

**Abbott Township**  
**January 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Randy Culp, Beth Kreiser, Jeff Lazorchak, Lisa Lazorchak, Pat Schellhorn, Mike Lazorchak, Joe Schellhorn, Linda Culp, Brian Budjanec, Theresa Yilek and Cory Shifflett
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:02pm.
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 December 4, 2023 as well as the special meeting held on December 13, 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 there is not much to report. There is a potential snowstorm coming and we are getting the equipment ready. If roads are slippery or there are issues at spots do not hesitate to call the office or reach out to Lee directly so that we can get those areas taken care of.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jared made a motion to approve a request received from Erb Inspections on behalf of David King to demolish a single-family dwelling at 2136 Germania Road. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve the revised subdivision plan for Donald Snyder and David Laitila, Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve transferring \$28,313.25 from the State Fund checking to the General Fund checking to cover the state hours worked by the road crew. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve transferring \$39,688.31 from the general fund checking to the State checking to reverse a transfer from 1/17/23 that was made for unknown reasons. Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve transferring \$556.73 from the State fund checking to the Sewer fund checking to correct an error from 11/28/2022. Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared made a motion to approve adding Randy Culp as an authorized signer on all Township Bank accounts with Jared Lazorchak and Lee Gardner remaining as signors and still requiring 2 signatures on Checks. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Jared noted we received a letter from Pace Analytical stating there would be a price increase for 2024 of 5.9%.

## **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)**

Lee commented that it is nice to have three board members present and active again.

The topic of the prior secretary was brought up and it was questioned if there is any new information from the state police investigation. Jared stated there is nothing new to report, he has reached out many times and left messages for the Trooper handling the case but never gets a turned call. He last reached out in June and will try one more time to get in touch, maybe by email so that there is a paper trail to prove his attempts. The only other option would be to go to the District Attorney, but not sure if it is worth the time and effort as the monetary loss, if any is a small amount. It was noted by Jared that we still have the forensic auditors on retainer, but at this time there really is not enough information to give them to work with and that it may be best to just move forward and not spend funds trying to recover an insignificant amount. Jared will investigate it more.

It was asked if there were any plans for projects or road improvements for this year. Lee stated that the Rausch Road project will continue this year with phase II and that he would like to get new gravel down on many of the roads.

It was asked if the township is going to look for a new CPA, Jared stated we are going to contact Guthrie and see if they may be willing to take us back as clients, and if not, we will look at other options.

Jared also noted that Susan Haythornwaite resigned from her role as Township auditor and that Linda Culp was appointed as her replacement, but that there is still a vacant seat that if possible, should be filled.

Jared also noted that the Township had sent a letter to Duane Cizek requesting he return any Township property that he had in his possession as well as requesting an update on his intention to remain a part-time road crew worker. Duane did return all Township items and provided a note from his doctor stating that he “can’t return to work in the foreseeable future” due to his prior injuries acquired while working. It is unclear if he intends to return to work after he is cleared to do so.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Randy seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser  
Secretary  
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors