

January 15th, 2024

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly meeting was held on January 15th at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz, Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) John Andruczek (Building Code Official) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board) John Direnzo (Appeals Board).

Supervisor Carvajal opened the meeting with welcoming Sue Ellen Holley

A motion to approve the December Minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

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

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 12/19/2023-1/15/2024	16,856.43	Federal Tax Deposit	87.40
Federal Tax Deposit	1,246.58	PA Withholding	311.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,276.28	Nationwide 457B	80.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,077.54	PA Withholding	307.87
Federal Tax Deposit	1,184.44	Berkheimer	109.00
Berkheimer	739.17	PA UC	50.31
PSATS UC	116.77	Capital One	91.20
Elan Financial	101.00	Nationwide 457B	488.80
SCMA	80.00	Blythe Township	1,346.00
Capital Blue Cross	4,770.49	Comcast	437.69
Dave Hammer's Garage	1,571.50	GFL	13,748.36
Hadesty's	65.63	Kens Tire	3,029.07
Kock 33 Ford	37,897.00	Miller Distributing	52.33
Minersville Auto	368.18	No Sweat Service Group	380.00
PA One Call	.50	PSATS	986.00
Republican Herald	729.78	Robert E Reedy's	690.37
SCMA	80.00	SWIF	551.00
United Concordia	377.57	Verizon	329.55
Kovatch Inc	14,221.69	Gino DiNicola	180.00

Liquid Fuels

PPL	3,467.72	Lehigh Asphalt	218.88
PPL	3,448.08		

Income

Berkheimer	6,892.87	Schuylkill County	4,112.49
Delinquent Sanitation	541.00	Gail Bedford	8,806.47
Parking Ticket	20.00	Priynse Enterprise (Building permit)	209.50
Reilly Township	3,780.56	Schuylkill County Conservation District	29,605.54
Shawn Schmitt (zoning permit)	75.00	Victor Raczka (Building Permit)	8.50

Account Balances

General Fund	2,652.65	PA Invest	232,758.47
ARPA	100,572.67		
Liquid Fuels	23.60	PA Invest	36,745.68
Police Checking	4,952.67	Cemetery Checking	3,988.57

Public Comment

Kathy Benyak of Liberty Street thanked the road crew for how well the road was kept in the last snowstorm. She also was wondering who owned the cemetery behind her house due to overgrown trees that threaten her property. Supervisor Schultz will look into this for the next meeting.

Agenda

A motion to approve resolution 2024-6 for the Sewage enforcement fee schedule was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Executive session – held for end of meeting

A motion to approve the resignation of David Bell from the Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to approve the resignation of Scott Schinkel of the Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

Standing reports

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

Solicitors report – request executive session for the end of the meeting for termination of consolidated police services.

Roadmasters report-Road repair and cleanup (Brickey Road, Clay Street, Main Street, Silverton Road, Sunset Street, Church Road, Black Diamond Road) Snow Plowing and salting, truck repairs and inspections, Christmas tree pickup. 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.

Police report- none

Arro Consulting report- none

Executive session- 6:18-6:40

Administrative item – The Schmitt variance was approved before the Zoning Hearing Board.

A Motion to approve a resolution to establish Branch Township Police Department was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. 2024-7

Meeting adjourned 6:42

Respectfully submitted by:
 Sue Ellen Holley
 Secretary / Treasurer