

November 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz Sr., Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board)

A motion to approve the October 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 10/22-11/18	18,231.10	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,334.78	Federal Tax Deposit	1,265.20
PA Withholding	520.09	Federal Tax Deposit	10.00
Federal Tax Deposit	1,402.78	PA Withholding	372.63
Federal Tax Deposit	1,397.58	Elan Financial	349.30
Wex Bank	685.75	Elan Financial	77.93
HA Thomson	435.00	State Workers Insurance Fund	4,909.00
Arro Consulting	71.00	Borough Of Minersville	1,395.23
Casella	13,748.36	Center Street	20.99
Comcast	291.41	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Guers Topsoil	1,310.00	Hadesty's	295.37
Highmark Blue Shield	13.50	Minersville Auto	31.31
Nerdy IT	352.50	Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	2,212.50
Pottsville Materials	8,347.16	SCMA	80.00
Tropp Contracting	4,500.00	United Concordia	179.35
Verizon	290.98		

**Liquid Fuels**

America Rock Salt	1,979.21	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	588.24
Pottsville Materials	6,303.85		

**Income**

Berkheimer	28,132.65	Chris Michels (Dumpster Permit)	25.00
Comcast	4,921.08	Delinquent Sanitation	791.00
District Justice Court	5.25	EMH (Building Permit)	20.50
Gail Bedford	6,582.70	Photocopies	1.00
Robert Scales (Dumpster)	25.00	Schuykill County	2,251.95

## Account Balances

General Fund	3,271.77	PA Invest GF	223,475.22
PA Invest Gf Sub	132,072.08		
ARPA	19,356.98		
Liquid Fuels	269.12	PA Invest LF	52,202.98
Cemetery Checking	3,989.34		

## Public Comment

Shawn Smitt- thanked the road department for the work done on Oak St.

David Strausser asked when work will be done in his area.

## Agenda

A motion to approve the proposed 2025 Budget was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, All in favor.

A motion to approve paying for the Phoenix Park playground streetlight was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, The motion carried. Supervisor Carvajal did not vote due to being part of the Fire Company.

A motion to approve the LSA grant resolution 2024-10 (skid loader) was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal , all in favor.

A motion to approve and set the BCO hours starting January 2025 at Monday & Thursday 7am-11am, was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, All in favor.

Solicitor DiNicola explained the old cap of 1,875.00 for Supervisors compensation could be raised to not more than 3,145.00. A motion to approve the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance for Supervisors compensation to be raise to 2,000.00 yearly, paid monthly only if attending the monthly meeting was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve transfers from the ARPA account to the General Fund dated 11/16 with a correction to the date of 11/18 was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. 199.90 (playground swing hardware) 100.55 (playground Swing chains) 1,310.00 (Playground Mulch).

## Standing Reports

The Building Code Official Reports for October and November were read into the record by Supervisor Carvajal. A motion to approve the reports was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office.

Solicitor DiNicola reported sending a formal letter to DEP for confirmation of reclamation for the Selkirk mining. Solicitor DiNicola also has been working with Anthracite Waste about the sanitation contract and the bond required. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

Roadmasters Report- Road repairs (B St., Maple St., A St., Pottsville St., West Lawn, Oak St, High St.)  
Road Maintenance -Mill St. & sealing roads. 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.

A motion to approve the Arro consulting 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.

Meeting Adjourned 6:24

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sue Ellen Holley  
Secretary/ Treasurer