

March 20th 2023

The Branch Township Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on Monday March 20th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz, Joseph Carvajal(Supervisors) Gino DiNicola(Solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley(Secretary/Treasurer) William Kattner(Police) Laine Gehres(Planning Commission)Desiree Smith (Auditor).

A Motion to approve the February20th meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

Net Payroll 2/21 - 3/20/23	17,414.49	PA Withholding	333.37
Federal Tax Deposit	87.36	Federal Tax Deposit	1,417.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,387.56	PA Withholding	366.24
Nationwide 457B	80.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,200.04
Federal Tax Deposit	1,314.20	Capital One	384.89
Lumina Solar	6.97	William Kattner (uniform allowance)	500.00
Wex Bank	1,100.67	PA Withholding	316.90
Arro Consulting	359.00	Capital Blue Cross	8,353.31
Comcast	286.28	GFL	13,748.36
Gino DiNicola	180.00	H.A. Thomson	500.00
Hadesty's	65.60	Highmark Blue Shield	37.34
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Kramers Power Equipment	69.49
Laudeman Pest Control	46.00	Miller Municipal Supply	468.20
Minersville Auto Parts	276.15	Nerdy It	96.00
No Sweat Service Group	76.47	Pfeiffer , Brown , DiNicola & Frantz	3,375.00
Pottsville Materials	1,236.29	Pozza Trucking	130.00
PSATS (website)	240.00	Robert E. Reedy's	1,157.20
Robert Houser	20.00	SCMA	80.00
Schuylkill County Treasurer	410.40	State Workers Ins. Fund	1,361.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	8.02	Sue Ellen Holley (reimbursement for basketball nets)	50.10
Trail Towing	194.15	Trinity Solar	62.72
United Concordia	417.69	Verizon	457.06
Mike Franko Plumbing & Heating	270.59	PPL	352.38
Trail Towing	127.22		
Liquid Fuels			
PPL	3,660.43		
Income			
Berkheimer	35,384.55	Commonwealth Of PA	400.00
County of Schuylkill	98.00	Delinquent Sanitation	1,342.50
District Justice Court	747.50	Gail Bedford	34,210.33
Melissa Seltzer (Zoning permit)	50.00	Reilly Township	3,653.36
Schuylkill County	1,967.35	Woods & Wildlife Forestry (Timber permit)	1,050.00

Account Balances

General Fund	25,166.37	PA Invest	184,711.37
ARPA	155,043.87		
Liquid Fuels	358.19	PA Invest	8,734.15
Cemetery Account	3,988.01	Police Checking	5,024.54

Public Participation

David Strausser informed the board that people are running the stop sign in Phoenix Park. Officer Kattner responded saying he will sit up there more.

Agenda

A thank you letter from Phoenix Park Community Fire Company. Thanking the Township for the extra donation of 1,500.00.

A motion to approve the Memorial Day Parade was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. The Parade starts at 8:00 am. The Fire Police will assist.

A motion to approve the purchase of Backpacks for Safety day was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

A Thank you letter from Llewellyn United Methodist Church thanking the Township on all their work in the cemetery was then read.

Discussion for internet- Supervisor Carvajal explained he will be in contact with Xfinity/Comcast. Being there is rumors of JB Cable selling to them. He will be inquiring was this will mean for our residents.

Team Building with Fire Companies Monday April 3rd & May 8th – Supervisor Carvajal will be attending and thinks this is very beneficial for the Township.

Standing Reports

The Building Code Official Report was then read into the record. Supervisor Schultz questioned what is going on with the Blighted homes in the Township? John stated he did not hear anything from Arro on those. 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 Schultz requested citations monthly. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Solicitors Report -Solicitor DiNicola then requested authorization to reach out to Reilly Townships Solicitor due to the Branch / Reilly agreement being dated and needing some TLC. Reilly was also to appoint a Liaison. He has not heard of any follow up on that. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Solicitor DiNicola requested to send a letter to the Timber Application hauler for road agreement. A motion to authorize was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz spoke to our engineers about the bridge in Ramtown. Bridge plates were put down to protect the bridge. Supervisor Schultz met with Woods & Wildlife to discuss the issues with the plates.

Woods & Wildlife will fix the issues.

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

Road Master Report- Township workers have been working on equipment – 1986 John Deere 410-C backhoe (removal of hydraulic pump). John Deere 410-G (Hose replacements) F-250 pickup need welding repair on dump frame. Installed brace on 2016F-550 to keep gate open during ash pickup. Workers have been cutting trees and cutting back brush. Doing cold patch repairs. Repaired potholes on Silverton Road and Mill St with 2A stone. The Road Master also met with Arro about Ramtown Bridge. 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- The report was 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.

Old Business

Supervisor Houser asked Solicitor DiNicola what is going on with the walking trail. Solicitor DiNicola explained nothing has changed, parts of the trail cross private property. After a lengthy discussion Supervisor Schultz asked if we could get an easement. Solicitor DiNicola will look into this.

Pool Issue- Supervisor Houser notified the resident himself. He also directed John to stay on top of this, check on it in two weeks.

Meeting Adjourned 6:29

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/Treasurer