

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Branch Township Board of Supervisor held their monthly meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz Sr, (Supervisors)Gino DiNicola (solicitor) John Andruchek (Building Code Official) David Bell (Planning Commission) Joanne Bingaman( Zoning Hearing Board) Sue Ellen Holley ( secretary/ treasurer) Danelle Wank (auditor).

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with a correction to the net payroll was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. The previously reported amount was 33,169.89. The corrected amount is \*23,914.60.

A motion to approve the current month's bills was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

### General Fund

Net Payroll 11/21-12/18/23	17,023.13	Federal Tax Deposit	1,482.50
Federal Tax Deposit	87.40	Federal Tax Deposit	1,423.74
PA Withholding	540.43	Nationwide 457B	100.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,277.38	Wex Bank	1,447.43
Capital One	141.25	Elan Financial	950.24
Lowe's	67.81	Comcast	344.47
Schuylkill County	2,001.00	SWIF	551.00
United States Post Office	132.00	Capital Blue Cross	6,466.65
GFL	13,948.36	Hadesty's	59.34
Highmark Blue Sheild	38.47	Jacobi Zigarski	99.97
Ken's Tire	651.00	Minersville Auto	42.53
Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	2,512.50	Pro Keystone Garage	1,154.78
Republican Herald	52.02	Robert E. Reedy's	1,010.33
United Concordia	377.57	United States Post Office	70.00
Verizon	329.51	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Robet Houser	20.00	PPL	298.08

### Liquid Fuels

American Rock Salt	2,008.34	Fehr Supply	1,065.00
Lehigh Asphalt	793.44	Pottsville Materials	1,848.17
Storks Plow	700.00		

### Income

Berkheimer	19,270.84	Commonwealth Of PA	619.73
County of Schuylkill	10,235.87	Delinquent Sanitation	2,891.00
District Justice Court	2,763.34	Edward Shaeffer	2,001.00
Estate Of Barbra Ondo	1,919.00	Gail Bedford	5,738.32
Powerton Generators Inc.(building permit)	54.89	PSATS UC	493.61
Reilly Township Supervisors	3,728.26		

## Account Balances

General Fund	18,415.78	PA Invest	231,658.19
ARPA	138,403.69		
Liquid Fuels	658.22	PA Invest	43,004.85
Police Checking	4,952.59	Cemetery	3,988.61

## Public Comment

Bob Laughlin of Dowedentown Rd expressed his concerns and disapproval of the Boards decision regarding the police department.

Paul Kennedy – expressed his concerns and disapproval of the Boards decision regarding the police department. He also had questions about coverage, vehicles, part time hours and the budget. He also said he felt this should have been a question on the ballot. Supervisor Carvajal explained we have one full time officer and two possibly three part time officers. Supervisor Carvajal also stated that this was a hard decision and explained that some of his concerns will be answered with the agenda items.

David Bell asked where will Wenner be? Supervisor Carvajal explained he is Reilly Townships full time employee.

## Agenda

A motion to approve the 2024 Budget was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A Motion to approve the purchase 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor for 37,897.00 Costars price was approved by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

A motion to approve transfer ARPA Funds for purchase of Police Interceptor was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve the purchase of police radios was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve the transfer of ARPA funds for purchase of police radios was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve ordering new police ticket books was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve sending the car for new lettering saying Branch Township Police was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve the ordering of new patches and badges to Branch Township Polie was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Solicitor DiNicola then recommended the board to notify the proper agencies for the police separation. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

## Standing reports

The Building Code Official report was then read into the record by John Andrucheck. A motion to approve the report

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

Solicitor DiNicola reported working on the deed for 619 rear Pinehill St. there was also two executive sessions regarding police matters. 12/7/2023 & 12/14/2023. Solicitor DiNicola also needed a motion to advertise meeting dates for 2024. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Road Masters Report- Road repair (Phoenix Park Rd, Main St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Dowdowntown Rd) Grass cutting, cleaning catch basins, equipment repairs, Christmas tree install that was donated by Earl Kempfort with a star that was donated by Joyce Beach. The Road Master also thanked Rick Yutko for the removal of dilapidated home on clay street. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Carvajal read the police report into the record. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Arro Consulting report- None

Old Business- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:20

Respectfully submitted by  
Sue Ellen Holley  
Secretary/ Treasurer