

February 19th 2024

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on February 19th at 6:00 pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz, Sue Ellen Holley(Supervisors) Gino DiNicola(Solicitor) John Andruchek (Building Code Official) Joanne Bingaman(Zoning Hearing Board) John Drenzo (Appeals Board).

A Motion to approve The January meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

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

General Fund

Net Payroll 1/16-2/19/2024	24,770.00	Federal Tax Deposit	58.28
Federal Tax Deposit	1,652.02	PA Withholding	362.54
Federal Tax Deposit	1,523.16	Federal Tax Deposit	1,562.64
Berkheimer	129.30	Federal Tax Deposit	1,351.78
PA Withholding	384.40	Federal Tax Deposit	1,370.04
Nationwide 457B	100.00	Capital One	294.18
Elan Financial	1,000.95	Nationwide 457B	39.40
Wex Bank	1,868.55	Shawn Shoener	1,500.00
Arro Consulting	2,999.35	Borough Of Minersville	1,395.23
Capital Blue Cross	5,713.82	Center Street	29.98
Comcast	288.13	Commonwealth Of PA	60.00
Dave Hammer's Garage	928.25	Eastern Press	138.90
GFL	13,748.36	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Hadesty's	13.17	Highmark Blue Sheild	51.58
Ken's Tire	638.64	Kovatch Inc	484.26
Laudeman Pest Control	50.00	Minersville Auto	853.82
PPL	276.22	Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	1,125.00
Republican Herald	90.04	SCMA	80.00
Scott- Mirriman	459.80	SWIF	551.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	155.67	Tokarick Printing	623.17
Verizon	262.45	United Concordia	80.24
Victor Muncy	400.00	Schawn Schmitt	99.64
Storks Plow	397.00	Zerby Law Office	1,314.66
Robert E Reedy's	1,343.42		

Liquid Fuels

American Rock Salt	1,886.92	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	254.56
No Sweat Service Group	3,542.57	PPL	3,464.48
Storks Plow	1,180.00		

Income

Berkheimer	30,517.31	Chris Michels (Dumpster permit)	25.00
Comcast	4,982.73	Delinquent Sanitation	2,892.50
District Justice Court	160.02	Gail Bedford	8,550.50
Jill Nettles (Zoning Permit)	50.00	LexisNexis	15.00
Reading Anthracite	1,300.00	Schuylkill County	953.39
Theresa Guthrie (Dumpster Permit)	25.00	Trinity Solar (Building Permit)	149.42

Account Balances

General Fund	7,704.80	Pa Invest	218,839.93
ARPA	100,635.33		
Liquid Fuels	695.09	PA Invest	25,949.79
Police Checking	4,952.76	Cemetery Checking	3,988.74

Public Comment- None

Agenda

CLS Solar Project- This is still in the planning phase. Solicitor DiNicola explained that our current ordinance does not have a decommissioning plan. Solicitor DiNicola suggest they post a bond for an estimated decommissioning of the solar panels. James Moore from Lehigh Engineering said he didn't see a problem with that. James thought the Board could approve the plan tonight. Solicitor DiNicola advised the board to wait until the County and Conservation district approve. Solicitor DiNicola then recommended a stand-alone ordinance for this.

Solicitor DiNicola then Requested approval to work on decommissioning bond. A Motion to approve Solicitor DiNicola's request was made by Supervisor Schultz, Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to approve Joe Kavanaugh for Pt Police at the rate of 21.00hr was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

A motion to put all new hires on a six-month probationary period was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to approve the purchase of two shirts for the Pt police employees was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to appoint Ray Sukeena & John Dizenzo to the Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

The Building Code official report was read into the record by John Andruchek. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Solicitors report- Solicitor DiNicola aided in code enforcement. He is still waiting for Bill Reilly for administration purposes. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, All in favor.

Roadmasters report-Township workers have been doing equipment repairs, Tree removal along Liberty St., Road repairs (Main Street – Phoenix Park) Cold Patch throughout the township, Snow and ice removal, cleaning up limbs and trees down from storms. The Roadmaster also had a review of bridge inspections for Silverton Road & Brickey Road. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

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

Arro Consulting report- none

Meeting adjourned at 6:20

Respectfully submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary / Treasurer

