

June 2023 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of West Branch Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Township Municipal Office, located at 533 Germania Road, Galeton, PA 16922.

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Edward Dingman, Jim Succowich, Katie Bodendorf, Richard Christ, Ken Loiacono, Jack Cochran, John Nordquist, Bill Reineck, Steph McDermott & Jody Ritter (CMATVA), Tony Rachiele, Steve Andrulonis, Kurt Hyndes and Allison Welfling.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Steve Piaquadio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Jim Succowich to approve the minutes of the May 2023 regular meeting and was seconded by Edward Dingman.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the financial report of May 2023, as presented and was seconded by Jim Succowich.

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bill Reineck – Butternut Dust Control Concerns; Ken Loiacono – ATV speed limit concerns and Butternut Road conditions; Richard Christ – Dust Control concerns. All in attendance discussed the DCNR Dust Control Intergovernmental Agreement, along with the internal dust control material used.

Continued Business:

Appalachian Energy: Road Bond / Excess Maintenance Agreement discussion to addendums – anticipate proceeding with Road Bond after initial inspection has been performed. Date of initial inspection: June 8, 2023 @ office at 10am. Jack Cochran and representatives have started the process to touch base with all property owners along Crippen Run (pavement portion residents)

2023 D&G Application Round: Applications submitted for Germania Street Ext and Crippen Run Road – Bull Run towards hill. Ranking will take place in April – formal notification should be received by June 2023.

DCNR Dust Control: Environmental Services, Ultrabond 2000 placed. A discussion was held on further dust control needed. Secretary to carry out 1st and 2nd application document submission for reimbursement.

CMATVA: A discussion was held with representatives from CMATVA, the Board as well as the public in attendance regarding the upcoming ATV Poker Run hosted by CMATVA to benefit the cost of ATV signage that CMATVA provides to our municipality. CMATVA will be responsible to provide traffic control and signage for the event.

A motion to approve the special event permit request of CMATVA to hold a Poker Run on August 5, 2023 was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Edward Dingman. All in favor, motion passed.

Summer Road Projects:

Notch Road: Documents submitted for reimbursement.

Pigeon Hill Road: Awaiting available schedule from Suit-Kote (1.64 miles Tar & Chip)

New Business:

Fuel Bid: A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Jim Succowich to award WOC Energy for July 2023-July 2024 diesel fuel and propane needs. All in favor, motion passed.

Anti-Skid Bid: A motion was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Edward Dingman to award S. Andrulonis for 2023-2024 Anti-Skid needs. Approximately 800 ton (+/-) 1B Double Washed Chips to be stockpiled. All in favor, motion passed.

Material Bid: Bid proposals received from E. F. Dean, Inc. and Glenn O. Hawbaker. Due to the differential in total bid amounts each, as well as lack of company attendance for questions regarding load specifics and lack of samples provided, both bids were rejected. Secretary to obtain 3 phone quotes for approximately 950 ton (+/-) 2RC tailgated on various roads to review at July meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Jim Succowich to reject all bid proposals received for 950 ton 2RC. All in favor, motion passed.

Shaub to Keiser: John Nordquist presented an add-on subdivision plan from Shaub to Keiser (non building waiver plan) on Hartman Lane, which was motioned to approve by Jim Succowich and seconded by Edward Dingman. All in favor, motion passed.

Hartman: Reviewed and discussed John Hartman's revised plot plan pertaining to a commercial rental cabin (5) building plans as well as the revised sewage planning module application for DEP.

A motion was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Edward Dingman to adopt Resolution # 2023-1 and submit to DEP for its approval as a revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan of the municipality for the above referenced Sewage Facilities Planning Module. All in favor, motion passed.

Germania Fire Co: Discussed anticipated request for an ATV Poker Run to be held on Saturday, July 15th, 2023. Last year, there were 10 total machines registered in the Poker Run.

A motion to approve the special event Germania Fire Company ATV Poker Run was made by Jim Succowich and seconded by Steve Piaquadio. All in favor, motion passed.

Election Results: Reviewed and discussed the most recent election results as it pertains to the upcoming November election – West Branch has a 6 year Supervisor position available as well as an Auditor position.

Bridge Inspection Reports: Reviewed and discussed recommendations on our most recent Corbett Bridge and Notch Bridge Inspection reports.

Crippen Run Road: A discussion was held between Kettle Creek Drilling / Appalachian Energy, the Board of Supervisors and property owners on Crippen Run Road directly affected by the upcoming gas well activity, and road work plan intended. Details of the workplan addendum were provided.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. **UCC: Scott Ogden:** 47 Spruce Tree Road – Addition
2. **2023-3: Michael Myers:** 813 West Branch Road – Shed
3. **Camp Addition Concern:** Review and discuss Jake Ostrom's camp concern
4. **PennDOT Driveway:** DCNR Lyman Run Driveway Permit approved by PennDOT

Sewage Permits:

1. **Beth Kreiser:** 601 Pigeon Hill Road – Non-Building Waiver Review
2. **Mark Peters:** 123 Bull Tote Road – Inground Bed, Perc Test, Design Review

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. **None**

Road Bonds:

1. 2022-3: STL Resources, LLC – Button Hollow, Paul Hollow & Pigeon Hill expires 07/25/2023
2. 2022-4: Herb Kilmer & Sons – Crippen Run Road expires 8/17/2023

Correspondence:

- 1. Potter County ATV Association:** Public Meeting to be held on June 15, 2023 starting at 6:00pm at the Gunzberger Office Building, Door C. in regards to the anticipated trail system through Potter County.
- 2. Potter County Commissioners:** Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 3:00pm and 6:30pm at the POCO Office of Emergency Services, 20 Mockingbird Lane, Coudersport, PA 16915. Attendance is mandatory for the update compliance. RSVP is needed for attendance

Mid-Month checks will be available to sign / disburse on June 19, 2023 @ 9:00am

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm

WBT / ABT Joint Dumpster Meeting will be held on June 21, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Reviewed correspondence and signed checks

**Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:24pm by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Jim Succowich, all in favor,
meeting adjourned.**