

May 15th, 2023

The Branch Township Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on May 15th 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) David Bell (Planning Commission)Joanne Bingaman(Zoning Hearing Board)John Andruchek(Building Code Official.

A motion to approve the previous month's minutes was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried. Supervisor Schultz would not make a motion to approve due to not being at the previous meeting.

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

General Fund

Net Payroll 4/18-5/15/23	18,593.22	Federal Tax Deposit	1,405.84
Federal Tax Deposit	87.40	PA Withholding	344.87
Federal Tax Deposit	1,940.38	Nationwide 457B	80.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,245.76	PA Withholding	405.83
Federal Tax Deposit	1,233.70	Capital One	722.37
Pirma	17,845.00	Elan Financial	1,782.17
Lowes	124.00	Wex Bank	1,112.25
Arro Consulting	905.50	Borough Of Minersville	1,395.23
Capital Blue Cross	8,353.23	Comcast	94.89
GFL	13,748.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Highmark Blue Shield	37.34	Joseph Carvajal	20.00
PPL	336.97	Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	825.00
Robert E Reedy's	668.38	Robert Houser	20.00
SCMA	80.00	United Concordia	417.69
Verizon	460.93	Arro Consulting	986.94
Comcast	189.71	Highmark Blue Shield	37.34
Shawn Shoener	2,000.00		

Liquid Fuels

PPL	3,660.43	Pottsville Materials	71.12
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Income

Berkheimer	24,727.31	Comcast	5,327.93
County of Schuylkill	1,115.16	Delinquent Sanitation	1,549.00
District Justice Court	14.78	Gail Bedford	199,240.94
Reilly Township Supervisors	3,697.77	Thomas Dagostino (zoning permit)	75.00

Account Balances

General Fund	182,511.02	PA Invest	183,077.29
ARPA	155,194.28		
Liquid Fuels	668.07	PA Invest	84,200.00
Police Checking	4,877.01	Cemetery Checking	3,988.13

Public Participation

Dan Guyeski from 1086 Maple St. asked the Board for assistance with a property erosion issue from water runoff. Supervisor Schultz will look into this issue.

Agenda

Purchase of new office printer-A motion to approve a new office printer was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Legal item for executive session-moved to the end of standing reports.

Township right of way issue (West Lawn)-Blocks were put in the right of way. Travis from RIE stated that he didn't not put them there nor did he remove them. He also said when the blocks were there. The truck drivers were having issues making the turn because of them. Supervisor Schultz said the Township did not put them there nor remove them.

Standing Reports

The Building Code Official Report was read into the record. Supervisor Schultz asked John to take the township truck and check on the Timbering. 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 requested the Board to draft an Ordinance for the appeals board. Supervisor Schultz asked if the township would have to advertise for interested parties for this board. David Strausser also asked if people are on the zoning hearing board can they be on this one. Solicitor DiNicola will look into this. A motion to approve the report and draft ordinance was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Road master's report-Township workers have been doing equipment repairs, tree removal on Black Diamond Rd., cleaning storm drains and cold patching. 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 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.

Arro Consulting report-A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Old Business

619 Pine Hill Rear- waiting for the county

Walking trial- nothing

Delinquent Sanitation- Noting to report at this time.

Supervisor Houser then asked if there were any plans for the old Backhoe. Supervisor Schultz is not sure at this time.

Executive session-6:24-6:32

Adjournment 6:32

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley

Secretary/Treasurer

