

October 16th, 2023

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on Monday October 16th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Robert Houser, David Schultz (Supervisors)Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) Sue Ellen Holley (Secretary /Treasurer) John Andrucheck(Building Code Official) William Kattner(Police)David Bell, Laine Gehres (Planning Commission) Tom Witmer, John Direnzo(Board of Appeals).

A Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the current month's bills was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

General Fund

Net Payroll 9/19-10/16/2023	20,676.81	Federal Tax Deposit	1,530.72
Federal Tax Deposit	87.34	PA Withholding	378.84
Federal Tax Deposit	1,955.50	Nationwide 457B	80.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,459.40	Federal Tax Deposit	1,428.00
PA Withholding	444.35	PA UC	53.91
PSATS UC	423.95	Berkheimer	117.00
Berkheimer	817.03	Elan Financial	5.01
Lowes	234.02	Sue Holley	30.62
Capital One	141.35	Wex Bank	1,276.29
Blythe Township	1,346.00	Branch Township Firemen Relief	9,331.85
Branch Township Tax Collector	139.89	Capital Blue Cross	8,353.31
Comcast	291.12	GFL	13,748.36
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Highmark Blue Sheild	37.34
Ken's Tire	15.00	Minersville Auto Parts	215.37
PPL	271.62	PA One Call	.50
Pottsville Materials	9,231.40	Pozza Trucking	1,200.00
Reading Precast	1,710.00	Robert E. Reedy's	371.35
Robert Houser	20.00	SCMA	80.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	145.01	United Concordia	417.69
Verizon	329.51		

Liquid Fuels

Groff Tractor	3,827.00	Pottsville Materials	811.14
PPL	3,468.22		

Income

Alex Schoffstall (Building Permit)	72.50	Amber Stahler (Dumpster permit)	25.00
Berkheimer	18,437.80	Chris Michels (Building Permit)	1,079.50
Commonwealth Of PA	9,331.85	County of Schuylkill	1,817.45
Delinquent Sanitation	3,392.00	District Justice Court	20.85
Gail Bedford	14,244.68	James Eisenhart (Dumpster permit)	25.00
Leo Viola (Building Permit)	24.50	Reilly Township Supervisors	3,546.29
Trinity Solar (Building Permit)	213.50		

Account Balances

General Fund	3,085.67	PA Invest	262,350.44
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ARPA	138,262.74		
Liquid Fuels	346.74	PA Invest	57,933.84
Police Checking	4,922.42	Cemetery	3,988.47

Public Participation

David Strausser questioned when Trick or Treat is? October 31st 6-8

Chairman Houser swore four new fire police in. Gladys Keifer, Robert Keifer, Eric Brown, Angie Haas.

Laine Gehres asked for updated-on the police agreement. Solicitor DiNicola explained there was a joint session and additional sessions maybe required.

William Kattner asked the Board to wave his Right to know fee. -No action taken.

Agenda

Supervisor Houser wanted to mention the outcome of the Fall cleanout- 357.00 was received, 178.50 goes to the County.

Standing reports

The Building Code Official Report was then read into the record by John Andruchek. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser. The motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Solicitor DiNicola reported sessions with Reilly Township. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Houser, the motion carried.

Road Masters Report-Road repair in the following areas Black Diamond Road, Woodland Drive, B Street, A Street, Lytle Street. Tree Removal in the following areas Black Diamond Road, Phoenix Park Road. Grass cutting & equipment repairs. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Houser, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Police report- Tabled till next meeting.

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

Supervisor Houser then read a thank you letter received from Dan & Faye Guyeski thanking the Road Dept for their hard work on Maple Street that fixed a water issue.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the Fire Police to participate in the Pine Grove Parade & Tremont Parade to help with traffic control. Seconded By Houser the motion carried.

David Strausser also asked when work would be done on his road. Supervisor Schultz will look into it.

Mary Jo Moss a write- in candidate for commissioner then introduced herself to the Board and the residents present.

Meeting adj: 6:29

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer

