNicola sent a letter of support for the Blythe Township waterline grant. He will be meeting with Senator Argall to discuss. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

The Roadmasters report – Township workers have been doing cold patching on roads throughout the Township, cutting up downed trees & equipment repairs. 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 Schultz, the motion carried.

Police report- The Police report was read into the record by Joseph Wenner. 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.

Chief Wenner then asked for Richard Clink to be put back on the active police list. After a lengthy discussion Solicitor DiNicola advised the board not to take any action on this due to still looking for information on the Branch Reilly agreement.

Meeting adjourned 6:41

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/Treasurer