

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on March 18th 2024 at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz Sr. (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) John Direnzo (Planning Commission) Brandon Witmer (Zoning Hearing Board) Tom Witmer (appeals board).

A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, 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 2/19-3/18/24	16,466.96	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	2,055.70	PA Withholding	584.23
Federal Tax Deposit	1,421.52	PA Withholding	345.41
Federal Tax Deposit	1,277.72	Federal Tax Deposit	1,153.60
United States Post Office	132.00	HA Tomson	348.00
E.T. Trophy	199.55	Elan Financial	1,922.05
Wex Bank	1,182.73	Capital Blue Cross	4,212.41
Casella	13,748.36	Comcast	289.40
HA Tomson	500.00	Hadesty's	81.70
Minersville Auto	51.87	Nerdy IT	120.00
No Sweat Service Group	381.25	PPL	188.51
PA One Call	10.15	Pfeiffer Brown DiNicola & Frantz	2,000.00
PSATS	240.00	Republican Herald	152.18
Robert E Reedy's	647.45	SCMA	80.00
Schuylkill County Treasurer	224.96	Shawn Shoener	144.00
SWIF	551.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	11.17
Verizon	290.74	Victor Muncy	210.00
Kovatch Inc.	1,461.52	Schuylkill County Treasurer	185.44
Gino DiNicola	180.00		

Liquid Fuels

PPL	3,464.35	Storks Plow	100.00
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Income

Berkheimer	23,606.02	Schuylkill County	2,838.02
Delinquent Sanitation	7,059.00	District Justice Court	71.14
Douglas Tagglieri (building Permit)	45.95	Joe Tagglieri (building permit)	51.72
EMH (dumpster permit)	25.00	Marliey Dejesus (building permit)	44.50

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Mervin Hursh (building permit)	276.50	Metropolitan Reporting Bureau	15.00
Reitz Mechanical Inc. (building permit)	104.50	Richard Yutko (dumpster permit)	25.00
Williams, Friedburg & Jones	15.00		

Account Balances

General Fund	3,592.98	PA Invest	204,897.76
ARPA	100,683.30		
Liquid Fuels	830.80	PA Invest	22,502.79
Police Checking	4,952.84	Cemetery Checking	3,988.80

Public Comment

Will Yourey questioned if Laudemans Lane was a township road or a private drive. Supervisor Schultz said part of it is township road.

Melanie Thopson asked for a slow down sign on Pear St. Supervisor Schultz said ok.

Jerry Labooty asked for no outlet signs on both sides of Spruce St. and speedbump.

Tom Witmer expressed his concerns and disapproval of the work being done on Clay St./ Cemetery Road. Supervisor Schultz said they had to put run offs in and will be looking into Dirt & Gravel.

Joyce Lord had a complaint of a barking dog and asked if we had an ordinance.

Cecil Thompson complained about potholes on Pear St.

Jerry Labooty asked if we are opening Clay and Spruce Street soon. Supervisor Schultz explained they are working to fill to get to the ash trees that need to be cut.

David Strausser said Strausertown Rd and the Alley behind church needs fill. Supervisor Schultz will look into this.

Ryan Weachock questioned how far the Township Road in Ramtown is. Does it go up the hill to the gun club? Supervisor Schultz will look into this.

Ryan Weachock said the ball court needs backboards and nets. Supervisor Schultz said we are working on that.

Agenda

A motion to approve Daniel Weikel at 21.00 hr with a six-month probation was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

CLS Solar – Solicitor DiNicola explained they are looking for conditional approval. Solicitor DiNicola received the decommissioning plan. Solicitor DiNicola explained the Board can approve conditionally upon completion of all things still needed. Hold off on all building permits until everything is met. The Township engineers have nothing against this. A motion to approve CLS conditionally was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Administrative item for Branch /Reilly- A motion to sign the Branch Reilly Termination agreement was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

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Standing reports

A motion to approve the Building Code Official report was made by Supervisor Shultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitor DiNicola reported working on preparing for upcoming hearing for Sunset St on 3/22. Reviewing CLS solar project and Branch/ Reilly administrative item. A Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried.

Road Master report-Storm cleanup throughout the Township, Road repairs (Clay St., Barnhart Lane) the unopened part of Barnhart Lane had a pipe installed across the road for drainage. The shale that is being dug from Clay St. is being used to fill in valley to help remove trees and brush. Equipment repairs. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Carvajal, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

A motion to approve the police report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, the motion carried. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Arro Consulting report- none

Old Business- none

Meeting Adjourned 6:29

Meeting minutes taken by Supervisor Carvajal
Typed by Sue Ellen Holley