

February 2022 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of West Branch Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Township Municipal Office, located at 533 Germania Road, Galeton, PA 16922.

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Edward Dingman, James Succowich, Katie Bodendorf, Chuck Culp, Dale Newcomb, Bill Reineck and Kyle Maxson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve Piaquadio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Jim Succowich to approve the minutes of the January 2022 regular meeting and was seconded by Ed Dingman.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the financial report of January 2022 as presented and was seconded by Jim Succowich.

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: N/A

Continued Business:

GASD Bus Route: Reviewed and discussed the updated school bus route and times provided by Penny Crowell.

ATV Pilot: Discuss interest in attending meeting – March 2, 2022, 5pm-7pm @ Lumber Museum.

Welshans: Discussed the need for tree maintenance to improve visibility at the intersection of Spruce Tree / Paul Hollow. Township to trim trees.

ARPA Federal Funding: Discussed the final rule of allowable spending categories.

New Business:

Long Subdivision: Kyle Maxson presented subdivision plans for Deborah Long's property.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the subdivision plans, seconded by Jim Succowich. All in favor, motion passed.

EOP Plan: Distributed and reviewed 2022 EOP. No changes for 2022 plan were made. The shut-in list was updated with EMC, Scott Cizek prior to the meeting. Signatures obtained for county reporting.

A motion to approve the 2022 EOP was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Ed Dingman. All in favor, motion passed.

Galeton Borough / Watrous Water Project: Discussed project location and description. Finalized documentation for permitting purposes. Discussed well ordinance as it pertains to domestic water well construction, which does not apply as the well already exists.

Dirt & Gravel 2022-2023 Funding: Reviewed and discussed Notch Road, DSA application. Signatures obtained for application submission. Discussed the need for new employee D&G ESM Training to be completed in the Spring.

EQB – Dump Facility: Reviewed and discussed the proposed rulemaking for Municipal Waste Rural Transfer facility permit-by-rule. Each highlighted area on PA Bulletin Doc 22-80 was reviewed and declared in compliance. Should this rulemaking be adopted, we will have to apply for the permit and will be notified to do so by the EQB.

Dumpster Fund Account: Linda Culp is no longer employed with Abbott Township, therefore, should be removed as an authorized signer from the Joint Dumpster account.

A motion was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Steve Piaquadio to remove Linda Culp from the above-mentioned account. All in favor, motion passed.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. UCC: Richard Christ – New modular w/ deck – 90 Spruce Tree
2. Driveway: Josh Althouse – 25 Hartman Lane – Supervisor to visit site before approval
3. UCC: Josh Althouse – 25 Hartman Lane – New Residential dwelling

Sewage Permits:

1. Jeff Harbold: Crippen Run Road – 17-acre lot perc test / plan module review for future subdivision

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. None

Road Bonds:

1. 2021-2: CS Timber Company – Schaar Road – Renewed – 1/26/2023 Interim Inspection Spring
2. 2021-3: Ram Forest - Button Hollow / Pigeon Hill – expires 2/9/2022 – Secretary to follow up.

Correspondence:

1. Galeton Area Chamber of Commerce – Invitation for membership
2. Senator Cris Dush – Notch Road

The public was dismissed at 8:00pm for the following executive session.

An executive session was held starting at 8:03pm.

A 30 Day review was held for Chuck Culp.

A motion was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Steve Piaquadio to increase hourly wage as stated above for employee Chuck Culp.

A second interview was held for Dale Newcomb.

A motion to hire new CDL employee, part time, as needed was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Edward Dingman. All in favor, motion passed.

Mid-Month Payroll and Bills will be available to sign on Monday, February 21, 2022.

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 7:00pm.

Reviewed Correspondence and Signed Checks.

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:50pm by Edward Dingman and seconded by Steve Piaquadio.

