

A G E N D A

The regular meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors held on **Monday October 5, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. at the township office.

ON THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge Allegiance
3. Public Comment period:

Motion to pay bills and approve Minutes and Financial Reports from September 8, 2020 meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Chief Tony Rachiele**
2. **Change Tioga Rd to Tyoga Rd**
3. **D & Gravel Grant for 2021**
4. **McKean County One-Day ESM Training**
5. **Stewardson Twp.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Club Hill Rd drainage Shannon Burrous**
2. **Driveway Permit approval**
3. **Meeting with PC Conservation District and Planning GIS dept at OBST 9/10/20 at 11:00 AM**
4. **Benn Batterson**
5. **Gravel Bid – for 2020**
6. **Anti-skid bid**
7. **Trout's Unlimited Grant project**

Correspondence: None

Abbott Township

October 5, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors held on Monday October 5, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. at the township office.

Present at the meeting was Joseph Sutton, Duane Cizek, and Jake Hastings and Secretary Linda Culp. Public present Mel Nelson, Tony Rachiele, Cindy Kiel, Sandy Hoffman, Benn & Thankful Batterson.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Buddy Sutton at 7:00 PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment period: Thankful Batterson lives on Short run Rd. she is concerned about the condition of Short Run Rd. The bones of the rd. are exposed. She knows it is not just the drought. The dust is horrendous. She eats dust all summer long. The noise of the ATV's is so loud they can't even have a conversation. She feels the road should be paved she said it is like 80. Each year it gets worse. She said there is no place for them to relieve themselves. She would like some Port o potties or something. Would like some sort of law enforcement. Drinking as they pull over and drive. Brian Phelps from Sweden valley who can give out tickets. Most are very nice but not all. She would like seasons for the ATV's to ride.

Benn added - The state has trails they are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, why can't we have that also. We are not reaping the blessing from this. They have coolers and fuel can and ride for the day. Organized rides may have over 100. A little kid was in the side by side. We need police to patrol this. Possibly close the road. The township should charge a fee to ride on the township roads.

Sandy had a picture of a side by side in front of Kevin's at the intersection of Gnau and Yochum Run Rd. with a tiny baby in the ATV only being held by one hand.

Buddy Sutton added that the pa state roads may be opened up from township rd. to township rd. Is there a noise ordinance? Buddy agreed that we should have hours to ride no middle of the night hours.

Cindy Kiel wants to have a fee to ride on the township roads.

Discussion followed. Benn Batterson said if anything happens to any of his family because of the ATV Traffic he will make sure the township is accountable. Thankful asks for Check points. Tony Rachiele said we need to have someone to police this.

Benn said 3 times a year organized rides are the problem, not the everyday ATV local people.

Duane Cizek asked me to contact Sweden Twp. to see if Brian Phelps would like to police our township. Discussion followed. Benn stated that the money was supposed to go to our 3 businesses in Germana and 2 of them are still in arears for their payments.

Mel noted that we have no speed limit signs on the township rds. Discussion followed. Unposted you can drive 55 MPH. Buddy mentioned to us that the ATV organization promised that they were going to make the rules and regulations for the ATV. This past season it really got out of hand. Discussion followed. Buddy will take all this in advisement.

1. Motion by Jake Hastings to approve the minutes of September 8th, 2020 meeting seconded by Duane Cizek approved as corrected.
2. Motion by Jake Hastings to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Duane Cizek.

