

Abbott Township
May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Abbott Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday May 6, 2024 at 7:00pm at the township building.

1. Present at the meeting were: Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Randy Culp, Beth Kreiser, Mike Lazorchak, Ken (Sharky) Loiacono, Jeff Lazorchak, and Cory Shifflett
2. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Lazorchak at 7:00pm.
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 April 1, 2024. Randy 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. Randy seconded; AIF motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Lee gave an update from the Roadmaster. He stated the guys are out grading roads. We received a load of dust control, so we are ready to treat the roads before the riding season starts.

Jared reported that the Township looked into the solar ordinance and spoke to Will Hunt from Potter County. Will said the township would have to establish zoning in order to have an effective solar ordinance and in order to create zoning we would need to establish a zoning board, he said the county has in place under its land development ordinances to cover any townships that do not have anything in place. The Township reviewed what the county has in place, and it seems like it would be a good deterrent as there are many restrictions in place. Will stated at this time there have not been any questions or applications submitted for Abbott Township for a proposed solar farm. The township has decided the County coverage will be sufficient without trying to create anything at the Township level.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion to approve an application from Erb Inspections for David King to build a covered porch on the backside of his property located at 2136 Germania Road. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared announced that the Township will be advertising bids for phase II of the Rausch Road project for stone. Bids will be opened at the June 2024 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lee reported there was nothing new discovered at the Annual Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Breakfast he attended on April 10, 2024 at the PA Lumber Museum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ROAD BONDS:

Boone Run Rd – Wheeland Lumber Company – 12/12/2023-12/12/2024

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes Per Person)

Ken (Sharky) stated he has an emergency breakdown for the area. He handed out copies as well as left a few copies with the Township in case anyone would like one. He also informed us that he is part of the Sky warn program. If there is significant storm damage caused by a storm call Sharky and he will report it to FEMA and they will investigate to determine the cause. If we have recurring events, they can possibly help get us some additional funding.

It was asked when the official opening is of the ATV pilot trails, Jared stated it is Memorial Day weekend. It was also questioned if the Township ordinance for ATVs to use the roads was for all township roads or just certain ones. It was stated all township roads are open to ATV's. There was talk about possibly amending the ordinance to remove certain roads, specifically no outlet ones. There was a lengthy discussion on the ATV use and the pilot program in the township.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser
Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors