April 28th 2025

The Branch Township Board Of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on April 28th, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance was Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz, Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) John Direnzo (Planning Commission) John Andruchek (BCO).

A moment of silence for Anthony G. Bertasavage Jr., (a previous supervisor).

A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, 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 3/18-4/28/25	30,277.08	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,397.22	Federal Tax Deposit	1,320.96
Federal Tax Deposit	1,468.66	Federal Tax Deposit	1,460.98
Federal Tax Deposit	2,389.96	Federal Tax Deposit	1,319.32
Federal Tax Deposit	1,456.28	PA Withholding 330.87	330.87
PA Withholding	365.74	PA Withholding	477.35
Berkheimer	782.14	PA UC	47.85
PSATS UC	1,289.92	Witmer Engineering	5,801.25
Lowes	65.52	Wex Bank	671.16
Elan Financial	195.00	Ann Lukacz	120.00
Anthracite Waste	14,520.00	Blythe Township	1,346.00
Capital Blue Cross	852.63	Casella	400.00
Comcast	240.57	Comprehensive Inspection	200.00
David Schultz Jr.	200.00	Hadesty's	78.54
Highmark Blue Sheild	9.00	Minersville Auto	7.39
PPL	287.69	PA One Call	4.00
PIRMA	20,105.00	Robert E Reedy's	702.43
SCMA	80.00	United Concordia	139.23
Verizon	290.94	Zerbe Law	4,061.54
Comcast	195.08	Arro Consulting	635.90
Borough Of Minersville	1,465.34	Capital Blue Cross	1,245.07
Casella	400.00	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Motorola Solutions	1,785.71	PPL	255.92
Robert E Reedy's	519.50		

Liquid Fuels

Fehr Supply	320.65	New Stone & Lime	731.34
PPL	3,454.75	Reading Precast	2,040.00
Steel & Metal Service	211.04		

Income

Berkheimer	19,009.60	Brett Rutecky	3,000.00
Cor Construction (Dumpster Permit)	25.00	Delinquent Sanitation	6,308.00
District Justice Court	7.25	Evan Davis (Building Permit)	18.50
Extra Sanitation Services	320.00	Gail Bedford	78,081.62
Juan Jose Antiqua (Building Permit)	30.50	Kimba Industries (Building Permit)	317.50
Leigh Ann Siminitus (Dumpster Permit	25.00	Lexis Nexis	30.00
Ostroff Godshall	15.00	Phoenix Park Community Fire Co. (Building Permit)	4.50
Police report	15.00	Schuylkill County	2,842.93
Teagan Laubach (Zoning Permit)	75.00		

Account Balances

General Fund	18,764.34	PA Invest GF	153,384.44
Pa Invest GF Sub	134,581.91	ARPA	2.03
Liquid Fuels	134.08	LF PA Invest	98,718.22
Cemetery Checking	4,189.67		

Public Comment

David Strausser questioned a peddler that is by Kings village. Supervisor Carvajal explained that is in Norwegian Twp.

Mike Direnzo questioned the dry hydrant issue. Solicitor DiNicola advised the Board not to take any action.

Agenda

Blackwood Street vacation- Paperwork was submitted on 3/17/2025 for the vacation of portions of Blackwood St. and East St. A portion of Blackwood St had a house built on it in 1999. The current landowner owns 4 parcels surrounding the portions of the request to vacate. A discussion about a permanent easement for snow removal, possible consolidation of the parcels, and signature from Robert Laudeman. Attorney Pellish will discuss it with his client.

Memorial Day parade- A motion to approve the parade for May 26th at 8:00 am weather permitting was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

A motion to approve the fall cleanup dates September 4&5th 8am-3pm & September 6th 8am-2pm was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Slifko's request to lease township property connected to his for-parking purposes only. No one had come to the meeting for the request. No action had been taken due to lack of information.

A motion to purchase and post a sign on Pine Hill St for No Tractor Trailers was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor, Carvajal, all in favor.

Timber Ordinance- A complaint was made to the Attorney General's office about our ordinance. However, they submitted the 2007 one and the Township updated in 2009. Solicitor DiNicola does not see the need to make any changes to the 2009 ordinance at this time.

Standing reports

The Building Official report was read into the record by John Andruchek. 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.

Solicitors report- Solicitor DiNicola gave his report throughout the meeting. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Holley, all in favor.

Roadmasters report-Township workers have installed pipe at the intersection of Sunset & Willow, repaired signs, cleaned storm drains, pothole repairs & repaired 54ft of blacktop on Church Road. A complete report will be kept on file at the Township office. 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 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 for March & April- A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor. A Complete report will be kept on file at the Township Office.

Meeting adjourned at : 6:42

Respectfully submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary/ Treasurer