

May 2023 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of West Branch Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 1, 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, Jill Campbell, Richard Christ, Ken Loiacono, Zach Adam & Jack Cochran from Appalachian Energy and Nikki Shadle and Stacy McInroy from the Gale Hose Ambulance Association.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Steve Piaquadio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ken Loiacono requested an update on the tax incentive program that would provide local emergency responders a tax break. Mr. Loiacono was informed that the local volunteer organizations would need to provide a list of eligible volunteers and other incentive requirements to present to the Board of Supervisors to proceed.

Ken Loiacono also presented driveway concerns at 448 Paul Hollow Road. Roadmaster to discuss concerns with PennDOT municipal services Rep to obtain further direction.

Richard Christ requested signage approval from the Board of Supervisors for CMATVA to place "ATV Slow" signs on Spruce Tree Road. Board approved to proceed. Secretary to contact Todd Peiffer, CMATVA Rep.

Continued Business:

Blue Ridge Franchise Cable Agreement: Cox, Stokes & Lantz have sent a formal letter requesting changes and additions to the proposed agreement in January. Awaiting update / response.

Appalachian Energy: Work plan / Excess Maintenance agreement reviewed by Solicitor and approved to proceed. Secretary to coordinate date with Jack Cochran for initial inspection of Crippen Run Road and execution of agreement.

Water infiltration letters have been mailed out to property owners along Bull Run Road.

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.

County Aid: 3 loads, approximately 60 ton of 2RC Limestone from Heidelberg Materials (Salona Pit) ordered and delivered. Secretary to submit completion report for payment.

ARPA: Discussion of available funds and projects to be appropriated by end of fiscal year 2023 was held regarding building maintenance. Quotes for overhead doors, spray foam installation as well as an addition were reviewed.

DCNR Dust Control: Account set up with Environmental Energy Services for the placement of Ultrabond 2000 completed for anticipated 1st application by Memorial Day weekend.

Summer Road Projects:

Notch Road: DSA placement 5/15-5/18 (Ianson Farms – DGLVR) Road Closure notice advertised

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

Material Bid: Paul Hollow / Germania Street Ext / Tyoga Road material is needed for repairs. Discussed budget and approved 950 ton, more or less for anticipated bid letting of June 5, 2023. Secretary to compile bid and advertise accordingly.

New Business:

Gale Hose Ambulance: Representatives presented the Board with the current volunteerism shortage and the need for paid full time EMT's to staff the Ambulance building from 7am-3pm, whereas the estimated cost of doing so was stated to be \$78,000 a year. Gale Hose has requested an additional .75 mills to be assigned in 2024 to proceed with their needs. A discussion was had regarding the following: local taxing authority education and the difference between assessed valuation and what is actually collected. A collective discussion was had regarding county and state resources as well as possible grants available as well as other annual agreements held with Goodyear Hose Co and Galeton Borough.

Hartman: Reviewed and discussed John Hartman's plot plans and revised DEP application for his anticipated commercial rental cabins. The Board of Supervisors did not approve the plans at this time due to a conflict between the Sewage Planning Module narrative and the actual plot plan map. Secretary to contact Mr. Hartman to discuss further.

2023 Fuel Bid: Reviewed and approved draft bid notice – Anticipated bid letting June 5, 2023

2023 Anti-Skid Bid: Reviewed and approved draft bid notice – Anticipated bid letting June 5, 2023.

CMATVA: Discussed the request received by CMATVA regarding their annual poker run for approval to utilize Twp roads. Due to community feedback and concerns, a decision for approval was not reached.

Pike Twp General Services: Pike Twp will not need mowing services for 2023. 3100 gallons of calcium remain in our holding tank for placement on Pike Twp roads from 2022. General services to be provided to Pike Twp at an hourly rate of \$100 per Organizational rates.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. **UCC Occupancy Certificate:** Beth & Brent Kreiser, 601 Pigeon Hill Road – convert Rec Cabin to Single Family Dwelling
2. **UCC:** James Verzinskie, 528 Doe Run – New Single Family Dwelling
3. **Travel Trailer:** James Verzinskie, 528 Doe Run – Utilizing travel trailer while building new dwelling
4. **UCC:** Dawn Kriner, 665 Paul Hollow Road – constructing porch
5. **UCC:** Gail Lehman / Mark Peters, 123 Bull Tote Road – addition and garage

Sewage Permits:

1. **Rodney Zeger / Michael Donnelly:** Design revision / perc test @ 23 Sugar Bush Lane

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:

Potter County Conservation District: DGLVR Annual Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ PA Lumber Museum from 7:30-10:45am.

Patterson Lumber: Notice of intent to submit a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to DEP – general stormwater.

Board of Commissioners: Potter County Demolition Funds Program – application period open.

Mid-Month checks will be available to sign / disburse on or before Monday May 22, 2023 @ 9:00am

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, June 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 8:30pm by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Ed Dingman, all in favor, meeting adjourned.