

November 2023

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on November 20th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz(Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) John Andruchek (Building Code Official) Sue Ellen Holley(Secretary/ Treasurer) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning) David Bell (Planning Commission) Joseph Wenner (Police)

A motion to approve the October 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 Carvajal, the motion carried.

General Fund

Net Payroll 10/17-11/20	*23,914.60	Federal Tax Deposit	87.36
Federal Tax Deposit	1,439.48	Federal Tax Deposit	1,542.54
Federal Tax Deposit	1,363.48	PA Withholding	361.30
PA Withholding	376.94	Nationwide 457B	80.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,532.14	Federal Tax Deposit	1,406.74
PA Withholding	371.60	Arro Consulting	989.40
Borough Of Minersville	1,395.23	Brian Smith	180.00
Capital Blue Cross	9,106.14	Comcast	311.23
Dave Hammers Garage	50.00	Elan Financial	74.99
GFL	13,548.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
HA Thomson	435.00	Hadesty's	179.47
Highmark Blue Sheild	76.94	John Wank	180.00
Ken's Tire	53.00	Laudemans Pest Control	46.00
Lowes	9.48	Mike Franko Plumbing & Heating	251.00
Miller Distributing	54.05	Minersville Auto Parts	125.92
NEPA	295.00	PPL	513.07
PA One Call	9.65	Peifer's Fire Protection	98.27
Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	2,859.46	Pottsville Materials	356.56
Robert E Reedy's	594.94	Robert Houser	20.00
SCMA	80.00	SWIF	4,561.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	67.58	Sue Ellen Holley	15.50
United Concordia	337.45	Verizon	1,203.49
Capital One	520.23		

Liquid Fuels

Pottsville Materials	5,305.94	PPL	3,467.74
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Income

Berkheimer	21,067.89	Chris Michels (Dumpster permit)	25.00
Comcast	5,035.64	Commonwealth of PA	200.00
County Of Schuylkill	2,389.99	DAK Homes (Building Permit)	44.50
Delinquent Sanitation	598.00	District Justice Court	1,179.23
Dumpster Permit	25.00	Gail Bedford	6,002.23
Good Intent Hose Co. (Building Permit)	4.50	Irene Laudeman (Dumpster Permit)	25.00
Lori Woratyla(Dumpster Permit)	25.00	Reilly Township	3,746.76
Richard Yutko(Building Permit)	10.50	Rita Berry (Dumpster Permit)	25.00
Shawn Schmitt	1,000.00	Thomas Barr (Building Permit)	8.50
Trinity Solar (Building Permits)	468.50		

Account Balances

General Fund	1,817.61	PA Invest	240,487.46
Liquid Fuels	1,573.11	PA Invest	48,228.68
Police Checking	4,937.51	Cemetery	3,988.54

Public Comment

None-

Agenda

A motion to approve the 2024 proposed budget was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, All in favor.

Bids for 619R Pine Hill St- Bid 1. Cody Long (1,950.00) Bid 2. Ed & Dianne Sheaffer (2,001.00) A motion to approve the bid from Ed & Dianne was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

William Kattners RTK- He is requesting for the fee to be waved. Supervisor Houser made a motion to wave the fee. The motion died for lack of a second.

Branch Reilly Police Agreement- Solicitor DiNicola explained that a motion was made to split the agreement back in August for a 60-day termination. Supervisor Schultz said the agreement was up on Nov 20th. There was a lengthy discussion over issues. Supervisor Houser said this should have been put on the ballot. Supervisor Schultz then said no one will be losing their job. Another brief discussion over issues. Supervisor Schultz stated his motion still stands. Solicitor DiNicola explained the motion in August of 60 days. The Board still has options to continue meeting with Reilly Township or make a motion for a new termination date. Supervisor Schultz made a motion to extend the termination date to the end of the year with Reilly Township still being able to use the building. Supervisor Carvajal second. Robert Houser said Nay.

McDonald Subdivision- On recommendation of the Planning Commission- A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Kempfort Subdivision- On recommendation of the Planning Commission- A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Standing reports.

The Building Code Official was then read into the record by John Andruccheck. A motion to approve the report was made Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitors report- None. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, all in favor.

Road Masters report- Road repair and tar sealing (Black Diamond Road, Steins Mill, Wonderland Drive, Spring Street, 4th Ave, A Street, Pottsville Street, 3rd St, Dowdentown Rd & Silverton Road by the bridge) Catch basin repairs, grass cutting and equipment repairs. The Road Master also attended a solar workshop on Nov 15th. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Houser, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Police report- The Police report for September & October was then read into the record by Joseph Wenner. A motion to approve the reports was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

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

Old Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:34

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary / Treasurer