

February 2024 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of West Branch Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 following the Organizational meeting starting at 6:00pm at the Township Municipal Office, located at 533 Germania Road, Galetton, PA 16922.

Present were Steve Piaquadio, Edward Dingman, Katie Bodendorf, Seth Rodriguez, Rob Brown, Richard Christ, Ken Loiacono, Dale Newcomb, John Nordquist, Seth Succowich, Katelynn Bowen, Hope Martin, CJ Rukgaber and Bill Reineck

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the minutes of the January 2024 regular meeting and was seconded by Ed Dingman.

A motion was made by Steve Piaquadio to approve the financial report of January 2024, as presented and was seconded by Edward Dingman.

All in favor, motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ken Loiacono – Requested Germania Old Home Day Address Labels to distribute promotional flyers.

Continued Business:

2023 Audit: State Fund DOT Grant annual reports have been submitted and confirmed. Line by Line completed and prepped for municipal audit. First day of municipal audit is scheduled for March 9, 2024.

Gale Hose Ambulance: Reviewed correspondence outlining the contract proposal and how Gale Hose will continue to provide volunteer services as not all townships are willing to participate at this time. Public in attendance discussed information provided at the Germania Fire Company meeting stating that Gale Hose plans to bring in a 3rd party (UPMC / SHREMS)

Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement: Solicitor has made a second attempt to contact Blue Ridge regarding agreement proposal additions and edits to proceed. Correspondence was reviewed.

ARPA Project: Awaiting project completion, anticipated construction for shed addition (permits obtained) weather permitting.

Dirt & Gravel 2024 Grant Round: Applications for Germania Street Ext & Crippen Run Road due on March 1, 2024. Secretary to submit. Estimated projects to be paid out of General Fund / Reserves and 50% upfront funding available, if applications are awarded.

New Business:

Batterson Subdivision: John Nordquist presented subdivision plans pertaining to Sean Batterson's Lyman Run Road 36-acre lot. Lot includes campground at intersection as well as a camp, which will be split into two separate parcels.

A motion to approve the subdivision plans pertaining to Sean Batterson, Lyman Run Road was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Edward Dingman. Motion passed.

2024 Bids: Discussed bids that should be compiled and advertised in March / April. Secretary to compile the following bid notices: Crippen Run / Tar & Chip (2 miles) & 2RC Limestone & 2RC non-limestone stockpiled / tailgated per unit & Fuel Bid

STL Excess Maintenance Agreement: Seth Rodriguez and Rob Brown discussed road bond renewal and signage conditions. Seth provided an update to operations to take place late summer/fall – 3rd Qtr 2024.

Building & Assessment Permits:

1. None

Sewage Permits:

1. **Prudence Fry:** 490 Paul Hollow Road – Perc Test / Design Permits

Gas Industry Notifications:

1. None

Road Bonds:

1. 2022-3: **STL Resources, LLC** – Button Hollow, Paul Hollow & Pigeon Hill – expires 01/12/2024 *Interim Inspection needs completed
2. 2022-4: **Herb Kilmer & Sons** – Crippen Run Road expires 08/30/2024
3. 2023-2: **Kettle Creek Drilling (Appalachian Energy)** – Crippen Run Road expires 06/08/2024

Correspondence:

1.Elemental Shelter Solutions Flyer

Mid-Month payroll and checks will be available to sign / disburse on Monday, February 19, 2024.

The next monthly Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 starting at 6:00pm.

Reviewed correspondence and signed checks.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:30pm was made by Steve Piaquadio and seconded by Edward Dingman, All in favor. Motion passed .