

March 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Edward Dingman, Jill Campbell, Chuck Culp, Dale Newcomb, Bill Keil, Bill Reineck and Ken Loiacono. Absent were Jim Succowich and Katie Bodendorf

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ed Dingman to approve the minutes of the February 2022 regular meeting and was seconded by Steve Piaquadio.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the financial report of February 2022 as presented and was seconded by Ed Dingman.

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: N/A

Continued Business:

ATV Pilot: Steve Piaquadio attended the pilot meeting held on March 2, 2022. He provided an update of information that was discussed including the anticipated twp roads to open in the future. The 2022 Pilot season will be open from Memorial Day to September 1st.

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

Spring / Summer Road Projects: Discussed the following:

***Notch – Dirt & Gravel Project:** Anticipated June construction for stream crossing pipe and 2A (to be ordered from Cross) Hydraulic study will need to be completed for the stream crossing.

***Fowler / Schaar Road:** 2RC from Hanson, order and complete by September

***Tar & Chipping – Gas Impact Fee Project:** Steve or Ed to meet with Daren when spring thaw occurs to review roads to be tar and chipped and a prep work plan to be compiled. Approximately 5 miles / \$130,000 budgeted.

AED: Reviewed prior approved quote to purchase AED Machine. Secretary to schedule training for all employees not certified.

New Business:

County Aid: 2022 allocation \$1,682.87, along with 2021 encumbered amount of \$1672.67, totaling \$3,355.54.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Edward Dingman to encumber 2022 allocation for future use.

CMATVA 2022 Poker Run: A discussion was had regarding the concerns of Poker Runs, specifically the speed control and the amount of ATV's at once, even when staged – how they all pile up. Secretary to reach out to Henry Sorgen, CMATVA President to discuss concerns. Topic tabled for April meeting.

Tilden Road Bond: Received surety bond in the requested blanket amount. Supervisors will approve and sign the road bond agreement now that the surety bond has been provided at mid-month checks.

PennDOT Local Road Traffic Study: PennDOT will be performing traffic counts on Pigeon Hill Road, Crippen Run Road, Pine Tree Road, Straley Road, Butternut Road, Corbett Road, Mitchell Road and the Notch Road.

VFW Garbage Account: Tabled for April Meeting

Recreational Cabins / Short Term Rentals: Reviewed and discussed information and directions provided by Erb Inspections on how to handle new cabins being constructed for short term rental use as well as information regarding existing cabins and homes being utilized as short-term rentals. Information was distributed to the board for their review. Secretary to carry out procedures and regulations as directed by Erb going forward.

Vehicle & Equipment Repairs: Ed Dingman stated that a new plow is needed for the Ford Truck, as well as the need for a new truck in the future.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. **Driveway Permit:** Josh Althouse: 25 Hartman Lane – Approved 2/28/2022
2. **UCC:** Tim O’Connell – 339 Pigeon Hill Road – Addition to single family home on full basement
3. **UCC:** Michael Hoerner – 72 Spruce Tree Road – Construct New single family dwelling
4. **UCC:** Alan & Shirley Fletcher – 311 Pigeon Hill Road – Demolition of single family dwelling (1/2 camp)
5. **REC:** Korey Unger – Lot 28 – Spruce Tree Road – Recreational Cabin Permit process started
6. **Driveway Permit:** Korey Unger – Lot 28 – Spruce Tree Road – Needs site inspection & approval
7. **UCC:** Roger Hoover – 835 Crippen Run Road – New Modular on full basement
8. **UCC:** Commercial – Patterson Lumber Antennas remove and replace

Sewage Permits:

1. None

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. None

Road Bonds:

1. 2021-3: Ram Forest – Button Hollow / Pigeon Hill – OK to Release
2. 2022-1: CS Timber Company – Schaar Road expires 1/26/2023 – will need interim inspection done after winter.
3. 2022-2: Olive Oaks – Crippen Run Road expires 08/28/2022 – OK to Release

Correspondence:

1. Letter of Interest for employment to keep on file
2. K. Dale Sellers Flyer of available equipment rentals and services

**Mid-Month Payroll and Bills will be available to sign on Monday, March 21, 2022.
The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 7:00pm.
Reviewed Correspondence and Signed Checks.
Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:40pm by Edward Dingman and seconded by Steve Piaquadio.**

