

Abbott Township
July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting was Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Brian Budjanec, Pat Shellhorn, Mary May, Cory Shifflett, Lisa Lazorchak, Jeff Lazorchak, Bradine Fisher, and Theresa Yilek
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 June 5, 2023. Lee seconded; motion carried.
5. Jared made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Lee, motion carried.
6. Jared made a motion to pay the bills. Lee seconded; motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Lee gave an update from the Roadmaster. He noted the roller is broken and needs to be fixed. He also mentioned that there has not been much dust control needed, the recent rain has been helping to keep the dust down without new product being added. It was also mentioned that the mower is currently in need of repairs, but once repaired they will continue to mow.

Lee gave an update to the Rausch Road project. He stated it was going well, all pipes are in, headers are built, and stone is ordered. Lee also noted that we will be trying a new dust control product on sections of Rausch Road that is being provided by DCNR, who will be monitoring the results.

Jared commented that the Township did approve the CMATVA Poker run for August and that we will monitor this year's ride and see how many participants there are and if they follow the rules and their behavior and any damage caused to the roadways and use this information to determine approval of any future ride requests.

Lee stated the ATV signage on Park Hill and Club Hill has been corrected to match the DCNR Pilot routes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee discussed the second Phase of the Rausch Road project that will take place in 2024. The Township was awarded grant funds for the next phase with The Potter County Conservation District. Lee noted that there will need to be an engineer involved due to the bridge that is part of the next phase, he is to meet with them to discuss details.

Jared noted that we will need to post a bid for our Anti-skid in August. It was discussed to look back at how much we ordered last year and use the same amounts for this coming season and to possibly get more fines to mix in with some of the heavier product.

Jared noted that the Township was asked by Benn Batterson to allow a pipe to be installed under the roadway on Yochum Run Road near the old schoolhouse. An agreement will be drawn up with the agreed upon stipulations and will be signed by all parties. The road will be closed for installation for a few hours, we will post the information on the website when available to notify the public.

Jared went over an Erb Inspections approval request for Dave Chamlers to construct a single-family residence on Ridge Road. The supervisors approved this request.

Jared announced the Township Office hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm.

Jared noted that there were three sewage permits, one for Don Snyder and David Laitila, one for Jim Chamlers, and one for Jeff Spohn.

Jared discussed a notification that was received from National Fuels regarding a storage well in an adjacent township that is being reworked in the future. It is Parcel # 310-00-001, PAD name Wharton WH-55.

Jared stated we received a letter from the Germania Fire Company regarding their ATV Ride. It was discussed that the ride starts at the Township Park and goes to Quiet Oaks Campground and back.

Lee commented that the road crew has been doing a fantastic job. He also noted that Beth has been doing a good job in the office as well.

Public Comment (2 minutes Per Person)

Bradine brought up about the road gutters not being cleaned at the Park and that pipe was washed away and all of this needs to be fixed preferably before the fire company ATV ride on July 15th. Lee stated the road crew will take care of it. There was also discussion on potholes getting bad, it was noted that the Rausch Road project has taken priority but should be winding down so that other areas of concern will be able to be worked on. It was asked if the township could hire additional help. Jared stated the problem with this is that there's no interested candidates when we do try to hire. Lee stated they will work on the worst areas first and should be able to start getting caught up. Lee also stated that Straley Road was fixed yesterday, and Hoppee Hollow is in bad shape, but the weather has made it difficult to work on, as well as the roller being out of service. It was discussed that the roller is supposed to be picked up by Werner's and they will loan us a roller until ours is fixed. Lee asked if there is any road damage or problems caused by rain to please reach out to him or the Township and let us know there is a problem so that it can be addressed.

Theresa asked about a traffic study due to all the ATV traffic in the area. There was discussion on a traffic survey. The township is reaching out to try to get this set up for the beginning of August to the beginning of September timeframe in order to include the summer ATV traffic in the numbers.

Cory questioned dust control and there was discussion on the difference between what we get from DCNR and what the township has in stock to treat the roads with. It was noted that once the tank that was ordered has been received the road crew will be able to treat as needed without having to rely on DCNR. It was also discussed that if we do not use all of the grant funds by the end of this riding season it will carry over, we have until July 1, 2024 to use this year's funds.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Lee seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser
Assistant Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors