

Abbott Township

November 2, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors held on Monday November 2, 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, Brian Shultz

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

Public Comment period: Brian Shultz is interested in working for ABT as CDL driver. Secretary will get his payroll information.

1. Motion by Joseph Sutton to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020 meeting seconded by Duane Cizek.
2. Motion by Duane Cizek to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Jake Hastings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **UCC recreational cabin affidavit** – email from Katie, Secretary read the email from Jake Ostrum. Discussion followed. Secretary will scan in the affidavit on the owner's garbage bill. Duane will all Casity Sly at Erb inspection to have a meeting with him and Jake Ostrum and Will Hunt.
2. **Resume from Tyler Prouty** – Resume from Career Link. Discussion followed. Will file the application.
3. **Dumpster proposal from Katie at West Branch** – BOS looked over the proposed budget for the dumpster fund for 2021. Also, proposed 4-year plan. Present West Branch BOS Ed Dingman, Steve Piaquadio and Secretary/Treasurer Katie \$380 per haul from waste Management. Discussion followed. Steve Piaquadio made a motion to approve the bidding process for hauling services needed for fiscal year 2021 for Abbott Township / West Branch Township Joint Dump Facility seconded by Duane Cizek. All in favor, motion approved.
4. **Budget 2021** – BOS approved budget as presented. Secretary will advertise the budget. Secretary will find out how this fund money can be used and let them know. BOS would like to use this fund for the roads and gravel. Jake made a motion to tentatively adopt the budget seconded by Duane Cizek AIF. Discussion followed the ABT BOS don't feel the numbers add up.
5. **Secretary/Treasurer Position** – I had one interested response today from Heather Jones but unfortunately, she is a sister to Justin Jones that we just rehired. No other prospects as of now. Secretary asked to be paid as a vendor and not on payroll while working after resignation. Jake made a motion to pay secretary as a vendor not in payroll while looking for a replacement and during training of new Secretary, seconded by Joseph Sutton, AIF.
6. **Dust Control** – Duane contacted Innovative Surface Solutions and LVM to see about their dust control. 800-387-5777 out of Pittsburgh, PA.

7. **Gas Field specialists, Inc.** for a Proposal for cutting the bank and cutting the pad behind Abbott Township for \$8,800. Duane McCollough wants the fill if this goes through. Duane Cizek contacted Bob Gitchall to see if he wanted to sell any of his property and he said no but he will lease it to us. We don't want to lease it. Joseph made a motion to hire Gas Field specialists, Inc. to do the proposed work, if Duane McCollough will accept the fill in writing, seconded by Duane Cizek. Jake opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **ATV Problem** – Last meeting we had concerns from residents of Abbott Township about the ATV riders being reckless and Rude. Secretary called Todd Pifer from North Central Mountain ATV Club. He suggested to call City of Shamokin since they have a curfew in place. Secretary spoke with Doreen Annis Secretary of the City of Shamokin and she emailed their ordinance. The reason they have the Ordinance is to make money for their city. She stated that they only have ATV's allowed from 9:00 AM to 30 minutes before sunset and only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday all year round. They also designate certain roads. Their city connects to the AOAA Anthrasite Outside Adventure Area which has an ATV trail but no facilities so the riders will come to the city to eat and refuel. The ATV riders must sign a waiver of responsibility before coming into the city from the trail. They have more problems with their residents than the outsiders.
Secretary also spoke with Brian Phelps and he said he understands but he has no time to help up out, but suggested Will Yoder of the Galetton Borough Police Dept. I called and LVM and have not heard back from him yet. Buddy said Port Allegheny can ride ATV's in town and Coudersport is also looking into the ATV's in town. Buddy's theory is that it would be a nightmare to have each township to collect a fee and put a sticker on each ATV. General Sticker for all Trails. Potter County should pass an ordinance for all township roads in PC. Each twp. will get revenue from the cost of the stickers. Discussion followed. Germania County Store does receive revenue but the bars don't. Residents need to go to the PC council meeting to see if fees can be applied to all ATV riders so we have revenue to police the ATV's.
2. **Fire Chief Tony Rachiele** – Secretary called Cox & Stokes and their response was - is this considered an informal approval, are there any safety measure, does the township have a risk. Through what authority does the township have to approve the fire tower. The fire tower is on Fire company property. Secretary also called Jay Erb and Fire Chief Tony Rachiele. Jay Erb said he has a lot of respect for the volunteer fire company and he feels he does not need to have a formal inspection and the reason he asked for the township approval is the same as when they ask the township for approval when someone is building within the township and they receive a building permit from Erb inspection they always contact us to make sure they have completed and paid for an assessment permit. He said the approval was requested only so that ABT would be aware that this was being built. Supervisor Joseph Sutton asked the secretary to prepare and mail a letter to Chief Tony Rachiele approving the construction of the fire tower with the exception that Abbott Township has no liability with the construction, safety aspect or accidents. Letter was mailed last week.
3. **D & Gravel Grant for 2021** - WE are not approved for Rausch Rd for 2021 per Chairman Joseph Sutton.
4. **McKean County One-Day ESM Training – October 6-** Joseph Sutton's certificate is good until the end of 2023.

