

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Branch Township Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz Sr, Joseph Carvajal(Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley(Secretary/ Treasurer) John Andrucheck(Building Code Official) William Kattner (Police) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning).

A Motion to approve the June 19 2023 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 Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

**General fund**

Net Payroll 6/19-7/17/20203	17,826.75	Federal Tax Deposit	87.42
Federal Tax Deposit	1,446.90	PA Withholding	538.84
Federal Tax Deposit	1,323.16	Nationwide 457B	100.00
PA Withholding	344.94	Federal Tax Deposit	1,337.40
PSATS UC	803.70	Federal Tax Deposit	1,421.86
PA UC	50.41	Berkheimer	854.64
Berkheimer	107.00	Hess Auctioneers	1,232.00
Elan Financial	2,052.30	Lowes	205.93
Capital One	276.94	Eastern Press	138.90
BTMA	1,358.31	Capital Blue Cross	8,353.31
Comcast	288.78	GFL	13,748.36
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Good Intent Hose Co	5,000.00
Hadesty's	119.76	Joseph Carvajal	20.00
Ken Tire	68.20	Kramers Power Equipment	125.96
Minersville Auto Parts	233.36	PPL	308.96
Pozza Trucking	400.00	Reading Precast	15,620.00
Robert E Reedy's	128.48	Robert Houser	20.00
Rottet Motors	367.30	SCMA	80.00
Siegel Lumber Co	304.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	70.73
Suburban Propane	124.59	Trail Towing	50.00
United Concordia	417.69	Verizon	328.99
Wex Bank	898.41		

**Liquid Fuels**

Pottsville Materials	396.11	PPL	3,467.22
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**Income**

Berkheimer	11,408.45	Central Penn Settlement Co	687.00
Chris Michels (zoning permit)	2,000.00	Schuylkill County	6,288.55
Delinquent Sanitation	3,382.00	District Justice Court	129.20
Dudash Pipeline Co (Building Permit)	84.50	Eric Sellin (zoning permit)	75.00

Ericido Beltre-Montero ( Building & Dumpster permit)	109.50	Gail Bedford	13,481.71
Reilly Township Supervisors	5,821.06	Trinity Solar (building permit)	117.91
Wendy Haluska (Building permit)	8.50		

#### **Account Balances**

General Fund	2,258.28	PA Invest	273,730.40
ARPA	138,056.12		
Liquid Fuels	643.86	PA Invest	77,415.86
Police Checking	4,907.18	Cemetery Account	3,988.27

#### **Public Participation**

None

#### **Agenda**

A motion to approve resolution 2023-6 Tax Collector Compensation for tax certification was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Robert Barnhart water issue- Supervisor Schultz looked into this prior to the meeting. Mr. Barnhart was not present.

A motion to approve Solicitor to initiate civil action for JPM holdings was made by Supervisor Carvajal, second by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

#### **Standing Reports**

The Building Code Official report was then read into the record. A motion to approve 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 an executive session at the end of the meeting for upcoming hearing. He reported working on Municipal Liens with Sue Ellen & Tax assessment appeal for 619 Rear Pinehill St. A Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Roadmasters report-Township workers have been cutting grass, doing road repairs (Sunset Street, Silverton Road Old Llewellyn Road. Workers have been doing equipment repairs and cleaning storm drains. Phoenix Park Fire Company assisted the Township with flushing a pipe on Main St in Phoenix Park. A piece of chicken wire was removed. 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 Officer Kattner. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. Officer Kattner then let the Board know that his Taser Certification needs to be renewed. This is a one-day class and certification is good for two years. A motion to approve the cost of 500.00 was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Arro Consulting report- 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.

## Old Business

619 Pine Hill St- Scheduled for demo within 3 weeks.

Delinquent Sanitation- Termination of Service Statement were sent 6/30/23

Walking Trail- Resident unavailable for conversation

Supervisor Schultz then asked where the Township stands with Reilly Township over police issues, this has been since last year and we have gotten nowhere since then. Solicitor DiNicola will reach out to their solicitor to set up a meeting for a status report. Supervisor Schultz would like answers for the next meeting.

Steve Kausen from the Llewellyn Hose Co. explained how they lost their fund raiser event due to the cost of insurance. They are having a carnival in September with bands playing till 11:00 pm (speakers facing the mountain) They wanted the Supervisors to be aware of the change to their fundraiser.

Harold Marks of West West Terrace – Seen a Bio solid permit that mentioned Branch Township in the paper. He wanted to know what can be done. After a lengthy discussion about our current ordinance a motion to approve Solicitor DiNicola to look into our current ordinance was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Harry Brown of Willing Street question who he would submit a formal complaint to. Supervisor Schultz said to submit it to the board.

Executive session 6:49-7:08

Meeting Adjourned 7:09

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sue Ellen Holley  
Secretary/ Treasurer

