

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Branch Township Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6: 00 p.m. at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola(solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley(secretary/ treasurer) William Kattner (police), John Andruchek (Building Code Official) Joanne Bingaman( Zoning) David Bell (Planning Commission) Shannon Darker (Arro Consulting Code Officer.

A motion to approve the minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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

### General Fund

Net Payroll 5/16-6/19/2023	29,512.13	Federal Tax Deposit	1,356.90
PA Withholding	334.30	Federal Tax Deposit	87.34
Mid Penn Transfer Fee	30.00	Federal Tax Deposit	1,467.58
Nationwide 457B	80.00	United States Post Office	126.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,397.42	PA Withholding	654.97
Capital One	255.96	Ken Geyer Auctioneers	17,297.50
Federal Tax Deposit	1,436.96	Wex Bank	1,107.51
Capital Blue Cross	8,353.31	Center Street Hardware	12.50
Comcast	289.11	Commonwealth Of PA	40.00
Dave Hammers Garage	2,136.85	Eastern Press	138.90
Foran's Transmission	4,531.92	GFL	13,948.36
Gino DiNicola	180.00	H.A. Thomson	20,231.00
Hadesty's	85.62	Jones & Co.	6,000.00
Joseph Carvajal	20.00	Laudeman Pest Control	46.00
Minersville Auto	359.09	No Sweat Service Group	200.00
PPL	338.13	Phoenix Park Fire Co.	5,000.00
Republican Herald	608.80	Robert E Reedy's	315.81
Robert Houser	20.00	SCMA	80.00
State Workers Ins Fund	1,361.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	171.87
Verizon	324.89	Highmark Blue Shield	37.34
United Concordia	417.69	Arro Consulting	795.13
Arro Consulting	911.54	K.M.K. Asphalt Sealing	1,565.00

### Liquid Fuels

PPL 3,660.43

### Income

Berkheimer	35,070.59	Christopher Keiser (building permit)	64.50
Commonwealth of PA	514.29	County Of Schuylkill	2,308.60
David Coyle (building permit)	88.16	Delingne Valdez Ramirez (building & dumpster permit)	181.50
Delinquent Sanitation	1,155.00	District Justice Court	7.11
Eric Briggs (zoning permit)	75.00	Foster Township	600.00
Gail Bedford	9,949.60	Kyle Aucker (zoning & building permit)	175.50
Nicholas Fernandez (building permit)	249.00	Precise Construction (building permit)	136.50
Public Service Solar (building permit)	90.34	Reilly Township Supervisors	3,816.17
Robert Seltzer (building permit)	10.50	Trinity Solar (building permit)	229.72

## **Public Participation**

Davis Strausser wanted to let the police aware of people passing in no passing zones. Officer Kattner will keep an eye out for this.

Shawn Schmitt reported issues with GFL picking up and charging for large items. Sue Ellen will call GFL.

John Shay of Dowdowntown Rd reported speeding in his area he is concerned due to his grandchild getting on the school bus. Officer Kattner will see if lines can be put in that area. Supervisor Schultz will look into signage for this area.

Rick Yutko – speaking on behalf of David Brennan, explained to the Board how Mr. Brennan is looking for right of way access through Township property for a parcel he is looking into buying. He would like to form an agreement with the Township for access. Mr. Yutko showed solicitor DiNicola maps of where the property is located. After a lengthy discussion Solicitor DiNicola will have to look into this.

Jeff Eason from Woods and Wildlife is doing the timbering for Robert Hendricks explained that more time is needed. John Andruchek asked how much more time. Jeff responded - a month. Supervisor Schultz then expressed his road concerns. He then told Jeff the road was to be bonded and never was. Supervisor Schultz then mentioned Jeff possibly having the road overlaid due to the damage on the road. Jeff said he is willing to discuss that.

## **Agenda**

Approval of .50 cent raise for Jacobi Zigariski- A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Board of Appeals Resolution 2023-5 - A motion to appoint Frank Bosak (one (1) year term) Tom Witmer (Two (2) year term) John Dizenzo (three (3) year term) and approve resolution 2023-5 was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Approval to transfer 17,297.50 from the ARPA account to the General Fund- A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

## **Standing reports**

The Building Code Official report was then read into the record. 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 reports having ongoing discussions with Reilly Township solicitor over police matters. Solicitor DiNicola also reported an upcoming hearing for Sunset St. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Road master's report-tree cutting (Black Diamond Road) to prepare for catch basin install. Workers installed a catch basin behind the old butcher shop in Llewellyn. Road cleaning was also done on High St in Phoenix Park and on Old Llewellyn Road between St Nicholas cemetery and Lawn Road, Church Rd and Mill St.

Bridge repairs on Silverton Road Bridge. 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 the 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.

Officer Kattner then requested the purchase of a new office computer. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Arro Consulting report-Shannon Darker gave her report to the board. She then asked the board how they would like her to proceed. Shannon gave the Board recommendations on how to proceed with ongoing code issues. Unanimously the Board would like her to proceed with code violations as recommended. A motion to authorize Shannon to Proceed was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried. A motion to approve the Arro report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file the Township office.

**Old Business**

A update was given on 619 Rear Pine Hill St- This went out for bid and bids will be opened on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board room.

Delinquent Sanitation- Total collected since the start of recovery 50,490.50. Approximately 70,000.00 still to collect. A motion to authorize the stop of services and put Municipal Liens on properties was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Walking Trail- Supervisor Schultz is still discussing with the resident an agreement.

Meeting adjourned 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley  
Secretary/ Treasurer