

Abbott Township
September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Present at the meeting was Lee Gardner, Jared Lazorchak, Beth Kreiser, Jeff Lazorchak 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 August 7, 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 the grader and roller are out on Cross Fork Creek Road. The road is in pretty bad condition and whatever product is on it is very clay-like and hard to work with especially in the current wet conditions. Once they get this area complete, they will be working their way back to Germania and working on the roads along the way that need fixed.

Lee gave an update to the Rausch Road project. Lee stated the work is almost done, just a couple of days to finish up some small items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jared discussed a letter that was received from Gale Hose Ambulance requesting the township sign an annual agreement and pay a contribution in the amount of \$8,470.00 for 2024 services. This fee is for a 12 month period from January – December and will be used to pay for wages of a BLS ambulance crew Monday-Friday from the hours of 7:00am-3:00pm. Jared and Lee both agree that this needs to be further looked into and discussed as it is a large investment and may not be a large improvement to the services we currently receive. Jared said about having a Town Hall meeting try to get ideas and the public opinion on the topic. After some discussion it was decided to put effort into further research including contacting PSATS to see if there is any type of funding to help with this type of cost, and to figure out and advertise for a Town Hall in the near future.

Jared discussed a proposal and agreement from E&M Engineers for their services on Rausch Road where it crosses Kortz Run. It was decided to table this item until it could be further reviewed by the supervisors.

Jared reviewed the information that we received from the recent traffic study completed on Rausch Road. It was discussed that the road study should help in negotiating with the state over road funding as it shows the increase to traffic due to the ATV program.

Jared made a motion to approve the County Aid application purchasing 2A Stone for use on the roads in the township, Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared noted there was a liability release form signed for Chris Firestone due to the distance between the well and septic system being less than State regulation distance, this should hold the township harmless if there are issues.

Jared discussed the 3 quotes that were received for winter Anti-skid product. The 3 quotes were as follows: IA Construction \$66.00, Earl Dean Inc. \$36.50 and Glenn O Hawbaker Inc. \$51.20. All quotes were per ton delivered of 300+/- tons of 1B washed limestone chips. Jared made a motion to approve the quote from Earl Dean, Inc Lee seconded the motion, AIF motion carried.

Jared noted that there were two sewage permits, one for Chris Firestone and one for Chris Bistline.

Jared stated Yochum Run will have lane restrictions on Monday September 18th when Ben Batterson is installing the pipe under the road. This is listed on the website and advertised on Solomons Word.

Lee wanted to note that his grandson is due to be born around the next meeting date, it is something to keep in mind as it may cause a conflict for him.

Jared asked everyone to spread the word on the Ambulance/EMS contract to get people thinking about it and what their opinions are. It will be posted on-line and at the building as well as on Solomons Words with a date for a Town Hall meeting regarding this topic.

Public Comment (2 minutes Per Person)

Cory asked if the township has used all the funds allocated for dust control for this season. It was noted that a nice sum of the funds went to the sprayer unit that we received to be able to spray our own product as well as the trial product that is being tested on Rausch Road. We do still have a small balance left which will roll over to next season if not used. It was also noted that the ATV traffic should decrease soon once the state trails close.

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Lee seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kreiser
Assistant Secretary
Abbott Township Board of Supervisors