5. **Stewardson Twp.** -Do we have time to brush cut for them? We will do the brush cutting for them. Secretary will contact Martha to see if they still want us to brush cut.
6. **Benn Batterson** –Duane will contact Bill Stokes with pictures, dates and etc. so he can send a cease and desist es letter to Benn. Solicitor was not contacted by Duane as of today.
7. **Gravel Bid – for 2020** – Secretary secured telephone bids needed
8. **Anti-skid bid** –Secretary secured telephone bids
9. **Trout Unlimited Grant project** – Received check in the amount of \$15,000 from Conservation District as promised. Still waiting for monies from Trout Unlimited. Secretary gave direct deposit information to Phil Thomas associate for payment. Contact Phil Thomas if he does not contact me.

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:42 PM by Buddy Sutton seconded Duane Cizek. AIF

Mid-month payroll checks will be available to sign on November 16, 2020.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. Culp
Secretary/Treasurer

General Fund

State Fund

Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount	Num	Date	Name	Paid Amount
ACH	10/11/2020	Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	\$ 37.78	2980	10/19/2020	Galeton Hardware LLC	\$ 10.96
ACH	11/01/2020	H.A. Berkheimer, Inc.	\$ 188.16	2983	10/19/2020	Williams-WOC Energy	\$ 242.61
ACH	11/01/2020	Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	\$ 120.01	Expenses			\$ 253.57
ACH	11/02/2020	PSATS U.C. Group Trust Fund	\$ 813.20	Balance			\$ 336,353.83
ACH	11/02/2020	Byte Stack Systems	\$ 150.00				
Debit	10/14/2020	TiresChains	\$ 234.18				
Debit	10/19/2020	Intuit Payroll Service	\$ 16.00				
7478	10/19/2020	Abbott Township Sewer	\$ 150.00				
7479	10/19/2020	CarQuest Cimino Automotive	\$ 198.69	888	10/19/2020	Galeton Hardware, LLC	\$ 53.79
7480	10/19/2020	H.A. Berkheimer, Inc.	\$ 31.71	889	10/19/2020	Pace Analytical Service	\$ 110.00
7485	10/19/2020	Tri-County REC	\$ 70.29	890	10/19/2020	Tri-County REC	\$ 95.57
7486	10/19/2020	Culp, Linda S.	\$ 377.14	891	11/02/2020	Frey, Jay	\$ 400.00
7487	10/19/2020	Fisher, Ronald L.	\$ 467.70	892	11/02/2020	Pace Analytical Service	\$ 110.00
7488	10/19/2020	Hastings, C. Jacob	\$ 466.92	893	11/02/2020	Selective Insurance	\$ 372.96
7489	11/02/2020	American Drug and Alcohol Diagnostic	\$ 89.00	Expenses			\$ 1,142.32
7490	11/02/2020	Amtrust	\$ 775.00	Balance			\$ 8,675.09
7491	11/02/2020	Cox, Stokes & Lantz	\$ 262.50				
7492	11/02/2020	Hess Farm Tire LLC	\$ 789.00				
7493	11/02/2020	May's Welding	\$ 205.00				
7494	11/02/2020	Selective Insurance	\$ 966.04				
7495	11/02/2020	Eric Saw Sales	\$ 499.96				
7496	11/02/2020	Culp, Linda S.	\$ 377.14				
7497	11/02/2020	Hastings, C. Jacob	\$ 245.04				
7498	11/02/2020	Fisher, Ronald L.	\$ 467.72				
7499	11/02/2020	Jones, Justin M	\$ 191.01				
7500	11/02/2020	Sutton (Supervisor), Joseph S	\$ 70.62				
7501	11/02/2020	Hastings (Supervisor), C. Jacob	\$ 70.62				
7502	11/02/2020	Cizek (Supervisor), Duane R	\$ 70.62				
Expenses			\$ 1,559.33				
Balance			\$ 332,390.91				

Sewer Fund

Garbage Fund

No Expenses

Balance