

Abbott Township

June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday June 5, 2023 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting was Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Alison Lazorchak, Brian Budjanec, Pat Shellhorn, Mary May, Cory Shifflett, Beth Kreiser, Alex Bailey, John Nordquist, Jeff Gingrich, Duane McCullough, and Benn Batterson.
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 May 1, 2023. Lee seconded the motion.
5. Jared made a motion to pay the bills. Lee seconded the motion.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Lee stated the Rausch Road project has started. The road will be closed every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00am -4:00pm. Hoping to have phase 1 completed by June 30th, weather permitting. They have gotten some pipes in.

Dust control was brought up. Lee stated the township has \$50,000.00 allotted for dust control, which is asphalt based. The issue is they do not have enough truck drivers, and they are bringing it as fast as they can. They are currently three weeks behind on providing it to everyone. It has also been very dry. The township has set up our tank and ordered a load to help with the dust control also, on top of working on Rausch Road. Today there was one load taken up to Blass Hollow. They are going to try and do as much of the road as possible on the ATV connector roads. These include: Ridge, Heuser, Club Hill, Short Run, Blass Hollow and Zoerb Hollow and Gross Road. Also with the dust control we need rain to help it work. Lee stated the current tank being used for dust control is not in good shape. Lee made a motion to update the spray tank for the trucks to help with Abbott Township putting down our own dust control. Jared seconded the motion.

Lee stated if there are any spots missed that people know of and want dust control to let the township know.

Jared stated if anyone knows of someone riding ATV's on Rausch Road to spread the word the road is closed on certain days for roadwork. It was also published on Solomons Word. Pat Shellhorn asked if the supervisors are keeping Tony Rachiele in the loop on the road closure in case of any emergencies. Lee stated that Tony should be aware of the project, and the reason for the road closure is due to pipes being replaced. If there was an emergency the township could make it passable for emergency responders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion to make Lee Gardner the new Drug & Alcohol administrator. Lee seconded the motion.

Jared stated the new secretary, Beth Kreiser, will be starting tomorrow, June 6th. Once she receives training and is able to have set days at the office the public will be notified. She will plan to be at the office a couple of days a week.

Lee made a motion to approve and sign sewage plan documents/map provided by Kyle Maxson. Jared seconded the motion. Documents signed by Lee.

Jared made a motion to approve County Association Resolution Form. Lee seconded the motion. A discussion followed on what the resolution the township is asking for, pertaining to EMT services.

Jared went over an Erb Inspections approval request for Mark Fry. The supervisors approved this request.

John Nordquist was at the meeting. He spoke with the supervisors about a subdivision on Ridge Road, 36 acre field, for James Chamlers. The property is being sold to Daniel Glick. Jared made a motion to approve the subdivision. Lee seconded the motion. Both supervisors then proceeded to sign appropriate documents.

Jared made a motion to move signs routing ATV traffic to utilize Club Hill Road, rather than Park Hill Road, due to Club Hill being on the DCNR preferred route map. Jared explained the reason for this is because if there is any road damage or even help with dust control, the township needs to use the preferred route to get funding. Park Hill is not on the preferred route. The supervisors are not sure why the signs were not already pointing the correct way. Lee seconded the motion.

Jared read drought information from PA DEP. They asked the township to provide the information to the residents. We are not currently in a drought state, but not far off and want people to be conservative with water. Lee asked if Jared can put this information on the website and Jared said yes.

Public Comment (2 minutes Per Person)

Benn Batterson asked if there is any updated news on the other supervisor, Duane Cizek, and the supervisors stated no. Lee emailed workers comp to see what is going on but did not hear back. Lee stated he could email them again.

Cory brought up the ATV ride in August. Jared stated the township was told the ride is cancelled, but then the supervisors received a call from the Central Mountain ATV Assoc. requesting a meeting to talk about it, that it is not cancelled. The supervisors were not able to meet with them before they went to West Branch's Township meeting. Lee stated the supervisors do have some concerns with this poker run. Jared stated not only because of the number of ATV's and dust, but also because they want to utilize the Rausch Road, which is currently under construction. Jared stated he is not sure if there is an alternate route that can be taken or not, and all the supervisors can do is talk to them and see what they

say. Cory asked if rides like this cost the township money. Jared stated if you figure dust control, paying our employees to go spread it and if the roads get tore up then yes it possibly could. Jared again stated the supervisors will need to sit down with the people in charge of the poker run.

Mary May made a comment that on June 15th there is a meeting for the Potter County ATV club. She stated they received a grant to form a club and she thought that some of their money was supposed to go to the townships for some of this stuff. She also stated on the Causer's website you can click on a link and let them know how you feel about the pilot program.

Another discussion was brought up about DCNR spreading dust control.

Jeff Gingrich brought up a concern about the ATV's traveling so fast by where he lives on Heuser Road. Jeff did put up signs telling them to slow down. Jared asked if there are slow down signs by his house, and Jeff stated no. He put up his own.

Lee stated the township is still trying to get things figured out with Galeton PD. Jeff stated DCNR has been out patrolling.

Cory asked if there was anything on paper to control large groups of ATVs. Jared stated it would need to be a resolution to the ordinance. Lee stated that West Branch has a resolution to theirs that says no more than 10 or 15 in a group, but also right now there is no way to enforce it without anyone policing the roads.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Lee seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gardner
Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors