May 19th, 2025

The Branch Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on May 19th, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Branch Township Memorial Building Llewellyn PA. In attendance were Joseph Carvajal, David Schultz Sr., Sue Ellen Holley (Supervisors) Gino DiNicola(Solicitor) John Direnzo (Planning Commission).

A motion to approve the April 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 4/29-5/19/25	17,447.78	Federal Tax Deposit	58.22
Federal Tax Deposit	1,373.42	PA Withholding	369.75
Federal Tax Deposit	1,595.62	PA Withholding	700.35
Federal Tax Deposit	2,858.50	Elan Financial	49.35
Anthracite Waste	14,520.00	Arro Consulting	1,284.92
B& K Fasteners	75.02	Comcast	296.56
Dave Hammers Garage	416.45	Gino DiNicola	180.00
Good Intent Hose Co.	5,000.00	Governmental Forms	215.00
H. A. Thomson	25.00	Hadesty's	77.25
Highmark Blue Sheild	9.00	Kelly Printing	76.95
News Wagner Lawn	43.84	PPL	252.39
PA One Call	4.00	Pfeiffer, Brown ,DiNicola & Frantz	2,625.00
Phoenix Park Fire Co.	5,000.00	Robert E Reedy's	196.33
SCMA	80.00	United Concordia	139.23
Verizon	290.94		

Liquid Fuels

Fehr Supply	39.50	New Stone & Lime	1,413.19
Pottsville Materials	557.21	PPL	3,456.62

Income

Amanda Roshannon (Building Permit)	38.50	Benefit mall	8,709.81
Berkheimer	34,938.28	Brandon Witmer (Building Permit)	4.50
Cody Shappell (Building Permit)	70.50	Comcast	5,142.68
Delinquent Sanitation	5,697.00	District Justice Court	12.86
Extra Sanitation Services	180.00	Gail Bedford	146,794.96

Leigh Ann Siminitus (Building & Zoning Permit)	229.50	Michael Cason (Building Permit)	213.00
Schuylkill County	1,653.06		

Account Balances

General Fund	166,526.82	PA Invest	153,971.79
ARPA	2.03	PA Invest GF Sub Acc	135,072.47
Liquid Fuels	667.57	PA Invest LF	92,871.78
Cemetery Checking	4,189.74		

Public Comment

Mike Direnzo complained about Township Personnel . Supervisor Carvajal will look into it. David Strausser asked if an officer would be on duty for the parade. Supervisor Carvajal said yes.

Agenda

Weight Limits and restriction on roads- After a lengthy discussion about repair cost to roads and budgets. The Board agreed to move forward with a weight limit ordinance of 10 ton for Phoenix Park Road and Main St. Supervisor Holley explained that this is just redoing an ordinance that had already been in place according to the codification book that had been done in the past. A motion to authorize Solicitor DiNicola to draft an Ordinance for consideration was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Carvajal, all in favor.

Jake Brake ordinance discussion- The Board has been receiving complaint about the brake retards throughout the township from Turkey Hill to Steins Mill. Supervisors will look into the process to prohibit the use of them on 209 for the next meeting.

Standing reports

Building Code Official Report – John Andruchek read the report into the record. 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.

Solicitor DiniCola reported working on the vacation of Blackwood St. Solicitor DiNicola heard from Mr. Rutecky's Solicitor an stated his client is agreeable to granting the Township permanent easement with a cul-de-sac for snow removal. Solicitor DiNicola explained they would need to know where the Township is requesting the cul-de-sac to be. He suggests someone from the township to mark on the property where it could be. Supervisor Schultz questioned the 20ft alley that is on the map that would still give access to Laudeman's property. Solicitor DiNicola requested permission to reach out to the Laudeman's to discuss. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Holley, seconded by Supervisor

Schultz, all in favor. A motion to approve the Solicitors report was made by Supervisor Schultz, seconded by Supervisor Schultz, all in favor.

Road Masters report-Township workers have been cleaning debris off roads, swales and storm grates after rainstorms, cutting brush, and repairing 15' of PVC pipe on Springwood in West West. Equipment repairs. The Roadmaster is also working with Dirt and Gravel program for Clay St., Sunset St., & Silverton Rd.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.

Arro Consulting report- 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.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ellen Holley
Secretary /Treasurer