June 16th 2025

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on June 16th 2025 at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance were Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz, Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola (Solicitor) Joanne Bingaman (Zoning Hearing Board) John Andruchek (Building Code Official.

A motion to approve the May meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, 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 5/20-6/16	21,291.36	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	2,039.70	Federal Tax Deposit	1,219.88
Federal Tax Deposit	1,381.92	Federal Tax Deposit	2,301.58
PA Withholding	416.31	PA Withholding	444.12
H.A. Thomson	24,079.00	H.A. Thomson	25.00
Wex Bank	715.22	Elan Financial	1,072.05
Elan Financial	93.04	Capital Blue Cross	1,245.07
SWIFT	1,197.00	United Concordia	139.23
Clyde Beach	127.19	Anthracite Waste	14,520.00
Casella	400.00	Comcast	155.25
Eastern Press	169.90	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Hadesty's	100.58	Kramer's Power Equipment	177.65
Minersville Auto Parts	425.83	Republican Herald	257.34
Robert E Reedy's	96.84	SCMA	80.00
Steel & Metal Service Center	43.89	Sue Ellen Holley (Copies from Courthouse)	21.75
Comcast	143.83		

Liquid Fuels

Pottsville Materials	150.22	PPL	3,531.71

Income

Accu Finish Carpentry (building Permit)	152.70	Berkheimer	20,591.38
Clifford Hutton (dumpster permit)	25.00	Comercial Alvarez	74.50
Commonwealth of PA	485.99	David Schutlz III (dumpster permit)	25.00
Delinquent Sanitation	2,780.00	Eric Sellin (dumpster permit)	25.00
Extra Sanitation	180.00	Gail Bedford	70,195.38
Joseph Bosak (building permit)	42.50	Keith Mondererwicz (building permit)	74.50

Lexis Nexis	30.00	Matthew Spotts (building permit)	70.50
Mervin Hursh (occupancy permit)	75.00	Metropolitan Reporting	15.00
Nicholas Fernandez	935.26		

Account Balances

General Fund	42,685.07	PA Invest General Fund	249,512.88
ARPA	2.03	PA Invest GF Sub account	180,547.14
Liquid Fuels	385.69	PA Invest Liquid Fuels	89,841.54
Cemetery Checking	4,189.81	PA Invest Police	5,000.00

Public Comment- None

Agenda

Micheal Maley – resident of Branch Township and Superintendent of Minersville Area School District introduced himself. Mr. Maley explained that the school applied for two solar grants and was awarded one in Branch Township. He explained that the school is still in the early stages of a plan for the project.

A Motion to approve a .50cent raise for Jacobi Zigarski starting July 1st was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Standing reports

BCO- John Andruchek read the report into the record. 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- Executive session moved to the end of the meeting. His report will be given throughout the meeting. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Roadmasters report- Township workers had cleaned up the Veterans Monument, installed the banner on Bunting St. Road repairs- Spring St. in New Minersville, Sunset St, Dowdentown Rd., & Phoenix Park Rd by the Township building. Bridge repairs and cutting grass. 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.

Police report- The Police report was read into the record by Joseph 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

Blackwood St vacation request- Solicitor DiNicola explained that the ordinance and agreement had been prepared and advertised for tonight's meeting. However, Mr. Rutecky had withdrawn the request right after it had already been sent for advertising. No action taken.

Jill Saunders a representing the new buyers (Penn Home LLC) who purchased 520 Blackwood St. stated that the new owners would like to do the right thing and go through with the vacation request. After a lengthy discussion, Solicitor DiNicola explained the new owners would have to submit a new application.

Weight Limit Ordinance- Solicitor DiNicola explained the draft needs some revisions. No action taken, item to be relisted on next months agenda.

Brake retards- still needs more information.

Correcting the address placed on the agenda 775 Llewelyn Road to 775 Minersville Llewellyn Highway. The owner's appeal period from a denied Zoning Hearing has passed. A motion to send zoning violations to Arro Consulting was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Executive session regarding real estate 6:29-6:56

Meeting adjourned6:56

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary / Treasurer