

Abbott Township

March 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday March 4, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Randy Culp, Beth Kreiser, Pat Schellhorn, Joe Schellhorn, Mary May, Levi Gardner, Lane Gardner, Brandy Gardner, Ken (Sharky) Loiacono, and Cory Shifflett
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:06pm.
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 February 5, 2024. Lee seconded; AIF motion carried.
5. Jared made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Randy, 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, he is just waiting for things to thaw and dry out a little. Jared commented that Short Run Road and Cross Fork Creek Road are both pretty soft and rutted up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion to approve Mary May to destroy the following tax records: 1 box 2020 real estate bills, 1 box 2020 tax certifications, and 1 box containing 2018,2019, and 2020 changes of address. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

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

Jared commented that the Township is looking into Zoning and Solar ordinances. There has been talk of people possibly interested in buying land to install a solar farm, so we want to make sure we have some information on how this will impact us and if we should have any ordinances in place regarding this and other zoning. Lee commented that depending on what we come up with we should possibly hold a public meeting to get feedback. The township currently has no Zoning ordinance, so there is no restriction on what property owners can do.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jared noted that all Township Bank accounts have been changed as approved in February, with a change to the CD's due to a change in interest rate. Two CD's were purchased with \$50,000.00 from the gas impact fee checking and \$300,000.00 from the State account checking, both terms were 5 months with a rate of 5.13% and an APY of 5.25%.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jared noted we received a notice from National Fuel that they are reworking a gas storage well in the near future located at well pad site Wharton WH-55.

The Township was invited to the Annual Kettle Creek Hose Company Banquet on March 21, 2024. No one was able to attend at this time.

Jared reviewed a letter from PA DEP regarding notice of violations by our sewer enforcement officer, Terry Myers. No action was needed, the letter was just for informational purposes.

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)

Ken (Sharky) commented that he should possibly be getting the draft from PEMA with all updates this week or next. Once approved PEMA will provide him with flyers/guides and he will share them with us. He also commented that there are some Townships that are thinking of pulling out of the ATV pilot program due to only receiving funding for dust control but no other funds for the wear and additional maintenance the ATV's use of the road's causes. There was further discussion on the ATV Pilot program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser

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Secretary
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