

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of West Branch Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Township Municipal Office, located at 533 Germania Road, Galeton, PA 16922.

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Jim Succowich, Edward Dingman, Katie Bodendorf, Bill Reineck, Jack Cochran, Zach Adam, Jeremy Stragand and Bill Smith.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the minutes of the November 2022 regular meeting and was seconded by Jim Succowich.

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

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

N/A

Continued Business:

2023 Budget: The proposed 2023 Budget has been available for public inspection and review. No concerns or edits have been brought forth.

A motion to adopt the 2023 proposed budget was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Steve Piaquadio, all in favor, motion passed.

Blue Ridge Franchise Cable Agreement: Sent to solicitor for review. A discussion was had regarding the solicitor suggestions and edits to the proposed agreement. Clarification on the intent of Blue Ridge Communications was had as it wishes to expand further into West Branch Township for broadband services. The Board requests that solicitation continue, whereas requesting Cox, Stokes and Lantz to request formal edits and additions to the original agreement to also include franchise fees.

Hartman Sewage Planning: Reviewed and discussed the denial letter received by DEP regarding John Hartman's sewage permit.

New Business:

Bull Run Gas Pad: Jack Cochran, Zach Adam, Jeremy Stragand and Bill Smith attended the meeting to have a meet and greet with the Board regarding plans of Utica drilling operation to take place in Bull Run. A conversation was started about Crippen Run Road and the expectations needed to enter into an excess maintenance agreement for their operations. Although we are in the early stages of planning, Jack Cochran requested a walk of Crippen Run Road with the Roadmaster and Head Chairman to discuss enhancements needed.

Gale Hose Ambulance: Correspondence received by the Ambulance Association was reviewed and discussed. Secretary to contact representative to invite to February 2023 monthly meeting. The letter stated that there is a shortage of volunteers as well as EMT's.

Dust Control: Innovative Surface Solutions sent a notice of fuel surcharge to be implemented for 2023.

Potter County Commissioners: Potter County Commissioners office provided notice of available funds through an application process for blighted properties. Secretary to stay up to date in 2023 throughout the annual garbage bill process / lien filing process to decipher if there are any eligible properties within West Branch Township.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. None

Sewage Permits:

1. DEP: Cherry Springs Approval to amend NPDES Permit # PAD530007 A1

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. None

Road Bonds:

1. 2022-1: CS Timber Company – Schaar Road expires 1/26/2023 – will need interim inspection done after winter.
2. 2022-3: SLT Resources, LLC – Button Hollow, Paul Hollow & Pigeon Hill expires 12/27/2022 Secretary to check in
3. 2022-4: Herb Kilmer & Sons – Crippen Run Road expires 8/17/2023

Correspondence:

N/A

Mid-Month payroll and checks will be available to sign / disburse on December 19, 2022 @ 9:00am

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 7pm immediately following the Annual Organizational meeting of 2023.

The Annual Board of Auditors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Reviewed correspondence and signed checks

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:12pm by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Jim Succowich, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

An executive session was called to order by Steve Piaquadio at 8:16 so that the Secretary could discuss the end of the year payroll for all active employees.

A motion was made to include up to \$100 per employee for end of year holiday payroll hours by Edward Dingman and seconded by Jim Succowich, all in favor, motion passed.

The executive session was adjourned at 8:25pm by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Edward Dingman, all in favor, motion passed.