

Abbott Township

December 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting was Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Jeff Lazorchak, Lisa Lazorchak, Pat Schellhorn, Mike Lazorchak, Levi Gardner, Theresa Yilek and Cory Shifflett
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:03pm.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Jared made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the last meeting that was held on November 6, 2023. Lee seconded; AIF motion carried.
5. Jared made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Lee, AIF motion carried.
6. Jared made a motion to pay the bills. Lee seconded; AIF motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Lee gave an update from the Roadmaster. He stated that they are done grading for the year all equipment was brought back to the Municipal building. All cinders are in for the winter and covered as best as possible. Everything is ready for winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared noted that there will be a special township meeting held Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 6:00pm. The point of this meeting is to adopt the 2024 budget. Due to getting the budget notice advertised there was not enough notice given to adopt the budget at the regular meeting.

Jared noted that we have a new road bond on Short Run Rd for logging. The bond is good until 11/28/2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jared stated we need to set the millage rate for 2024 along with the penalty rate. There will be no changes for 2024 rates are as follows: 4% face value, 2% discount, 5% penalty and 1% earned income. Jared made a motion to approve these rates, Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared brought up the Gale Hose Ambulance Contract and made a motion to deny making the annual contribution as requested. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried. Jared stated he thought long

and hard about this decision and took into account all of the public discussion and opinions that were shared at prior meetings and at this time he feels that the service will not change enough to justify the cost.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jared discussed a letter that was received from Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. asking the Township for a donation in the amount of .25mills (\$2833.33). Jared made a motion to deny this request, Lee seconded AIF motion carried. Jared stated he feels Galeton opened the door by their request and now others are going to start asking for funds as well. Coudersport is not one of the Township's primary sources for EMS. The worry is that people cannot afford an extra tax to cover these costs and that the service will not improve even if it was paid.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes Per Person)

It was asked what the purpose of a road bond is and what it entails. Jared stated that Lee meets with the company requesting the Bond and they do a walk of the road together to determine the condition. Once the condition is agreed upon the company provides the Township with a Road Bond dollar figure based on the length of distance traveled and those funds are held as a security to ensure that any road damages caused by the heavy traffic is fixed.

Mike Lazorchak commented that Rob did a great job grading the roads. There was some discussion on grading and Lee stated they did the best they could with getting the grading started so close to the end of the year. He stated he knows there are still problem areas with Bean Hill and Rausch being the worst, but they just ran out of time to get them fixed.

Theresa asked if the Septic/sewer was doing ok? Jared stated that it is doing ok, and bills are getting paid. He also stated that Nate is doing a good job. (Nate is the new guy hired to replace Jay) Lee passed along that he spoke to Jake and he stated that the Fire Company Apartment property does not drain properly and it is causing an issue down by the Fire House. They may have to dig up the road to fix the problem. Lee stated he informed Jake the Township will not be involved in the digging up of the area. It was asked whose responsibility it is to fix sewer issues. Lee and Jared are not sure and said the contract would have to be reviewed to see where the liability is.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Lee seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser
Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors