

July 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Edward Dingman, Katie Bodendorf, Jill Campbell, Kurt Hyndes & Allison Welfling, Bill Reineck and Zach Adam.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Steve Piaquadio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ed Dingman to approve the minutes of the June 2023 regular meeting and was seconded by Steve Piaquadio.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the financial report of June 2023, as presented and was seconded by Ed Dingman.

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Bill Reineck – Informed the Board that there were no concerns with the ATV traffic on Paul Hollow Road over the holiday weekend.

Corbett Road: Pot hole concerns were presented by other attendees; however, the Board informed the public that Corbett Road pot holes were tended to, along with starting recommendations from most recent bridge inspection report.

Kurt & Allison: A discussion was held regarding the Crippen Run workplan as it pertains to Appalachian Energy. Specifically mentioned was the culvert concerns that would affect Kurt & Allison's property. Culvert concerns were discussed as well as a reduced speed limit for truck traffic that would be outlined within the excess maintenance agreement.

Continued Business:

2023 D&G Application Round: West Branch Twp's applications were not awarded funding for the 2024 fiscal year. Reviewed list of Potter County's awarded projects.

Dust Control: 6/21/2023 delivery of 4300 gallons of Liquid Mag received. To be placed on all township roads throughout the season. Placement on ATV connector roads are to be tracked and submitted for reimbursement.

Bridge Inspection Reports: The 2023 Bridge Inspection reports were reviewed, discussed and recommendations have been added to road maintenance schedule.

ARPA Fund / Project: An update on building repairs and maintenance was given with the anticipated start date of the end of July / August to start. Estimated timeline of new truck base is late fall / winter. Build / add-ons to follow with approved ARPA quote received from Bradco.

Selective Claim: Our claim #22487537 has been closed. The claim will be processed through the county CCAP policy.

Summer Road Projects:

Notch Road: Reimbursement received.

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

950 ton 2RC: Tyoga Road, Germania Street Ext, Paul Hollow – to be tailgated by approved E.F. Dean quote.

Lyman Run Road: 950 ton 2RC from approved E.F. Dean Quote to be tailgated

New Business:

ACT-13 – Gas Impact Fee: Reporting year 2022 Gas Impact Fee Funds have been received in the amount of \$62,599.94. Reviewed and discussed Gas Impact Fee expenditures as well as the reserve funds available for 2024 budget.

Hazard Mitigation: Secretary provided an update as it pertains to the 5-year update of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The township must comply with meeting attendance and reporting requirements to be eligible for FEMA funding.

Tilden Bankruptcy: Reviewed correspondence from our Solicitor discussing Tilden’s surety bond which is an item within Tilden’s bankruptcy court proceedings. Secretary to provide Solicitor with requested documentation. It was discussed that STL has provided a surety bond for the current excess maintenance agreement and the agreement is valid. Tilden has previously satisfied all requirements of their Excess Maintenance Agreement which has been null and void since STL took over.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. **2023-4: Mark Germino** – 324 Germania Street Ext; 12x20 horse stall shed
2. **Planning:** Robert Shaub Minor Subdivision final approval received
3. **UCC Change of Occupancy:** Josh Althouse, 510 Pigeon Hill Road. Changed to short term rental.

Sewage Permits:

1. **Mark McCorkle:** 494 Straight Ridge Trail – Perc Test / Privy Permit

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. **National Fuel:** Wharton Twp Storage Well / Application to drill & operate

Road Bonds:

1. 2022-3: STL Resources, LLC – Button Hollow, Paul Hollow & Pigeon Hill expires 07/25/2023 – Request for renewal needed
2. 2022-4: Herb Kilmer & Sons – Crippen Run Road expires 8/17/2023
3. 2023-2: Kettle Creek Drilling / Appalachian Energy – Crippen Run Road expires 06/08/2024

Correspondence:

1. **Germania Fire Co:** ATV Poker Run to take place on July 15, 2023
2. **Tri-Co:** Director Elections

Mid-Month checks will be available to sign / disburse on July 17, 2023 @ 9:00am

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Reviewed correspondence and signed checks

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:55pm by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Ed Dingman, all in favor, meeting adjourned.