January 20th 2025

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on January 20th, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz Sr, Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor).

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

A motion to approve the current months bills was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

General Fund

Net payroll 12/17-01/20	19,143.19	Federal Tax Deposit	58.28
Federal Tax Deposit	1,007.18	Federal Tax Deposit	1,386.58
PA Withholding	315.18	Federal Tax Deposit	1,035.10
PSATS UC	221.45	PA UC	48.18
Berkheimer	801.85	Federal Tax Deposit	1,060.14
PA Withholding	271.51	Elan Financial	363.43
Wex Bank	975.31	Air Brake & Power	100.00
Arro Consulting	158.00	Blythe Township	1,346.00
Capital Blue Cross	3,342.77	Casella	400.00
Comcast	299.91	Branch Township Tax Collector	893.00
Gino DiNicola	180.00	Hadesty's	74.41
Highmark Blue Shield	22.50	James Pothering	75.17
Miller Distributing	52.33	Minersville Auto	409.80
PPL	172.65	PA One Call	1.00
Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz	1,650.00	Republican Herald	775.82
Robert E Reedy's	1,092.23	Sands Ford	52.29
SCMA	80.00	Schuylkill County Law Library	5.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	12.05	United Concordia	179.35
Verizon	290.94	YCG	224.00
Anthracite Waste	14,520.00		

Liquid Fuels

American Rock Salt	1,948.77	New Enterprise Stone & Lime	213.00
Pottsville Materials	323.95	PPL	3,397.98

Income

Berkheimer	8,996.76	Christopher Schank (zoning permit)	50.00
Commonwealth Of PA	170.40	Connie Bush (Dumpster)	25.00
Schuylkill County	408.37	Delinquent Sanitation	1,550.00
Gail Bedford	18,098.12	Gary Schultz (Building permit)	54.50
LexisNexis	45.00	PSATS UC	397.34

Account Balances

General Fund	500.58	PA Invest	187,253.90
		PA Invest GF Sub	133,125.89
ARPA	8,093.70		
Liquid Fuels	266.77	PA Invest	37,799.35
Cemetery Checking	4,189.47		

Public Comment

Mike Direnzo questioned if the board received the dry hydrant information he dropped off. Solicitor DiNicola will cover this during his report.
David Strausser said the Township did a good job in the last storm.

Agenda

A motion to start the process for Sunset St., Willow St., Clay St. (Cemetery Road) to be added to liquid fuels was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion for Solicitor DiNicola to investigate, update and amend the UCC ordinance was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Standing Reports

BCO Report- N/A

Solicitor DiNicola reported receiving information on the dry hydrant agreement dated 1999. Solicitor DiNicola spoke with Branch Township Fire Chief Micheal Pothering who suggests the hydrant be moved to the front of the pond. After a lengthy discussion Solicitor DiNicola would need more information on this. Solicitor DiNicola does not recommend the Township get involved in neighbor disputes. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Roadmasters Report- Township workers have been cleaning up downed trees, equipment repairs, cleaning up the cemetery and snow removal. A motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, 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.

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.

Old Business

The Board Members signed the lease agreement with Phoenix Park Community Fire Co. for the playground.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34

Respectfully submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley