

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday October 21st, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schults Sr. Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor).

A motion to approve the September 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 9/17-10/21/2024	24,087.89	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,856.08	PA Withholding	446.53
Federal Tax Deposit	1,485.30	PSATS UC	380.84
PA UC	52.92	Federal Tax Deposit	1,324.58
Berkheimer	802.58	Berkheimer	93.00
PA Withholding	342.33	Federal Tax Deposit	1,256.12
Arro Consulting	684.14	Axon Enterprise	6,600.07
Blythe Township	1,346.00	Branch Township Fire Relief	9,460.66
Capital Blue Cross	3,024.27	Casella	13,948.36
Comcast	291.55	Comprehensive Inspection Agency	250.00
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Hadesty's	38.39
Highmark Blue Shield	13.50	In- Synch Systems	525.00
Ken's Tire	25.00	Laudeman Pest Control	50.00
Miller Municipal Supply	581.10	Minersville Auto	119.23
PPL	332.85	PA One Call	.50
Peiffer's Fire Protection	174.90	Republican Herald	1,407.96
Robert E. Reedy's	179.77	Sands Ford	89.95
SCMA	80.00	United Concordia	179.35
Verizon	290.94	Lowes	152.91
Wex Bank	965.14	Elan Financial	975.10
Capital Blue Cross	3,342.77		

Liquid Fuels

Dave Hammer's Garage	539.00	Lehigh Asphalt	1,044.72
New Enterprise Stone	2,550.59	Pottsville Materials	2,528.31
PPL	3,319.36		

Income

Berkheimer	15,466.59	Commonwealth Of PA	9,460.66
Commonwealth Of PA	200.00	Crown Castle (Building Permit)	324.50
Delinquent Sanitation	2,500.00	Dorothy Schultz (Building Permit)	22.50
Freddia Massari (Demo permit)	26.10	Gail Bedford	14,166.58
Giowffthy Espinosa (building permit)	54.50	H A Thomson	711.00
Leigh Ann Siminitus (Dumpster permit)	25.00	Schuylkill County	7,953.37

Account Balances

General Fund	22,743.46	PA Invest	222,540.67
ARPA	20,956.72	PA Invest Sub Account	131,519.67
Liquid Fuels	140.38	PA Invest LF	60,882.24
Cemetery Checking	3,989.27		

Public Participation

Bob Laughlin said the Fire police will be available and will a police officer be on for Trick or Treat night.

Agenda

Sanitation- Anthracite Waste services bid- 1yr 166,500.00, 3yr 511,200.00, 5yr 871,200.00
Casella bid- 1yr 175,500.00, 3yr 542,452.95 , 5yr 931,753.33

A motion to award Anthracite Waste as the lowest bidder for the 5yr contract contingent on Solicitors final review was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Transfers- A motion to approve the transfer of 6,600.07 (Police equipment) from the ARPA account to the General fund was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

Weight limits on roads- Solicitor DiNicola explained the process to do so. A motion to approve a Board Member to meet with Arro Consulting was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Standing Reports

BCO – None

Solicitors Report- Solicitor DiNicola reported the Township received a letter from Lehigh Engineering regarding Selkirk mining reclamation being completed. Solicitor DiNicola requested a motion for approval to contact DEP. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

Solicitor DiNicola explained Act 94 – Supervisors compensation. Solicitor DiNicola recommended consideration. A motion to approve a draft was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

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

Road Masters report- Road repairs – Dowdentown Rd, West West Ave, Maple St, Hill Terrace Drive, Oak St, Old Llewellyn Rd, Northwest Lawn, B Street, Maple St (New Minersville). Equipment repairs, Playground cleanup (4th St.) Tree removal (Cherry Lane, Dowdentown Rd) Tar Buggy Sealing (Oak St., West West Ave, Maple St, Hill Terrace Drive, Llewellyn Rd, North West Lawn. 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- 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.

Old Business

Supervisor Schultz requested Solicitor DiNicola to send a letter to the resident on Spring St that is encroaching on the Township Road. Solicitor DiNicola will look into options being it is half Minersville and half Branch.

Adjournment 6:47

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary / Treasurer