

Abbott Township
February 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday February 5, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Jeff Lazorchak, Lisa Lazorchak, Pat Schellhorn, Joe Schellhorn, Mary May, Brian Shultz, Levi Gardner, Lane Gardner, Brandy Keiter, Damien Merrill, Ken (Sharky) Loiacono, Theresa Yilek and Cory Shifflett
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:04pm.
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 January 2, 2024. 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 there is not much to report. If the weather stays decent they will probably try to get some gravel and work on repairing potholes. He also asked if everyone could keep an eye out in the area of Short Run Rd on the Cross Fork end the Township plow truck lost one of its plow boots and bracket and it is thought that it may have been lost in this area and maybe with the snow melting it will be able to be seen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared commented that the Board of elected auditors met in January and increased the supervisor as employee hourly rate to \$19.00 per hour, he made a motion to accept this increase. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to accept the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared discussed restructuring some of the Township bank accounts in order to earn more interest. The signers on all existing and new accounts will be Jared Lazorchak, Lee Gardner and Randy Culp and 2 signatures will be required on all accounts. He gave permission for the Secretary Beth Kreiser to initiate all changes and paperwork with the Bank. Jared made a motion to approve the following changes:

1. Change the Gas impact fees checking account into a Business Money Market account

2. Open a 6 month Certificate of deposit in the amount of \$50,000.00 with funds from the Gas impact fee account
3. Change the sewer fund checking into a business Money Market account
4. Change the Garbage account checking into a business Money market account
5. Change the IMF General checking account into a Money Market Account
6. Change the State account checking to a Money Market account
7. Open a 6 month Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$200,000.00 with funds from the State Account
8. Open a 10 month Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$100,000.00 with funds from the State checking account

Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jared noted we received a letter from Cox, Stokes and Lantz, PC just updating their fees effective January 1, 2024.

ROAD BONDS:

Short Run – Double Aught Lumber Inc – 11/28/2023-11/28/2024
Boone Run Rd – Wheeland Lumber Company – 12/12/2023-12/12/2024

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes Per Person)

Brian Shultz questioned receiving a w-2 for 2023 from the township, it was determined that this was for pay never received from hours worked in 2022 and is correct.

Ken (Sharky) introduced himself as the EMC for Abbott Township for the past year. He talked about the County coming out with an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once available he will make a quick reference handout with emergency contacts and numbers and provide it to the township. He also mentioned that Germania now has a new 6 person search and rescue team which is great we no longer have to rely on teams from out of the area.

Pat mentioned to Jared about Kim Jurich trying to reach out to him and he confirmed that he did get her message and just has been busy with work but will return her call as soon as possible.

Mary mentioned that she talked with some of the other Townships regarding the Ambulance and that Gaines is looking to get a contract with Sabinsville for Ambulance services. They had tried to negotiate with Gale Hose and were unsuccessful so are looking at other options. There was discussion on the Ambulance services and Jared mentioned he seen that the State is proposing to increase the budget available to emergency services for 2024 and 2025.

Theresa asked for an update on our roller and if we returned the rental unit yet. It was stated that the rental roller is being stored under roof at Lee's currently as Warner's only wants to do one trip to return our roller and pick up theirs.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser

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Secretary
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