General Fund				State Fund			
Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount
ACH	09/09/2020	Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	\$ 120.34	2979	09/21/2020	Williams-WOC E	\$ 152.72
ACH	09/16/2020	Intuit Payroll Service	\$ 16.00	2981	10/05/2020	Iron Will Ag Inc.	\$ 112.00
ACH	09/21/2020	EFTPS	\$ 1,025.30	2982	10/05/2020	Groff Tractor & I	\$ 1,737.38
ACH	09/29/2020	EFTPS	\$ 983.04	Total Expenses			\$ 2,002.10
Debit	09/09/2020	Postmaster	\$ 96.70	Balance			\$ 336,537.74
7462	09/21/2020	Amtrust	\$ 795.00				
7463	09/21/2020	Fisher, Ronald	\$ 656.60				
7464	09/21/2020	Ridgerunner SEO Services, Inc.	\$ 300.00				
7465	09/21/2020	Tri-County REC	\$ 73.78				
7466	09/21/2020	Culp, Linda S.	\$ 301.71				
7467	09/21/2020	Fisher, Ronald L.	\$ 187.76				
7468	09/21/2020	Hastings, C. Jacob	\$ 245.04				
7469	09/21/2020	Kiel, William F.	\$ 333.14	Balance			\$ 7,270.91
7470	10/05/2020	Bastian Tire and Auto Center	\$ 1,563.06				
7471	10/05/2020	Selective Insurance	\$ 966.04				
7472	10/05/2020	UGI Central Penn Gas Inc	\$ 24.76				
7473	10/05/2020	Verizon	\$ 198.59				
7474	10/05/2020	Sutton, Joseph	\$ 30.00				
7475	10/05/2020	Cizek (Supervisor), Duane R	\$ 70.62				
7476	10/05/2020	Hastings (Supervisor), C. Jacob	\$ 141.25				
7477	10/05/2020	Sutton (Supervisor), Joseph S	\$ 141.25	Total Expenses			\$ 983.46
7481	10/05/2020	Cizek, Duane R	\$ 312.95	Balance			\$ 6,047.09
7482	10/05/2020	Culp, Linda S.	\$ 314.28				
7483	10/05/2020	Hastings, C. Jacob	\$ 276.89				
7484	10/05/2020	Kiel, William F.	\$ 176.00				
Total Expenses			\$ 9,350.10				
Balance			\$ 254,558.54				

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Chief Tony Rachiele** – Last fire Co meeting there was an issue about a fire tower for a training facility to be built. He was told that it needed to be inspected by a code inspector and he said contacted Erb inspection and he said it does not need to be inspected. What we do need is the tower approved by the township. He was told it needs to be overbuilt and heavy. Training facility. We do not need a set of steps. They will use the fire ladder to reach the fire tower. Buddy said Secretary will need to contact our solicitor before we make this decision. Tony said that is fine. Buddy asked What specs or code do you have for a training tower? 3 floors. Tony will look into what specs needed. We will have a special meeting to discuss this.

2. **Change Tioga Rd to Tyoga Rd** – Will Hunt asked us to talk about whether we want to change the road name. Duane said we want to change the rd. to Tyoga Rd and the resolution stands
3. **D & Gravel Grant for 2021** – Duane asked do we want to do the Rausch Rd. Discussion followed. Jake said he wants it to be in sections per year. Tabled. Buddy will go to the Conservation District and speak with Andy about this.
4. **McKean County One-Day ESM Training – October 6-** Secretary cannot make it. Does Buddy want to go?
5. **Stewardson Twp.** -Marth Busshaus called and would like to rent our Brush Hog Calcium was on sale at Chemung Supply last week for \$646.00 a ton. We don't want to rent our equipment and we do not want any calcium chloride. We will brush cut for Stewardson when we have time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Club Hill Rd drainage Shannon Burrous** – John Pagano said that Todd from PennDOT looked at the property and State Rt 144 near Shannon's house. They will make a ditch and clean inlets as soon as they can.
2. **Driveway Permit approval** – Donald Snyder submitted an application for Lot 13 Germania Overlook Rd BOS will take a look at the driveway before approval. Duane has the original permit and he will get back to me. Secretary will call Jake Ostrum about the address. Duane has the permit at his house he will drop it off at the office
3. **Meeting with PC Conservation District and Planning GIS** dept at OBST 9/10/20 at 11:00 AM– Buddy Sutton, Jake Hastings and Linda Culp attended.
4. **Benn Batterson** – see memo from Bill Stokes. Duane will contact Bill Stokes with pictures, dates and etc. so he can send a cease and desist es letter to Benn.,
5. **Gravel Bid – for 2020** – Secretary added all stone purchased from state fund and will do a telephone bid for over \$11,000 but under \$20,500. Hawbaker, Hanson, Dean's telephone bid. 2RC Limestone 300 ton to keep it under \$20,500
6. **Anti-skid bid** –Secretary will bid. 200 Ton of 1B#8 Limestone.
7. **Trout's Unlimited Grant project** – Secretary mailed an invoice to Phil Thomas Trout Unlimited and paperwork to Andy Mickey at the conservation district. Andy Mickey will mail check October 14th. Discussion followed.
8. **Tires for Case Backhoe** – approve.
9. **Secretary** – Gave BOS resignation letter.

Correspondence: dumpster meeting Tuesday October 6th at 7:00 West Branch Twp. Municipal Building.

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:39 PM by Buddy Sutton seconded Jake Hastings. AIF

Mid-month payroll checks will be available to sign on October 19, 2020.

The next monthly meeting will be held on **November 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. Culp
Secretary/Treasurer