

September 16th, 2024

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on September 16th, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz, Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) John Andruchek (Building Code Official) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board).

A motion to approve the August 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 Holley, all in favor.

General Fund

Net Payroll 8/20-9/16/24	18,719.42	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,838.14	Federal Tax Deposit	1,212.52
Federal Tax Deposit	1,277.18	Federal Tax Deposit	1,313.18
PA Withholding	401.04	PA Withholding	344.54
Elan Financial	1,200.32	Wex Bank	677.31
Casella	13,748.36	Comcast	292.05
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Good Intent Fire Company	2,000.00
Governmental Forms	97.88	Hadesty's	261.08
Highmark Blue Shield	13.11	Jones & Co	6,500.00
Lehigh Asphalt	6,103.44	Miller Municipal Supply	2,822.95
Phoenix Park Fire Co	2,000.00	Republican Herald	405.52
Robert E Reedy's	95.97	SCMA	80.00
Schuylkill County	240.00	Schuylkill County Township Officials	75.00
SWIF	543.00	Steel & Metal Service Center	12.94
Troop Contracting	6,000.00	United Concordia	219.47
Verizon	290.90		

Liquid Fuels

Groff Tractor	563.16	Lehigh Asphalt	434.16
New Enterprise stone & Lime	3,584.23	PPL	3,319.36
Reading Precast	1,250.00	Kramer's Power Equipment	720.07
New Enterprise Stone & Lime	876.91		

Income

Berkheimer	25,577.91	Commonwealth Of PA	1,022.38
Davis Shultz Sr (Building Permit)	22.42	Delinquent Sanitation	607.00
Dorothy Schultz (Building Permit)	18.50	Eric Briggs (Dumpster Permit)	25.00
Fall Cleanup	480.00	Gail Bedford	32,523.15
Henry Sanchez (Building Permit)	22.50	Jordan Seiler (Building permit)	20.50
Leigh Ann Siminitus (dumpster permit)	25.00	Ray Padelsky (Driveway permit)	50.00
Richard Yutko (Building Permit)	22.50	Schuylkill County	3,310.07

Yeilin Miller (Zoning Permit) 85.00

Account Balances

General Fund	43,581.53	PA Invest	221,523.91
		PA Invest GF Sub Account	130,918.87
ARPA	27,541.69		
Liquid Fuels	122.32	PA Invest LF	70,494.59
Cemetery Checking	3,989.13		

Public Comment

David Strausser asked if an officer will be on for Trick or Treat night. Supervisor Carvajal said yes.

Agenda

A motion to approve Trick or Treat night to be October 31st 6pm-8pm Rain Date to follow Minersville was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

A motion to approve transfers dated 9/13/2024 from the ARPA Account to the General fund was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

2,822.95 (Roadway Supplies) 6,103.44(Roadway Supplies) 6,000.00 (Roadway Professional Services)215.20 (Playground Supplies)2,000.00 (Fire Donation Phenix Park) 2,000.00 Fire Donation Good Intent).

Solicitor DiNicola explained the Sanitation Bids. One Bid was received from Casella. (1yr - 175,500.00) -(2yr-542,452.95) -(5yr-931,753.33) Solicitor DiNicola explained the Board could accept the bid reject the bid and advertise again for bids. Supervisor Schultz would like to rebid, Supervisor Holley agrees. A motion to reject the bid was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor. A motion to authorize Solicitor DiNicola to readvertise the bid for the October meeting was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, 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 Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Roadmasters report for August & September- Brush and tree removal along Dowdowntown road and High St., Ditch repairs (Willing St and Behind the post office) Road repairs- (3rd St. Dowdowntown Rd, Liberty Dr.) Playground painting. A motion to approve the reports was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Solicitor DiNicola reported no litigation updates, and working on the sanitation. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

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.

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Old Business

Phoenix Park Playground Lease- Supervisor Carvajal could not vote on this due to being part of the fire company. A brief discussion about the streetlight was had between Supervisor Schultz and Supervisor Holley. A motion to approve the lease renewal conditionally was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20

Respectfully submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer