

Abbott Township

April 21, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. at the township office.

Present at the meeting were supervisors Duane Cizek and Lee Gardner

- Meeting called to order by Lee Gardner at 7:00 PM
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

New Business:

- Motion by Lee Gardner to appoint Jared Lazorchak the motion was seconded by Duane Cizek. Discussion followed mentioning that Jared Lazorchak will get sworn in as soon as possible.
- Motion to install cameras to increase security made by Lee Gardner, seconded by Duane Cizek.
- Residents asked if they could still get cinders to which Lee Gardner responded that they can, they paid for them and it is for their use.
- Bids, Duane Cizek has material list. Bids will go out and be on agenda for next meeting.
- Rausch Rd- Plans are still to move forward with the project. Hoppe Hollow Rd as well.
- Bridge on Rausch Rd- Duane Cizek said it will get bid out. It was mentioned by resident Buddy Sutton was the only one with the certification, Lee Gardner and Duane M. will take the training. Discussion of condition of roads and bridge followed.

- Duane Cizek advised that Potter County Dirt and Gravel have rated some roads/structures in poor condition. Discussion followed on improvement options.
- Lee Gardner introduced new road crew. Duane M and Levi G. Welcome guys!
- Lee Gardner brought up spring cleanup days. They will be May twenty first and twenty second.
- Lee Gardner advised that the township may be looking for volunteers for that day. The township is inquiring into liability coverage for volunteers.
- Galeton PD- The township is considering a contract with Galeton PD for part time coverage. This will be for all police services within the hours agreed upon. They would respond to 911 calls as well as patrol. Discussion followed with (possible) fine details of what could be in the contract.
- ATV pilot program. During the duration the pilot program there will be no funds received damages and expenses. These funds may be available after the pilot program has completed. During pilot program the township will receive funds to help with dust control.
- Lee Gardner made a motion to move forward with bringing Galeton PD on board part time, the motion was seconded by Duane Cizek.
- Citizen Committee- Review of agenda, it was asked why the new assistant secretary was not voted in and why were no changes made to the person who holds the Roadmaster title. It was advised that these items would have to be addressed at the May meeting when there is a full supervisor board in attendance. The committee stated that there is a great deal of concern within the community and many are on edge. There are some who do not feel safe in general and even more so to attend the public meetings. Things are said to be

happening that need to be addressed and resolved. The discussion continued into the accusations of misappropriation of funds. The committee has made inquiries into ways to resolve this issue through outside sources. The committee stated that they feel this needs to be resolved and rumors put to rest for the well-being of the community.

- Theresa Y. asked Duane and Scott Cizek if there were any updates on the death threats made against their families. Scott C. stated that he has washed his hands of the matter and has no current involvement. Discussion followed. Community is concerned that this can create backlash for the whole community.
- It was asked if audits are done. Are they done through an outside party? Yes, they are done through a CPA.
- A big thank you to Lee Gardner and the road crew. Things are getting done and all are pleased with the work. Great job guys!

Public Comment

- It was asked if the township had been contacted about the bridge in Carter Camp. Lee Gardner stated that he had just this week been advised on the project. The fire company said the same and it was mentioned that detour signs are starting to go up. Discussion followed, anyone with concerns about a township road due to this should contact Lee Gardner directly.
- Duane Cizek asked Levi how his township would advise on dust control/grading/etc. He advised that they lay salt, then grade the roads then follow up with E4 or E5 oil. The oil runs roughly \$75 per 100 feet.

- John mentioned that general road maintenance needs to be addressed. Consideration to everyday use/maintenance should be priority over new projects. He stated his own road had not been graded in 4-5 years. Lee Gardner agreed, maintenance comes first.
- It was asked what the upcoming work would be. Lee Gardner advised that Club Hill will be done in the coming week as well as continued pot hole work. If a resident notices a bad area, please advise Lee or the road crew. Blass Hollow Rd will be addressed soon as well.
- It was asked what training would be provided to the roadcrew and would this include cross training. Lee stated that there will be training for the crew but the focus is currently on maintenance work. They will be getting training for CDL later in the summer, the township is trying to arrange the funds for the training.
- Theresa Y. asked about the condition of the equipment. Lee advised that the only equipment in need of repair is the grader. The crew did work on the equipment and they hope to get another season out of it before more serious repair is needed.
- Brian S. wanted to get it off of his chest that he has no interest in running for or serving on the board of supervisors. Duane Cizek has contacted him multiple times about running with no encouragement from Brian. Duane recently contacted Brian about filling the empty seat. Brian was then told by a local source that Duane told this other party that they should do all within their power to keep Brian off of the Board. Brian S. asks that this comes to a stop. He is happy to engage on a civic level and be there for his community but not in this aspect.
- Citizens asked about Duane Cizek's accident. Duane C. advised that he is under the direction of the workers compensation insurance. It was asked that Duane C. confirm that

he is on workers compensation to which he stated he was. It was then asked why he is at work and doing road checks and checking on the road crew. It was asked if he was logging work hours. I can advise he is not.

- It was asked if the funds are available to bring Galeton PD on part time. It was asked how many tax payers are in the township. How much would it run per resident. Discussion followed.
- Meeting minutes from November and December 2021 were requested. This will be provided to resident.
- Crystal asked what is the scope of liability for the township if Duane C. is injured again while in the building. What is the township responsible for? Is it in writing that Duane C. attends the meeting? (Yes, it is, he is cleared for meetings only)
- It was asked if Duane C. planned on suing the township or the plow company. Duane responded that he was not. It was also asked if Duane C. was currently represented by a private attorney. He said he was not.
- Lee Gardner made a motion to close the meeting, Duane Cizek seconded the motion.